



Like so many in Gaza, a Palestine refugee in Beach refugee camp, western Gaza City, uses the only means at her disposal to cook, wash clothes and heat her home.
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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.

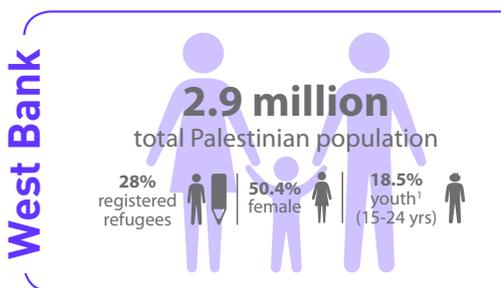
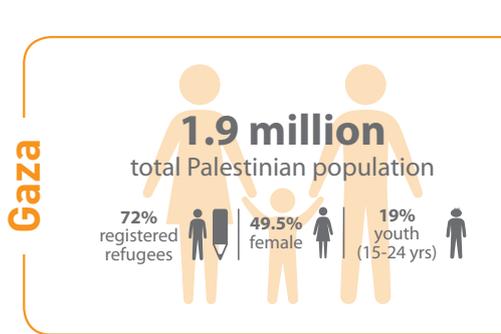
In 2018 UNRWA requires US\$ 398,806,944 to address the priority humanitarian needs of Palestine refugees in Gaza and the West Bank. The Agency's appeal is guided by the following four strategic priorities:

- **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>

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total funding requirements: US\$ 398,806,944¹



-  **924,310** Palestine refugees are dependent on UNRWA emergency food assistance
-  **526,856** refugees live below the abject-poverty line
-  **47.2%** unemployment rate among refugees
-  **55,100** refugee families in need of shelter assistance
-  **81,500** children suffering psychological trauma require specialized psychosocial support
-  **255,000** Palestine refugees are food insecure
-  **22.7%** refugee unemployment rate
-  **46** Bedouin communities requiring mental health and psychosocial support
-  **51** communities face significant obstacles accessing health services

funding requirements
US\$ 354 million

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UNRWA Emergency Interventions in the oPt in 2018

Food Assistance	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 Palestine refugees in the West Bank will receive food vouchers.
Cash-for-Work	Temporary employment opportunities for 54,121 Palestine refugees in Gaza and 48,000 in the West Bank.
Livelihoods	Self-employment opportunities for 250 skilled women in Gaza.
Health	In-depth medical assessments for 11,300 students in Gaza and primary health care services for 51 West Bank communities through mobile health clinics.
Education in Emergencies	Educational materials for 271,900 students in Gaza.
Emergency Environmental Health	Maintenance of water and wastewater facilities in Gaza and the removal of 60,000 tons of waste
Shelter	Rental assistance for 2,500 refugee families who lost their homes in the 2014 hostilities and support for repairs for over 47,900 families.
Psychosocial Support & Community Mental Health	Life-skills training for 271,900 students in Gaza and psychosocial support for 11,162 Bedouin in the West Bank.
Protection	Individual case management support for 1,000 protection cases in Gaza and monitoring, documentation and reporting of international humanitarian and human rights law violations affecting Palestine refugees in the West Bank.
Summer Fun Weeks/ Recreational Activities	Summer recreational activities for 150,000 Palestine refugee children in Gaza.
Neutrality	Four or more neutrality inspections of all UNRWA installations in Gaza and the West Bank.
Safety and Security	Interventions to ensure the safety and security of staff and beneficiaries

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.



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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.