

UNRWA Continues to Provide Humanitarian Assistance in Yalda

During the month of December, UNRWA conducted a four-day humanitarian mission to Yalda, where approximately 2,500 Palestine refugee families (almost 9,900 individuals) that were displaced or affected by conflict are residing, and currently facing movement restrictions in and out of the area. Each benefiting family received two ready-to-eat food baskets and one hygiene kit to help meet their basic needs; in addition, some families received diapers and tarpaulin sheets.

NFI

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

A total of 110,964 Palestine refugees received food parcels through the third round of emergency food distribution; in addition 9,852 refugees received ready-to-eat food baskets in Yalda. UNRWA also distributed 6,519 essential NFIs (mats, mattresses, blankets, and kitchen kits), mainly provided to Palestine refugees displaced or affected by conflict in Dera'a governorate.

15 distribution centres
9,852 refugees in Yalda received emergency ready-to-eat food baskets

CASH

CASH ASSISTANCE:

A total of 11,793 Palestine refugees received two-month worth of emergency cash assistance through the third and last round of distribution in 2018. Due to lack of funding, each beneficiary received US\$ 46 instead of US\$ 64 as planned in the Emergency Appeal.

3 rounds of cash distribution actually conducted in 2018 as opposed to 6 rounds planned in the UNRWA Emergency Appeal

WASH

WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE (WASH):

UNRWA provided a total of 3,153 hygiene kits to vulnerable Palestine refugees, the majority of whom are displaced to Yalda in southern Damascus.

3,153 hygiene kits
1,512 baby and adult diapers

HEALTH

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69,601 health consultations were provided to Palestine refugee patients at 22 UNRWA health facilities across Syria, in addition to two mobile clinics, which were deployed to Yalda three times per week and to Ein El-Tal camp in Aleppo.

40,260 female consultations
29,341 male consultations

EDUCATION

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A total of 49,604 students from grades 1 to 9 are registered in 103 UNRWA-run schools across Syria. During the month of December, UNRWA closed down all fourteen safe learning spaces, following the closure of IDP collective shelters earlier in May 2018.

103 schools | 49,604 students
24,431 girls
25,173 boys

PROTECTION

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Over 3,800 UNRWA students across Syria, including in areas where movement is restricted such as Yalda in Damascus, benefited from psychosocial support activities including recreational and awareness raising sessions.

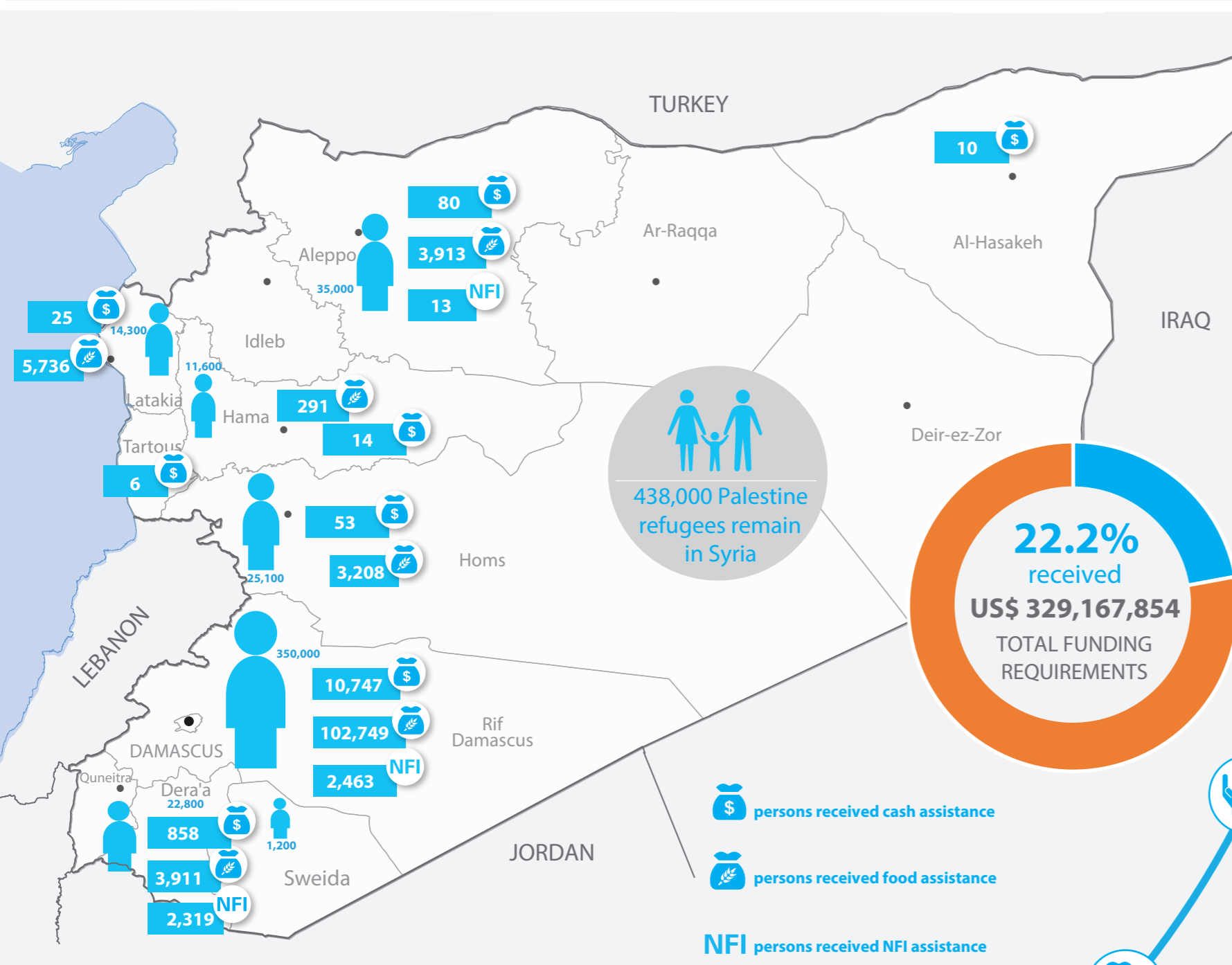
3,800 students participated in PSS activities

LIVELIHOODS

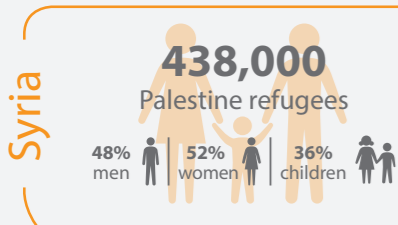
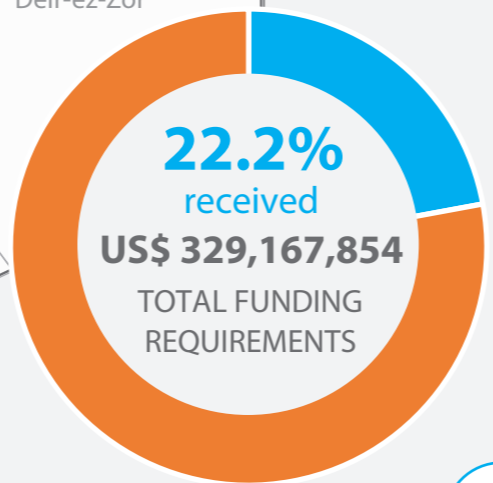
LIVELIHOODS (MICROFINANCE):

556 loans (222 females and 334 males) were provided by the Microfinance Department benefiting up to 1,890 Palestine refugees and Syrians. Meanwhile, 778 students (342 male and 426 female) completed short-term vocational training courses in Damascus, Homs, Latakia, and Aleppo.

556 microfinance loans women
40%
778 students completed short-term TVET courses women
55%



438,000 Palestine refugees remain in Syria



- 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