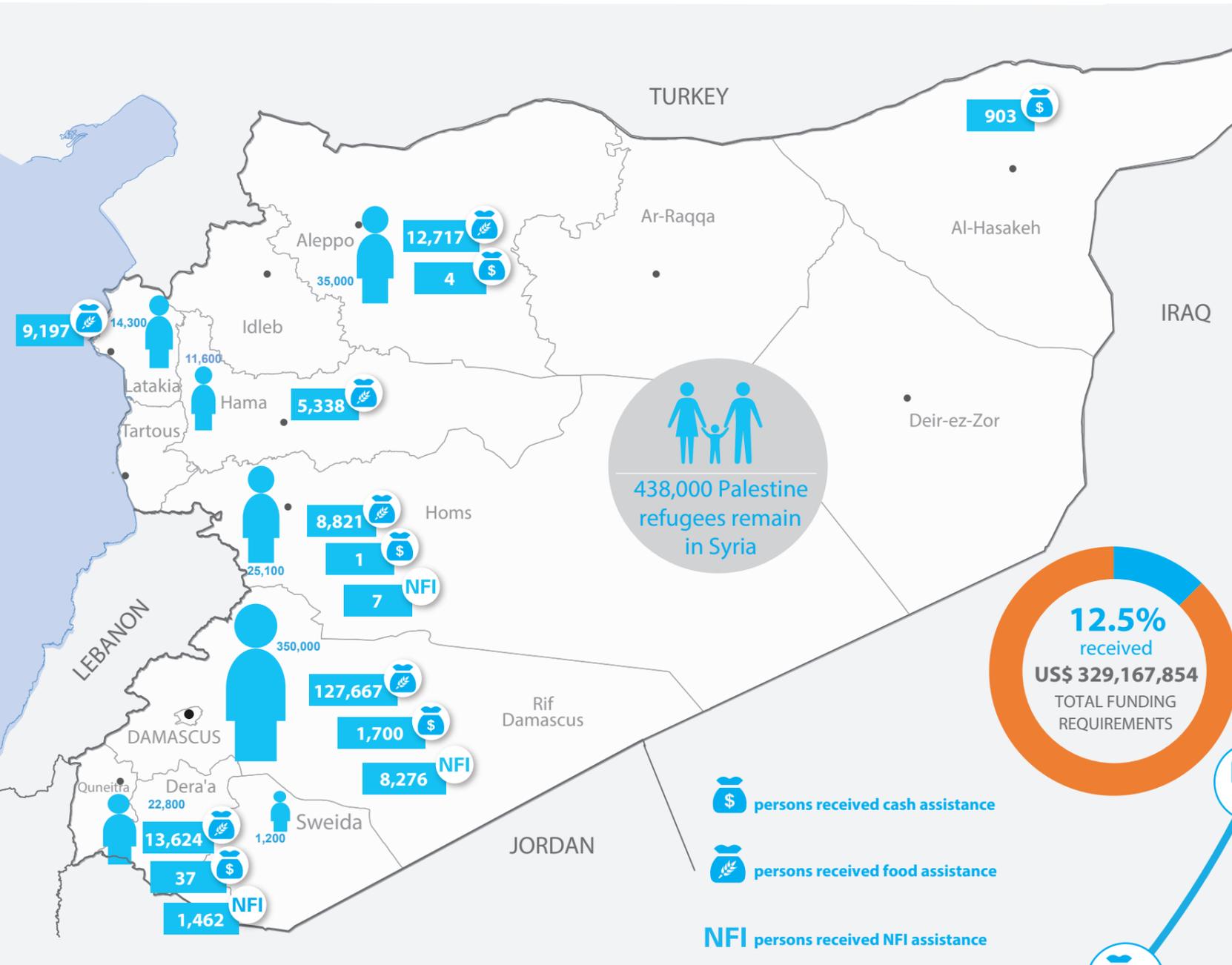


Deteriorating humanitarian situation in the north-west

The month of August witnessed further serious deterioration of the humanitarian situation in the north-west, with intense aerial bombardment and shelling reported in parts of Idlib, Aleppo, Hama and Latakia governorates, resulting in the death and injury of civilians, and damage and destruction of civilian infrastructure including schools and hospital. These recent events have placed even more strain on humanitarian responders and vulnerable host communities. According to UNRWA estimates, up to 20,000 Palestine refugees, many of whom had been displaced to Idlib as part of reconciliation agreements, may be affected by the escalation of hostilities in the north-west, and could be further exposed to violence and displacement. The Agency is observing the situation very closely and has developed a response plan for the provision of humanitarian assistance for affected Palestine refugees.



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

A total of 174,800 Palestine refugees received food parcels through the second round of food distribution; in addition 9,939 refugees displaced from Yarmouk received ready-to-eat food baskets. Meanwhile, 16,974 Palestine refugees displaced from Yarmouk and Eastern Ghouta were provided with NFIs as part of an UNRWA response plan.

- 13 distribution centres
- 174,800 Palestine refugees received food parcels
- 9,939 refugees displaced from Yarmouk received ready-to-eat food baskets

CASH ASSISTANCE:

A total of 2,645 individuals received cash assistance through the ongoing cash distribution round. In addition, the distribution of one-off emergency cash payment of US\$ 70 per family was provided 1,250 Palestine refugees (368 families) displaced from Yarmouk and Eastern Ghouta.

- US\$ 70/family distributed to Palestine refugees displaced from Yarmouk and Eastern Ghouta

WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE (WASH):

Palestine refugees, including those displaced from Eastern Ghouta and Yarmouk were provided with 13,909 items of WASH assistance (including 804 jerry cans, 10,611 diapers and 2,868 hygiene kits).

- 2,868 hygiene kits
- 10,611 baby and adult diapers
- 804 jerry cans

HEALTH:

A total of 67,034 health consultations were provided to Palestine refugee patients at the 26 UNRWA health clinics across Syria.

- 38,360 female consultations
- 28,674 male consultations

EDUCATION:

37 UNRWA-managed summer clubs concluded in August; a total of 11,756 students participated in Damascus, Rif Damascus, Homs, Hama, Latakia, and Aleppo (5,589 female, and 6,167 male).

- 11,756 students in summer learning
- 37 UNRWA summer clubs

PROTECTION:

Over 700 Palestine refugees were provided with legal assistance in 2018, including 130 assisted with civil documentation.

- 700 protection cases provided with legal assistance

LIVELIHOODS (MICROFINANCE):

A total of 1,040 loans (377 for females and 663 for males) were provided by the Microfinance Department benefiting up to 3,536 Palestine refugees and Syrians. Preparation for the launch of short-term and long-term courses in September 2018 took place during the month of August. The Agency is planning to launch courses at the Damascus Training Centre, in addition to Aleppo, Latakia, Homs, and Dera'a.

- 1,040 microfinance loans
- 36 per cent women

Syria

438,000 Palestine refugees

48% men | 52% women | 36% children

- 58% of refugees are internally displaced
- 95% of refugees are in need of sustained humanitarian assistance
- 13% of refugees are trapped in hard-to-reach and besieged areas