The first round of emergency cash assistance for 2017 began on 15 January. In total, 169,380 individuals (46,755 families) received US$ 96 in Syrian Pounds, including a US$ 32 one-time winter top-up.

UNRWA provided 51,071 food parcels to Palestine refugee families through nine collective shelters and 17 distribution centres across the country. The Agency also distributed 295 blankets and 19 mattresses.

UNRWA continued to provide primary education to 45,720 students in grades 1 to 9. Of the 101 schools, 44 are UNRWA schools and 57 are UNRWA-managed schools in government buildings. Ninety-five per cent of establishments continue to operate on double-shift curricula.

In total, 2,207 Palestine refugees were accommodated in nine collective shelters and received daily hot meals or food parcels, NFIs and WASH assistance, in addition to 39,445 canned food items and 15,019 kg of dry food items.

Overall, 87,981 primary health-care consultations were provided through 15 health centres and 11 health points. Agreements with 23 hospitals were maintained to ensure access to subsidized secondary health care.

In total, 691 students were enrolled in short-term vocational training through Engaging Youth. The project provides 56 specializations, including hairdressing, mechanics, electrical repair, graphic design, countancy, and mobile and computer maintenance.

In total, 4,317 hygiene kits were distributed to residents of collective shelters, in addition to 1,338 packs of baby and adult diapers and 2,557 packs of sanitary napkins. Provision of WASH services and drinking water to camps and host communities continued throughout the month.