



west bank: emergency appeal mid-year achievements 2017

overview

During the first half of 2017, with Emergency Appeal funding, UNRWA provided food vouchers to 7,694 food-insecure refugee families in the West Bank and food parcels to 35,749 vulnerable Bedouin and herders. Further support was provided through the short-term Cash-for-Work (CfW) programme, reaching around 23,870 food-insecure refugees (job holders and dependents).

Throughout the reporting period, six UNRWA mobile health clinics in the West Bank delivered 54,382 medical consultations over 1,062 visits to target communities facing access restrictions. Movement restrictions prevented the clinics from reaching two locations in the central West Bank. The programme was coordinated with other actors through the health cluster.



In response to the increased violence and high number of demolitions that began in late 2015 and extended into 2016, UNRWA prioritized interventions to alleviate the emotional distress of affected communities. The Agency strengthened the provision of psychosocial support interventions, particularly to children and young adults, and stepped up advocacy efforts, calling for action to prevent a further escalation of violence. To address multiple protection threats affecting Bedouin communities – including the risk of forced displacement due to demolition, settler violence; and the loss of traditional lifestyles due to access and building restrictions imposed by the Israeli authorities – counselling and psychosocial services were made available to 10,377 refugees.

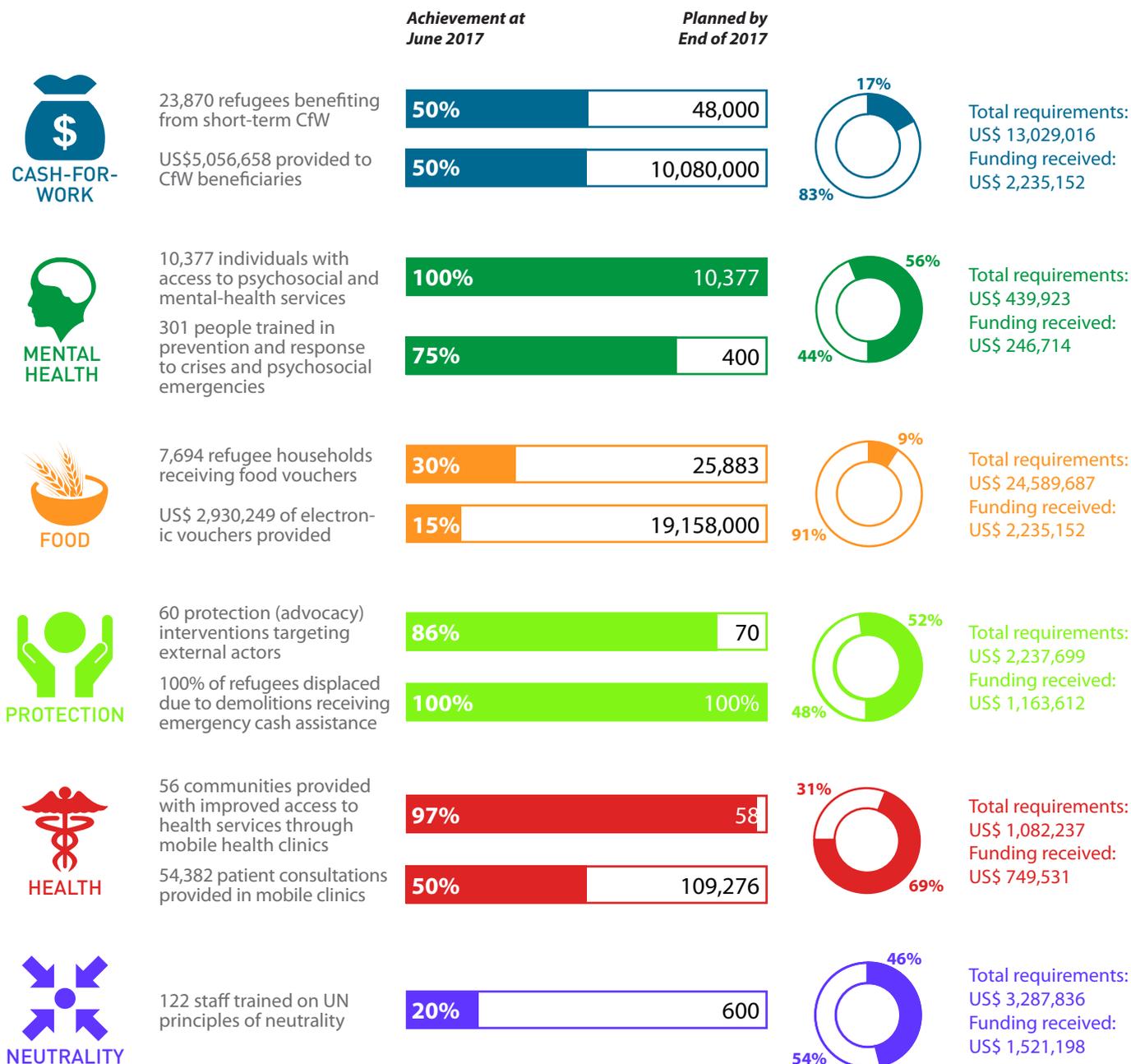
In response to residential demolitions, violence and/or damage to private property, the Crisis Intervention Model responded to the needs of 38 refugee families (100 per cent of those affected) with emergency cash assistance. Forty protection incidents were monitored and documented, out of which 25 were transmissible. Eighteen of these were raised with the relevant authorities.

UNRWA will continue to concentrate food security programme efforts on the most vulnerable to ensure that assistance goes to those most in need. Due to funding constraints, two emergency activities (Community-Driven Protection Projects and Resilience for Youth and Children) will not be implemented in 2017.

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MID-YEAR ACHIEVEMENTS

Despite challenging circumstances, UNRWA has continued to provide services to vulnerable Palestine refugees in the West Bank.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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