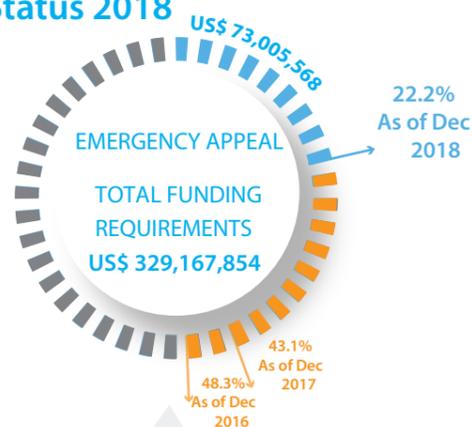


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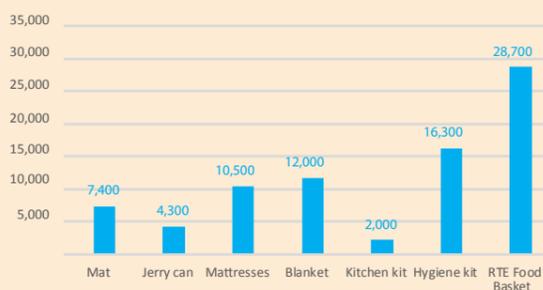
In 2018, UNRWA was confronted with an unprecedented financial crisis and faced major challenges in securing the resources needed to provide humanitarian assistance to Palestine refugees in Syria.

Only 22.2%, or approximately US\$ 73 million of the US\$ 329 million appealed for under the 2018 UNRWA Syria Regional Crisis Emergency Appeal was funded. This is a significant decrease from 2017, when the appeal was 43% funded.

In addition to emergency funding, about US\$ 43.4 million was allocated under the Programme Budget in 2018, covering core programmes and activities of UNRWA in Syria.

UNRWA programmes were also supported by an additional US\$ 17.5 million through project funds.

Food & NFI Quantities distributed in YBB missions

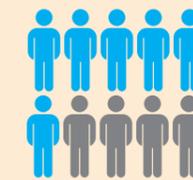


Cash Assistance



Due to lack of funding in 2018, UNRWA had to reduce the frequency of rounds of humanitarian cash assistance from six to three rounds. UNRWA also had to reduce the amount of cash assistance provided to each beneficiary per round (two-month worth of assistance) to US\$ 46 instead of US\$ 64 as was planned in the 2018 Emergency Appeal.

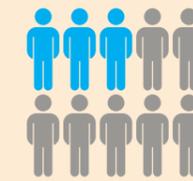
60%



438,000 Palestine refugees in Syria.

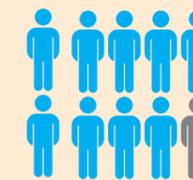
60% of Palestine refugees have been displaced at least once since 2011.

30%



Yarmouk, Dera'a, and Ein el-Tal camps, previously home to more than 30% of the Palestine refugee population in Syria, are almost completely destroyed. All UNRWA installations in these camps have been severely affected. Additional funding will be needed to cover the cost of reconstruction and repairs.

90%



A vulnerability assessment conducted by UNRWA in 2018, estimated that 90% of Palestine refugee households in Syria live in absolute poverty (less than US\$ 2 person/day) prior to receiving UNRWA cash assistance.

Post Distribution Monitoring



600 out of 118,000 households (0.5%) were interviewed through post distribution monitoring. 96% of the respondents stated that they prefer cash over food assistance.

66% of the respondents ranked rent as their biggest expense.

Other major expenses included costs for gas, electricity and transport.

UNRWA students

50K

103 schools

success rate

82%

of UNRWA 9th graders

health consultations

842K

22 medical facilities & 2 mobile clinics

dental consultations

101K

18 dental clinics & 1 mobile dental clinic

food assistance

396K

Palestine refugees reached

NFI assistance

35K

Palestine refugees reached

legal assistance

2K

Palestine refugees reached
5 family support offices

TVET graduates

2K

4 TVET centres

microfinance loans

11K

4 microfinance centres

Q1

January

On 31 January 2018, UNRWA launches the 2018 Syria Emergency Appeal. A total of US\$ 329 million is requested for emergency interventions in Syria.

February

The month of February witnesses an increase in conflict-related violence in Eastern Ghouta, exposing up to 400,000 civilians, including an estimated 2,600 Palestine refugees, to a dire humanitarian crisis.

March

Following the end of hostilities in Eastern Ghouta up to 157 Palestine refugee families displaced to collective shelters, are identified by UNRWA and provided with emergency assistance, including food and NFIs.

Q2

April

Intensified hostilities in Southern Damascus cause deaths and injuries and displace up to twelve thousand Palestine refugees from Yarmouk.

May

On 21 May, the Government of Syria announces full control of Southern Damascus. Yarmouk camp is largely destroyed and void of its residents. UNRWA conducts a preliminary needs assessment in Yalda.

June

UNRWA launches humanitarian response for up to 10,000 Palestine refugees in Yalda. Meanwhile, hostilities in south-west Syria lead to displacement of thousands of civilians. 25,000-28,000 Palestine refugees, mainly in Dera'a city, Muzeirib and Jillin, are affected by the conflict.

Q3

July

After the end of hostilities in the South, UNRWA responds to the unfolding humanitarian crisis, distributing ready-to-eat food baskets, hygiene kits and NFIs to displaced Palestine refugees.

August

The Agency continues to respond to the humanitarian needs in Dera'a, meanwhile intensified hostilities in the north-west affect up to 20,000 Palestine refugees, many of whom were displaced to Idlib as part of reconciliation agreements.

September

Despite a major financial crisis facing UNRWA, 50,500 students from grades 1 to 9 enroll in 103 UNRWA-run schools across Syria for the academic year 2018/2019.

Q4

October

UNRWA accesses Yarmouk camp for assessment. Devastation is both widespread and intense. None of the 23 UNRWA premises including schools and health clinics is spared from damage and destruction.

November

UNRWA conducts a preliminary technical assessment in Dera'a camp, revealing a great deal of destruction among UNRWA premises, including the schools and health centre. About 400 Palestine refugee families return to the camp, despite the destruction.

December

UNRWA conducts a four-day humanitarian mission to Yalda, reaching 2,500 Palestine refugee families that were displaced or affected by conflict. Each benefiting family receives two ready-to-eat food baskets and one hygiene kit.