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overview

Palestinian refugees from Syria (PRS) in Lebanon continue to struggle in the midst of the ongoing Syrian crisis and remain heavily reliant on humanitarian assistance. During the reporting period, UNRWA provided education, health, relief, social and infrastructural improvement services to approximately 32,500 PRS in the country.

Despite various constraints and operational challenges, most often resulting from violent clashes and protests in Palestine refugee camps, UNRWA continued to deliver quality, equitable and inclusive education services to all PRS children (5,251) enrolled in 65 UNRWA schools. All pupils received educational and recreational materials. Furthermore, psychosocial services aimed at relieving stress and anxiety, empowering students, and reducing dropout rates benefited a total of 1,412 PRS students. The Agency also supported the employability of PRS by providing vocational training to 25 PRS during the first half of 2017.



Through its 27 primary health-care centres in Lebanon, UNRWA continued to deliver quality primary health-care services to PRS. During the reporting period, 80,900 consultations were recorded at all three levels of care (primary, secondary and tertiary) and a total of 2,436 PRS benefited from hospitalization services delivered in collaboration with the Palestine Red Crescent Society (PRCS) hospitals, as well as 36 contracted public and private hospitals in the country.

To help PRS meet their most basic food and non-food needs, the Agency provided US\$ 27 per month to all PRS to meet food assistance needs and multipurpose grants of US\$ 100 per family per month.

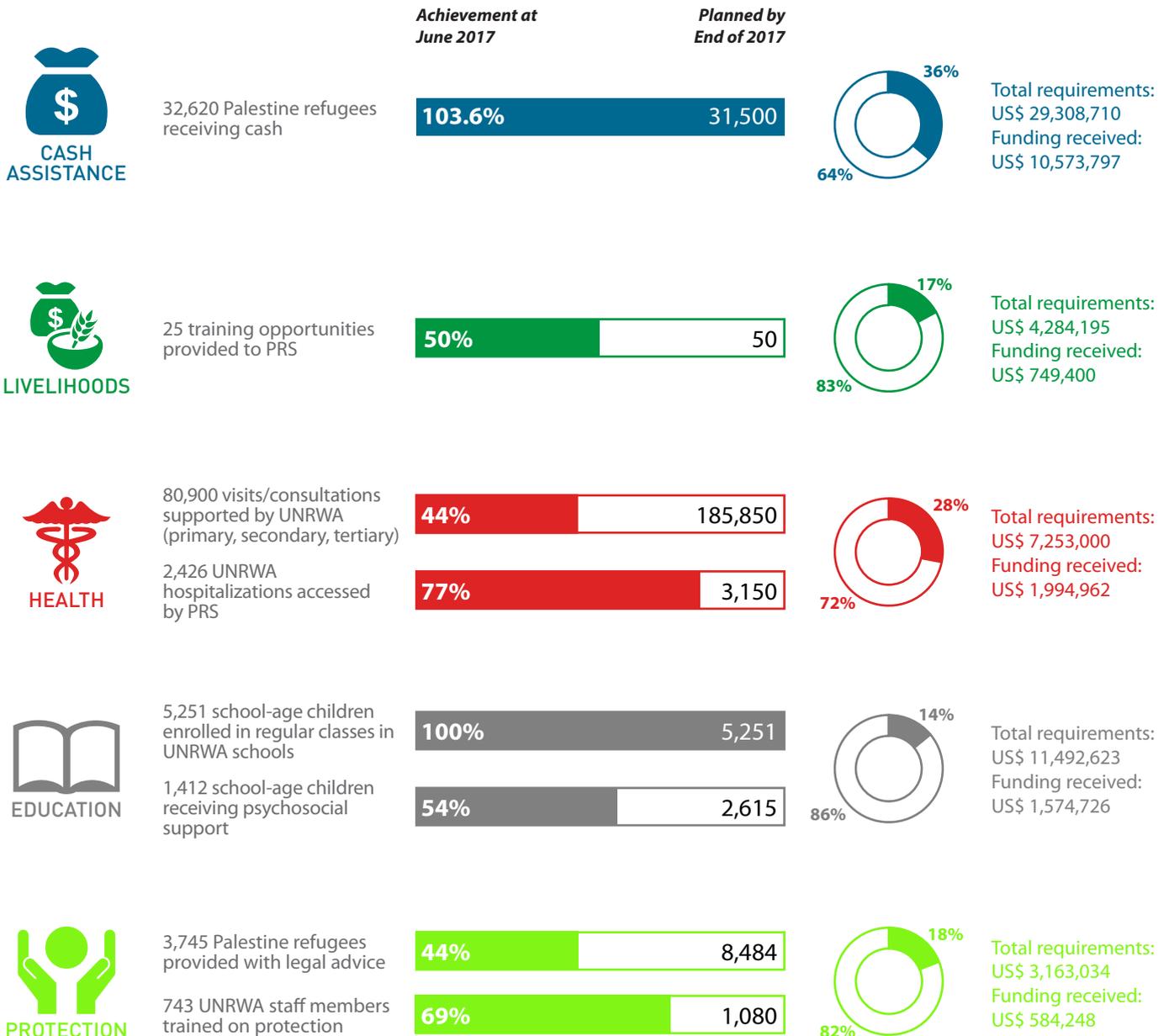
UNRWA continued to provide legal aid services (including legal awareness, counselling, representation and assistance services) to 3,745 Palestine refugees, including PRS, as well as legal representation through a network of lawyers in Lebanon. The Agency remained committed to improving the capacity of its front-line personnel and provided training to 743 staff members on safe identification and referral of persons facing a protection risk.

Numerous activities aimed at addressing water and sanitation infrastructural issues were implemented to promote safe and hygienic living conditions within the 12 Palestine refugee camps in Lebanon. As a result, 90 per cent of PRS have equitable and safe access to water health and sanitation resources and facilities.

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MID-YEAR ACHIEVEMENTS

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

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



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