UNRWA noted the escalation of violence in Dera’a Governorate, south of Damascus. Fighting among all parties to the conflict in the area at the end of February caused large displacement of families, impeded civilian access to live-saving aid and resulted in the deaths of Palestine refugees. UNRWA is closely monitoring the situation and started providing humanitarian assistance to the displaced in February.

**TOTAL FUNDING REQUIREMENTS**

**US$ 328,952,593**

**RECEIVED CONTRIBUTIONS (US$)**

**US$ 13,799,669**

**UNRWA humanitarain snapshot, February 2017**

- 430,000 Palestine refugees are in need
- 390,809 Palestine refugees (116,535 families) across Syria benefited from the first round of cash assistance for 2017, which began on 15 January. Each individual received the equivalent of US$ 96 in Syrian Pounds, covering three months’ worth of assistance, including a one-time US$ 32 top-up for winter.

**EDUCATION:**
- UNRWA continued to provide primary education to 45,723 students in 44 UNRWA schools and 57 UNRWA-managed schools in government buildings. The Agency also conducted mine awareness education trainings in six schools in Khan Eshieh, Husseiniyeh, and Qabr Essit in cooperation with UNICEF.

**LIVELIHOODS:**
- In February, 2,780 Palestine refugees benefited from 695 loans through four microfinance offices across Syria. Microfinance loans help Palestine refugees improve their standard of living by enabling them to repair and refurbish homes and generate income by establishing or developing businesses.

**WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE:**
- UNRWA distributed a total of 12,544 hygiene kits, 840 baby and adult diapers, and 4,250 sanitary napkins, as well as 700 baby kits to residents of collective shelters and through distributions centres. Provision of regular garbage collection, sewage systems infrastructure rehabilitation, equipment, spare parts, fuel, and safe drinking water to camps and host communities continued throughout the month.

**GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS**

- 101 Schools | 45,720 students
- 57 UNRWA-managed schools in government buildings

**OTHER OFFICES**

- 2,780 benefiting individuals
- 695 loans
- 12,544 hygiene kits
- 4,250 sanitary napkins
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