In June, the security situation continued to deteriorate in the south. The situation in Dera’a’s city and camp, Jilien, and Muzeirib remained extremely tense due to the heavy shelling, mortars and clashes, amid airstrikes. In Rif Damascus, violent clashes continued in Yarmouk, Douma, Harasta, Jobar, and Hajar el Aswad.

A total of 3,044 students out of the 3,812 who sat their ninth-grade exam have passed, scoring an 80 per cent success rate, in comparison to the national average of 65.83 per cent. A total of 62 students out of the 97 (64 per cent) who were provided safe passage from Lebanon to Damascus and 63 out of the 124 students (51 per cent) from Yarmouk passed the exams.

UNRWA facilitated the access of 82 Syrian and Palestine refugee students from Lebanon and Yarmouk into Damascus. The students sat their Grade 12 exams, which started on 30 May. From 25 May to 15 June, UNRWA provided the students with accommodation at the Alliance School, as well as food, medical consultations and cash assistance, in addition to catch-up classes and psychosocial support counselling.

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In June, 1,968 refugees were accommodated in the Agency’s nine collective shelters in Damascus and Rif Damascus. Shelter residents received food parcels or canned food and dry food items. On the occasion of Ramadan, suhour food basket and meat pies were also distributed.

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This month, 46,329 patients received health consultations in the 15 health centres and 11 health points across Syria. For subsidized secondary health care, the Agency maintains agreements with 27 hospitals in the country.

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