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overview

The overall security situation in Jordan remained stable during the first half of 2017. The number of Palestinian refugees from Syria (PRS) recorded in Jordan as of June 2017 was 17,359, a 3 per cent increase compared to December 2016. The percentage of PRS residing in Jordan assessed to be vulnerable or extremely vulnerable has increased from 87 per cent to just over 90 per cent since the beginning of 2017.

UNRWA is providing cash assistance to approximately 91 per cent of the PRS caseload. According to the results of the most recent post-distribution monitoring exercise (June 2017), PRS use cash assistance primarily to meet rent and food needs. Repayment of debts has increased in importance, reflecting growing vulnerability.

PRS in Jordan continue to access UNRWA primary health-care services at 25 Agency health centres and four mobile clinics. Despite increases in the overall PRS population since 2016, the number of health consultations provided by UNRWA and hospitalizations accessed by PRS have decreased compared to the first half of 2016.

**US\$ 17.6
million
funding required**

35% US\$ 6.1 million
funding received

The number of PRS and Syrian children in UNRWA schools has also decreased slightly compared to 2016. Back-to-school kits, library books, white boards, first aid kits and other equipment are being procured in time for the beginning of the next school year, while maintenance work at schools accommodating PRS is due to take place during the summer holidays.

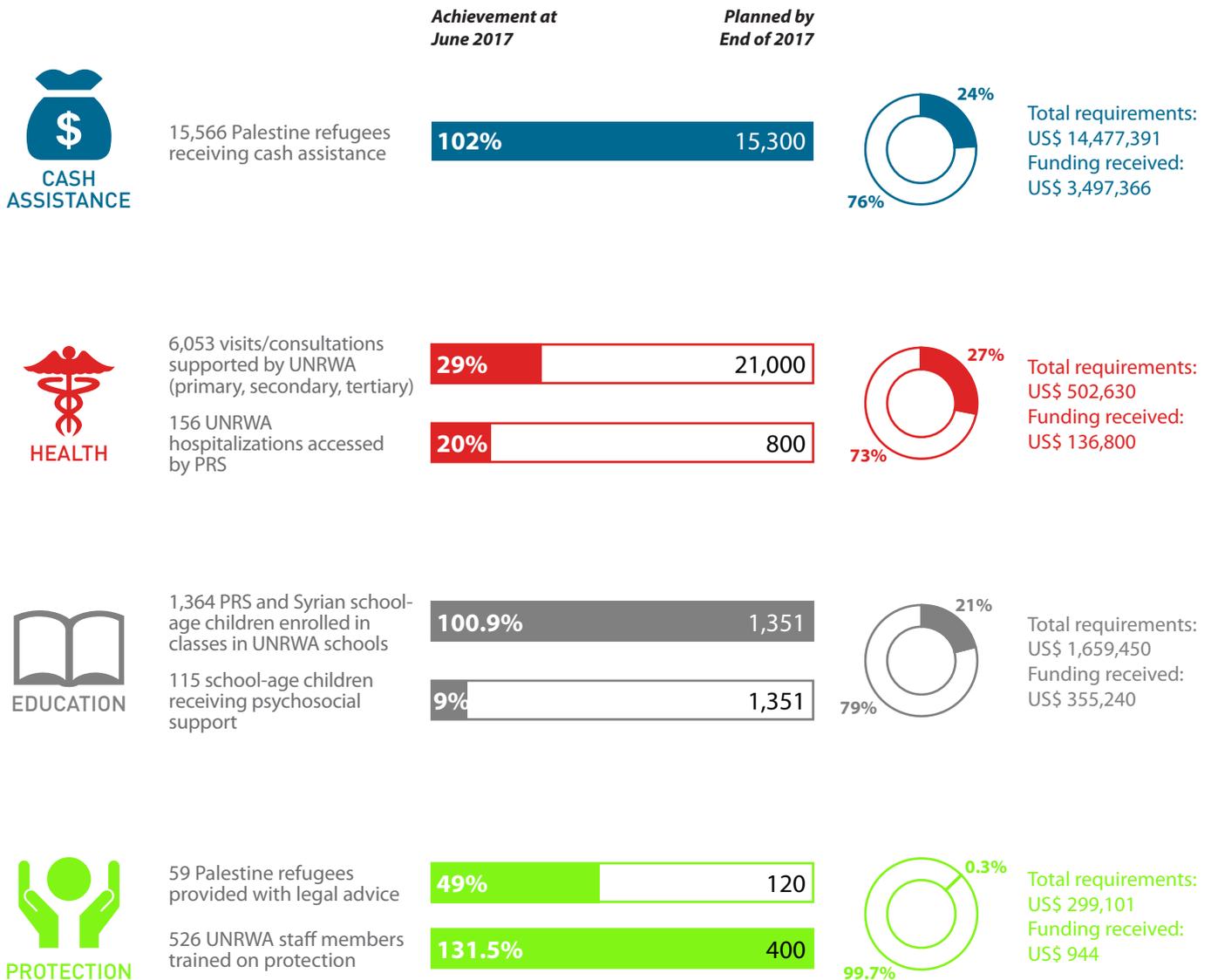
PRS remain among the most vulnerable refugees in Jordan and face several protection issues. Some of the most common protection issues include legal status and documentation issues, *refoulement* and risk of *refoulement*, and barriers to accessing public services. So far in 2017, UNRWA has documented four protection incidents of alleged violations of international law, which included 22 individuals who were forcibly returned to Syria. Recent months have seen a considerable increase in the number of PRS transferred to King Abdullah Park (KAP). From May to early June, 93 refugees, including 47 children and six babies, were moved to the facility. The UNRWA Protection Team is monitoring these transfers very closely and has a permanent presence in KAP to assist PRS with protection issues.



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MID-YEAR ACHIEVEMENTS

Despite challenging circumstances, UNRWA has continued to provide services to vulnerable Palestine refugees in Jordan.¹



The information provided reflects estimates at the mid-year point and is intended to provide a snapshot of UNRWA emergency programme delivery during the first half of 2017. A full accounting of results and expenditure will be provided through standard UNRWA Emergency Appeal reporting.

¹Funding levels reflect contributions towards the Agency's 2017 Emergency Appeal.



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