In 2016, the conflict in Syria continued with intensity and unpredictability, resulting in further loss of civilian life and material destruction. Affected communities suffer indiscriminate violence, restrictions on their freedom of movement, and continued violations of international humanitarian and human rights law.

Palestine refugees are among those worst affected by the conflict. Over 95 per cent of those who have remained in Syria (430,000) are in critical need of sustained humanitarian assistance, while those in Lebanon and Jordan have been pushed into a precarious and marginalized existence due to their uncertain legal status and face limited social protection.

In 2017, UNRWA requires US$ 411 million for its humanitarian response to the Syria crisis. The Agency’s humanitarian response will be guided by the following three strategic priorities:

- **Preserving resilience through the provision of humanitarian assistance** in the form of cash, food and relief items.

- **Providing a protective framework for Palestine refugees through helping mitigate their vulnerability** by maintaining access to basic services, including education; health; water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH); and livelihoods, and promoting respect for international humanitarian law (IHL) and international human rights law (IHRL).

- **Strengthening humanitarian capacity, coordination and management** to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of emergency programme delivery.
Syria Regional Crisis Response

Emergency Appeal 2017

UNRWA is a United Nations agency established by the General Assembly in 1949 and mandated to provide assistance and protection to some 5 million registered Palestine refugees. Its mission is to help Palestine refugees in Jordan, Lebanon, Syria, West Bank and the Gaza Strip achieve their full human development potential, pending a just and lasting solution to their plight. UNRWA services encompass education, health care, relief and social services, camp infrastructure and improvement, protection and microfinance.

UNRWA Emergency Interventions in 2017

- **Cash Assistance**: Cash assistance to 430,000 Palestinians in Syria, 31,500 Palestinian refugees from Syria (PRS) in Lebanon, and 15,300 PRS in Jordan to meet a range of food and non-food needs.
- **Food Assistance**: Six rounds of food parcels distributed to 430,000 Palestinians in Syria covering 1/3 of daily nutritional needs.
- **Shelter and NFIs**: Support for up to 2,600 refugees in collective shelters in Syria and 280,000 basic relief items for Palestinians in Syria, including blankets, clothing and mattresses.
- **Livelihoods**: Microfinance loans to 39,750 Palestine refugees and Syrians in 2017 in Syria in areas where economic activities are ongoing and vocational training to over 1,270 Palestinian youth in Syria, Lebanon and Jordan.
- **Health**: Access to basic health care for all Palestinian refugees in Syria and PRS in Jordan and Lebanon.
- **Education in Emergencies**: Continued access to education for over 44,000 Palestinians in Syria and 5,251 PRS and 1,351 PRS in Lebanon and Jordan, respectively.
- **Protection**: Targeted assistance to all Palestine refugees identified as experiencing a protection risk and continued advocacy for respect for international humanitarian and human rights law.
- **Environmental Health**: Water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) services to 430,000 Palestine refugees in Syria.
- **Safety and Security**: Ensuring the safety and security of staff and beneficiaries.
- **Repair and Maintenance of UNRWA Installations**: Rehabilitation and maintenance of installations affected by the conflict in Syria, including collective centres.

Palestine refugees (PR), Palestinian refugees from Syria (PRS)

560,000 Palestine refugees registered with UNRWA in Syria prior to conflict

more than 50,000 Palestine refugees from Syria have fled to locations outside the region

Syria

450,000 PR

95% of refugees are in need of sustained humanitarian assistance

60% of refugees are internally displaced

10% of refugees trapped in hard-to-reach and besieged areas

50% of PRS are living in camps

95% of the PRS population is assessed to be food insecure

52.5% unemployment rate among PRS

100% of PRS are in need of winterization assistance

25% of PRS households are female headed

85% of PRS categorized as vulnerable or extremely vulnerable

Lebanon

31,141 PRS

51% male

49% female

41% children

52.5% unemployment rate among PRS

Jordan

16,779 PRS

52% male

48% female

45% children

560,000 more than 50,000

UNRWA Emergency Interventions in 2017

TOTAL FUNDING REQUIREMENTS:

US$ 411,000,523