Palestine refugees across the occupied Palestinian territory (oPt) continue to face Israeli occupation, repeated violations of human rights and high levels of violence, with individual, familial and community resilience stretched to the limit.

In Gaza, the political and security situation remains volatile, with the land, air and sea blockade now in its eleventh year. Three and a half years on from the 2014 hostilities, which caused unprecedented destruction and loss of life, thousands of Palestine refugee families remain displaced, and repairs to tens of thousands of homes have yet to be completed.

Employment opportunities are stifled by the blockade – the unemployment rate in Gaza remains among the highest rates worldwide – and almost 1 million Palestine refugees are dependent on emergency food assistance, a tenfold increase on the 100,000 that required such support in 2000.

The situation in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem, remains fragile. Palestine refugees continue to experience difficult socioeconomic conditions rooted in occupation-related policies and practices imposed by the Israeli authorities. In addition to continued movement and access restrictions and shelter demolitions under a restrictive and discriminatory planning regime, Palestine refugees in the West Bank also experience high levels of food insecurity. The lack of progress on the political track, coupled with the continued expansion of Israeli settlements, only add to this burden.

In 2018 UNRWA requires US$ 398,806,944 to address the priority humanitarian needs of Palestine refugees in Gaza and the West Bank. The Agency’s appeal is guided by the following four strategic priorities:

- **Strategic Priority 1:** Crisis-affected Palestine refugee households facing acute shocks have increased economic access to food through food aid/food vouchers, cash assistance and Cash-for-Work.
- **Strategic Priority 2:** Palestine refugees enjoy their rights to critical services and assistance including education; health; water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH); and shelter repair.
- **Strategic Priority 3:** Palestine refugees are protected from the effects of the conflict and violence, through the provision of mental health and psychosocial assistance and awareness-raising.
- **Strategic Priority 4:** Effective management and coordination of the emergency response is ensured to improve the effectiveness, efficiency and neutrality of programme delivery.

The 2018 oPt Emergency Appeal is available at [https://www.unrwa.org/resources/emergency-appeals](https://www.unrwa.org/resources/emergency-appeals)
UNRWA Emergency Interventions in the oPt in 2018

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<td>1.9 million</td>
<td>Food parcels distributed to 924,310 Palestine refugees in Gaza and 37,000 Bedouin/herders across Area C in the West Bank. A further 155,000 Palestinian refugees in the West Bank will receive food vouchers.</td>
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1. This amount includes the following funding requirements: Gaza (US$ 354,150,651); West Bank (US$ 43,969,083); UNRWA HQ (US$ 687,210).
2. Of total registered people in West Bank, including East Jerusalem.