

Advocacy toolkit case studies

SUPPORTING DISPLACED PEOPLE IN EGYPT

THEMES:

Human rights
Migration and refugees

ADVOCACY APPROACHES:

Building relationships
Educating community members
Legal mechanisms

Joint Relief Ministry (JRM), a ministry of the Episcopal Church, was a Tearfund partner in Egypt that worked with displaced people from the Horn of Africa. Many of the displaced people wanted to be allowed to remain in Egypt or settle permanently in another country, so JRM helped them apply and appeal to the UNHCR (the UN refugee agency), which has responsibility for determining refugee status. JRM, together with other supporting organisations, trained and guided members of the displaced community on how to advocate to UNHCR. With particularly difficult cases, legal advice was obtained. This was only possible because JRM had, and maintained, ongoing good relationships with the UNHCR to ensure that the help given was useful and procedurally up to date.