In August 2017, UNHCR continued to provide counselling on legal and administrative-related issues for Syrian refugees. As a result, 14 cases were referred to UNHCR’s legal partner for legal assistance. Throughout the reporting period, the legal assistance continued to be extended for a variety of reasons. Civil registration was the main reason for referrals in 2016 and remain the same during reporting period. During the reporting period, structured and sustained psycho-social support (PSS) and child protection programmes through individual and group PSS were extended to a total of 3,811 children, adolescents and youth during August. The number of newly register ed Syrian UAC in Egypt continues to rise with 21 UAC registered during the reporting period.

An inter-agency taskforce convened in August to specifically address the protection gaps for this group of children and identify additional support each organization can provide to ensure timely assistance and mitigate protection risks. In August 133 staff of governmental and non-governmental entities were trained on child in Alexandria, Damietta and Greater Cairo.

During the reporting period, 3RP partners continued to focus on prevention and response to SGBV incidents. 52 Syrians SGBV survivors were identified and received multi-sectoral response services. A total of 188 Syrian refugees approached to UNHCR partner CARE’s Women Friendly Space in 6th of October City in order to attend art and educational activities, awareness sessions and vocational workshops to improve their self-reliance, confidence and dignity. A cultural exhibition took place to promote the space and reach more women from the refugee community who could be benefited from the activities.

While 3RP partners have communicated closely in order to facilitate multi-sectoral response to individual SGBV cases, the monthly SGBV Sub-Working Group session chaired by UNHCR SGBV Unit continued to offer a platform of exchange on critical information on SGBV trends, programmatic initiatives and lessons learned. During the meeting in August that was attended by 11 agencies, the partners shared and discussed the feedback from the communities on the flyer that aims to ensure SGBV survivors’ access to the needed services. In addition, StARS introduced available services under their SGBV programme and Save the Children presented the outcome of a research of sexual harassment reporting mechanism.

A thematic event under the slogan of “Our Diversity Inspires Us” was organized on Aug. 11, 2017. The main objectives of the day were to: celebrate cultural diversity within the refugee communities; promote networking and cross-collaboration between different communities; and to facilitate the dissemination of information among the participants on the UNHCR and partner provided services that refugees can benefit from.