



# Syria: UNRWA - Humanitarian Snapshot, April 2019

## UNRWA Introduces a Targeted Approach to Food Assistance

As part of its humanitarian response for Palestine refugees in Syria, UNRWA launched its first round of targeted food assistance in March 2019. The new targeted approach aims to prioritize the most vulnerable categories of Palestine refugees. As of end of April, more than 118,265 out of a caseload of 126,000 Palestine refugees belonging to the most vulnerable categories, had received their food assistance. The Agency also plans to use a two-tier approach for the distribution of cash as of May 2019, prioritizing the most vulnerable Palestine refugees.



## FOOD, NON-FOOD ITEMS (NFI) & SHELTER:

The first round of food assistance started on 10 March 2019 targeting the most vulnerable categories of Palestine refugees. A total of 26,626 Palestine refugees received food baskets in April as part of the first food distribution round, while 126 NFI including blankets, kitchen kit, mat and mattresses were provided to Palestine refugees.

- 18,448 food baskets
- 126 non-food items (NFIs)



## CASH ASSISTANCE:

No cash distribution took place in April, as the first round of cash assistance was completed on 28 March 2019. The main focus for April 2019 was to prepare for the launch of the second cash distribution round, which will follow a targeted approach for the first time.

The second cash distribution round will follow a targeted approach in May 2019



## WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE (WASH):

UNRWA provided Palestine refugees with 5,294 items of WASH assistance including 4,632 baby diapers and 633 adult diapers. UNRWA also ensured timely garbage collection in all camps.

- 29 hygiene kits & jerry cans
- 5,265 baby and adult diapers



## LIVELIHOODS:

1,157 loans were provided by the Microfinance Department benefitting 3,934 Palestine refugees and Syrians. Meanwhile, 30 long-term TVET courses are ongoing for the academic year 2018-2019 in Damascus, Homs, Latakia, Dera'a.

- 1,157 microfinance loans
  - 41% female
  - 11% youth
- 30 long-term TVET courses are ongoing



## PROTECTION:

In Yalda, 1,190 children displaced from Yarmouk benefited from psychosocial activities, school beautification and awareness sessions on explosive remnants of war (ERW). Forty teachers in Yalda schools attended trainings on protection mainstreaming and disability inclusion. The activities are being specially designed to meet psychosocial needs.

- 1,190 children | 40 teachers in Yalda benefited from protection activities



## EDUCATION:

A total of 348 students from grade 9 participated in an induction visit to Damascus Training Centre (DTC) aimed at career guidance and counselling. In addition, UNRWA conducted PTA awareness sessions reaching 1,786 parents and teachers in 60 schools.

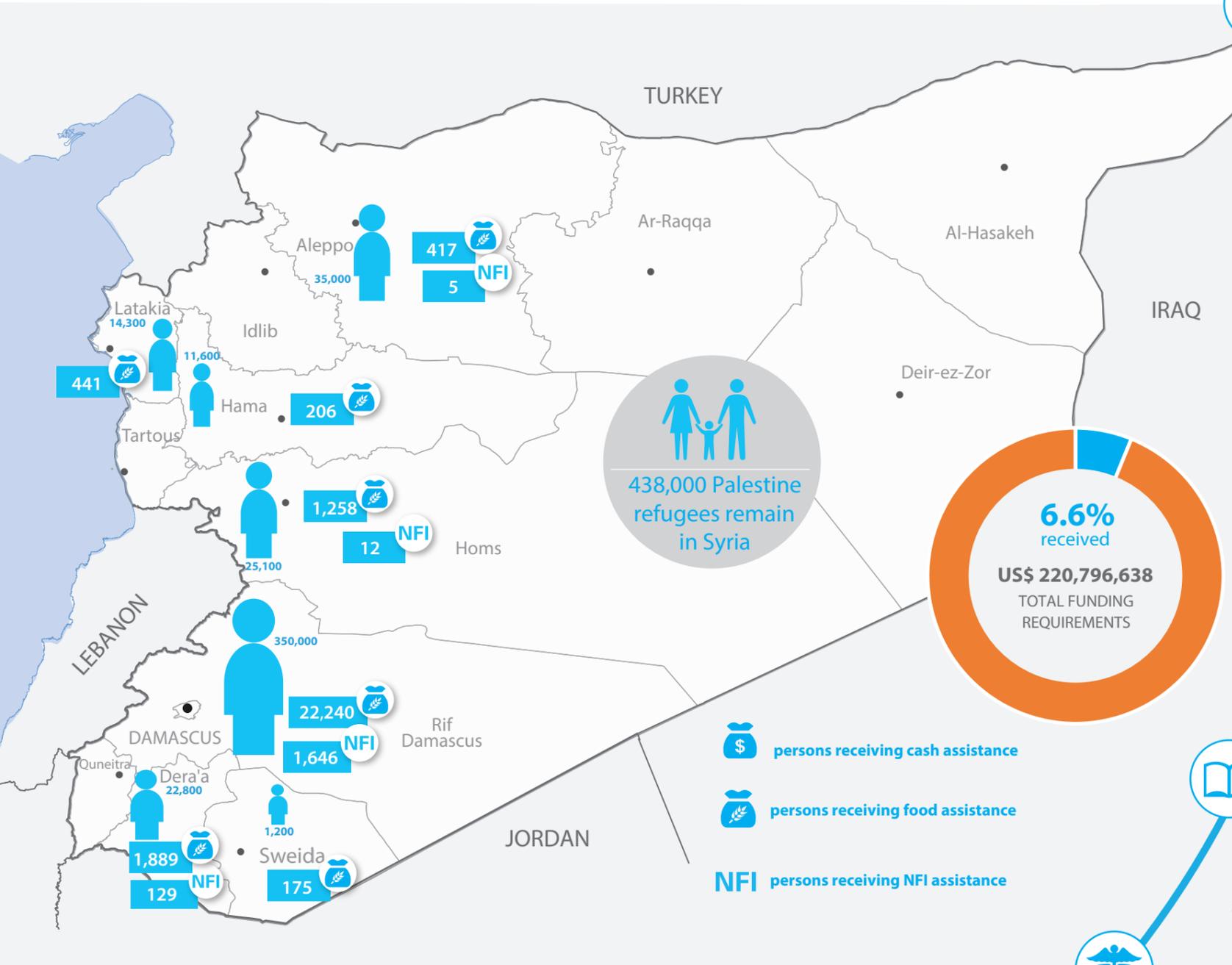
- 103 schools | 48,911 students
  - 24,095 girls
  - 24,816 boys



## HEALTH:

UNRWA conducted a campaign about universal health coverage to commemorate the World Health Day on 7 April 2019. UNRWA also participated in the national immunization days in cooperation with the Ministry of Health during the period 21-30 April 2019. On this occasion, UNRWA followed up on defaulters among children according to their routine immunization schedule. A total of 66,413 health consultations were provided to Palestine refugee patients in Syria.

- 38,400 female consultations
- 28,013 male consultations



more than **50,000** Palestine refugees from Syria have fled to locations outside the region

**438,000** Palestine refugees remaining in the country  
52% female | 31% children

- 60%** of refugees displaced at least once
- 95%** of refugees are in need of sustained humanitarian assistance
- 13,500** Palestine refugees in hard-to-reach areas
- 126,000** Palestine refugees identified as extremely vulnerable

funding requirements  
**US\$ 220,796,638**