UNRWA Conducts a Humanitarian Mission to Yarmouk

From 5-7 and 9 December 2021, UNRWA conducted an extended humanitarian mission to Yarmouk camp. 2,886 food baskets with wheat flour were distributed to 784 Palestine refugee families who are currently living in Yarmouk camp. The mission was carried out at a critical time, when vulnerability of Palestine refugees has been deeply compounded by socio-economic implications and by the COVID-19 crisis with new variants. In addition, UNRWA continues to provide health and emergency services in the camp, as well as transportation for school children. Furthermore, UNRWA has obtained daily access to the camp for reconstruction/rehabilitation of UNRWA facilities and for a rapid assessment of houses.

COVID-19 UPDATE

The situation in Syria continues to be very concerned, even if the number of daily cases has slightly decreased, because vaccine coverage for the population in Syria remains below 10 percent. Humanitarian experts warned that the COVID-19 crisis is likely to worsen in the winter, especially with a new variant. UNRWA health clinics conducted awareness campaigns (one session per week) during November and December about COVID-19 and the COVID-19 vaccine. There were 894 confirmed cases of COVID-19 among Palestine refugees, including nine deaths, since the beginning of the pandemic. UNRWA vaccinated 4,277 persons from UN staff and their dependents. In November, WHO stated that Syria has received over 1.3 million doses of Sinovac COVID-19 vaccine doses through the COVAX facility and UNRWA will receive 40,000 doses of COVID-19 vaccine to be given to Palestine refugees in the coming days.

438,000 Palestine refugees remain in Syria

52% female
31% children

140,000 Palestine refugees in most vulnerable category

91% of Palestine refugees in need of cash and in-kind food assistance

40% of Palestine refugees remain in protracted displacement

Emergency Appeal Requirements in Syria for 2021

SYRIA EMERGENCY APPEAL
TOTAL FUNDING REQUIREMENTS
US$ 191,867,995

As of 31 December 2021, a total of US$ 107.3 million were pledged or received from donors and partners, representing 55.9 per cent of total requirements.

3,088 individuals benefited from
908 microfinance loans
45% female
12% youth

19,886 diapers & napkins
1,894 jerrycans
817 baby kits

80 participants of community members benefited from legal seminars on the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW).

103 schools covered by the Explosive Remnants of War (ERW) awareness sessions.

120 students from Khan Danoun schools participated in Marathon as part of anti-bullying activities.