According to TATWIR [2015] needs assessment, by the end of June 2015, the overwhelming majority (85.7%)¹ of Palestine Refugees from Syria (PRS) living in Lebanon had no valid legal residency. The process to regularize legal status is complex, variable, and comes with costs that are prohibitively high for most refugees. Lack of valid legal residency impacts all aspects of life for PRS in Lebanon. The difficulties Asma and Tariq’s family* face are representative of the experiences of 11,538² Palestinian refugee families from Syria recorded with UNRWA and currently living in Lebanon.

¹ TATWIR Strategic Studies & Human Development, 2015 Needs Assessment of Palestinian Refugees from Syria—Survey Results.
² UNRWA, Population data as at 4 September 2015.
* This family is a fictional representation of the issues facing PRS families.