

UNRWA conducts a humanitarian mission to Yarmouk camp

On 3 and 10 June 2021, food baskets were distributed to Palestine refugees living in Yarmouk. A total of 1,642 persons (about 417 households) benefitted from the intervention, which was conducted while maintaining the necessary mitigation measures (physical distancing and healthy hygiene practices) to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 virus. In addition, the Agency is providing primary health care through mobile clinic and transportation to students to go to UNRWA schools outside Yarmouk camp.

Launch of the UN system-wide COVID19- vaccination campaign

The UN system-wide COVID-19 vaccination programme for UN staff, their dependents and partner INGOs was launched in May 2021 in Syria. UNRWA is in charge of the vaccination, being the only UN Agency in Syria with the capacity to conduct directly such medical services across the country. UNRWA is providing the vaccination in 6 clinics across Syria (Damascus, Aleppo, Homs, Hama, Latakia and Dera'a). In addition, two UNRWA teams conducted field visits in Qamishli and Deir Ezzor to vaccinate UN staff there. By the end of June, UNRWA teams had vaccinated more than 1,370 persons.

438,000 Palestine refugees remain in Syria

52% female

31% children



140,000 Palestine refugees in most vulnerable category

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

40% of Palestine refugees remain in protracted displacement

101 Palestine refugees returned from Lebanon, Jordan and Gaza in May and June 2021

29 Palestine refugees returned from other countries in May and June 2021



Emergency Appeal Requirements in Syria for 2021



As of 30 June 2021, a total of US\$ 64.1 million were pledged or received from donors and partners, representing 33.44 per cent of total requirements.

UNRWA staff trained on safety and security issues

In June, 15 staff members (11 female and 4 male) participated in the Safe and Secure Approach in Field Environment Training (SSAFE) and 11 female staff participated in the Women Security Awareness Training (WSAT). The SSAFE training covered various important matters such as office and personal security, unexploded ordnance and mine awareness, travel security procedures, incident reporting, medical incident management, basic first aid and recommendations in case of active shooting. The WSAT focused on gender-specific issues such as safer travel for women, hostage survival as a female hostage and sexual harassment.

A total of 37,055 Palestine refugees received their assistance during May and June with three months' worth of cash assistance, reaching to 99 per cent of the caseload of beneficiaries.



The first round of food distribution for 2021 was launched in April, UNRWA distributed 80,318 food baskets with wheat flour to 140,319 Palestine refugees.



3,961 individuals benefited from 1,165 microfinance loans



41% female
30% youth

Consultations were provided by UNRWA mobile clinics



1,061

322

Yalda and Yarmouk Ein el-Tal camp

109,548 Primary health consultations



66,475

43,073

female

male

901 individuals benefited from legal consulting services provided by six Family Support Offices.



690

211

female

male

70 hygiene kits
12,958 diapers
40 jerrycans



3,320 UNRWA students benefited from support classes for 9th grade



1,632

1,688

female

male

921 Damascus training centre trainees benefited from employability skills



495

426

female

male

COVID-19 Response and Impact on UNRWA Operations in Syria

- 605 Palestine refugees have tested positive to COVID-19 since the beginning of the pandemic, and eight refugees have died after contracting the virus.
- 12,982 telemedicine calls were received by UNRWA health facilities in May and June 2021, bringing the total to 100,657 calls since the service became available in April 2020.
- 29 home deliveries of medicine were undertaken in May and June for older NCD patients, bringing the total number of deliveries since March 2020 to 3,092.
- 195,030 patients have presented with respiratory complaints since reporting began in March 2020.



UNRWA Emergency Response in Syria



• On 24 June 2021, UNRWA celebrated the graduation of 19 Palestine refugees with disabilities (5 female and 14 male) who completed a photography training funded by UNDP. The trainings took place in Alliance and Qabr Essit. During the graduation ceremony in Damascus Training Centre, participants received certificates and cameras to start their own project, which is a great tool for empowerment.



• Training on employment skills was provided to 710 DTC students from technical specialties to prepare joining the labor market after graduation in June 2021.



• The second cash assistance round of 2021 will be launched in July, covering four months' worth of assistance.



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