

UNRWA Continues to Provide Humanitarian Assistance in Yalda

During the month of March, UNRWA conducted two humanitarian missions to Yalda, lasting five days each. Some 2,412 Palestine refugee families (almost 8,550 individuals) that were displaced or affected by the conflict received food and NFI assistance. Each benefiting family received two ready-to-eat food baskets and one hygiene kit to help them meet their basic needs while some families received baby and adult diapers. Going forward, the caseload in Yalda will be considered among the most vulnerable categories prioritized for food and cash assistance during the planned rounds of cash and food distribution.



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

The first round of targeted food assistance started on 10 March 2019, exclusively for categories identified as most vulnerable. A total of 91,639 Palestine refugees received food baskets in March. In addition some 1,881 NFIs (blankets, kitchen kits, mats and mattresses) were distributed to Palestine refugees, most of whom are returnees.

- 45,716 food baskets
- 9,392 ready-to-eat food baskets
- 1,881 non-food items (NFIs)



CASH ASSISTANCE:

In March, 20,649 Palestine refugees received emergency cash assistance through the first round of distribution, launched on 13 January and completed on 28 March 2019. The new targeted approach to assistance will be applied in the second round of 2019.



first round of cash assistance
13 January-28 March 2019



WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE (WASH):

UNRWA distributed 4,912 hygiene kits and 221 jerry cans to Palestine refugees, in addition to 6,897 infant and adult diapers. UNRWA also ensured timely garbage collection in all camps.

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- 221 jerry cans
- 6,897 baby and adult diapers



LIVELIHOODS:

A total of 840 loans were provided by the Microfinance Department benefiting 2,856 Palestine refugees and Syrians. Twenty persons with disabilities graduated from short-term vocational training course for tailoring.

- 840 microfinance loans
- 40% female
- 11% youth
- 20 trainees with disabilities graduated from tailoring course



PROTECTION:

A total of 116 cases approached and received assistance at six Family Support Offices across the country. Twenty nine of the cases benefitted from legal subsidies while eighty-seven cases were supported through PSS and legal advice, mainly on civil documentation issues, including marriage and birth registrations and divorce filings.

- 116 protection cases provided with assistance



EDUCATION:

A total of 382 students in grade 9 from Damascus and Rif Damascus participated in an induction visit to Damascus Training Centre (DTC) aimed at providing career guidance and counselling. In addition, 41,181 students participated in recreational and psychosocial activities. The UNRWA Education Department also completed assessments of 204 teachers involved in the School Based Teacher Development programme (SBTD1).

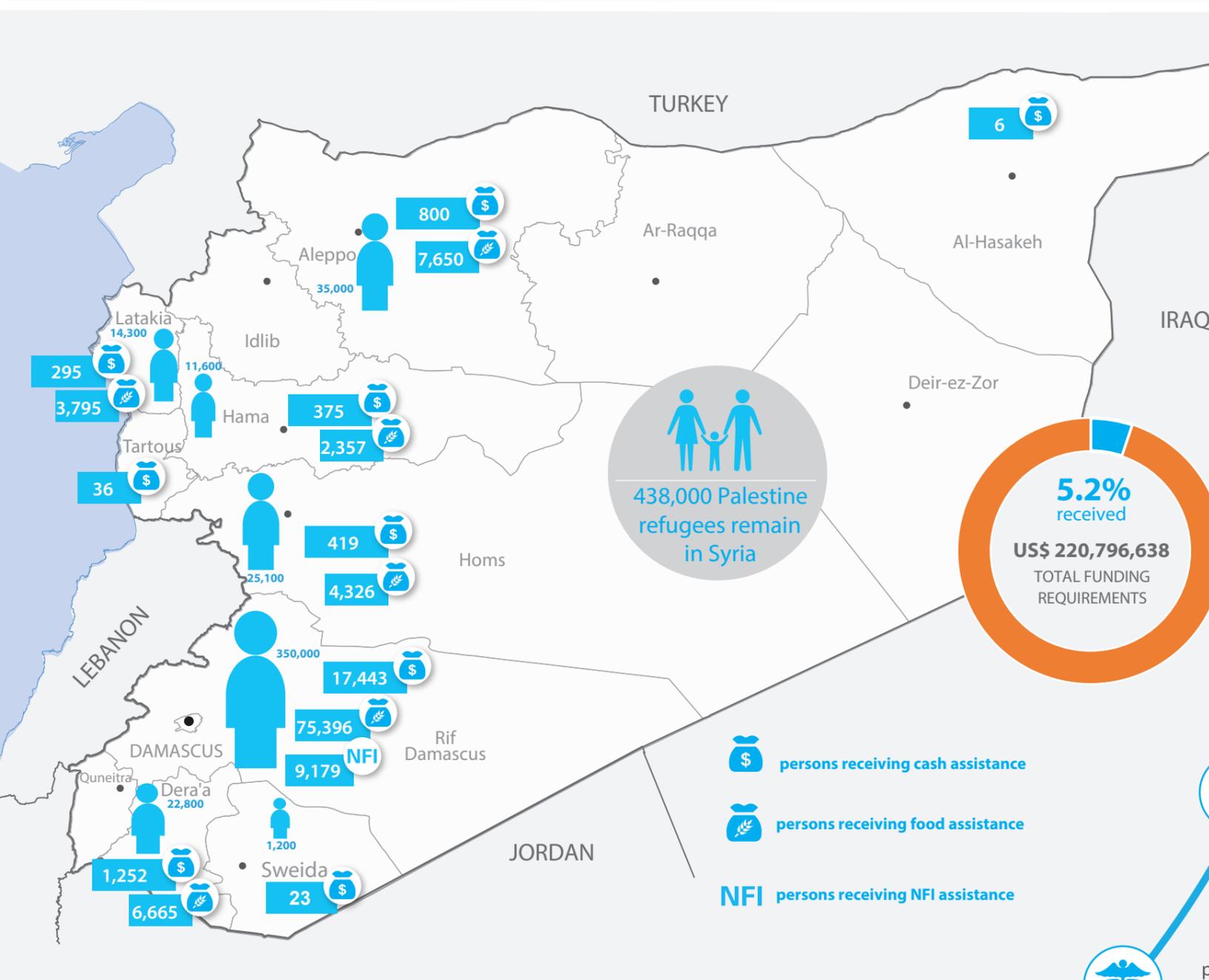
- 103 schools | 49,281 students
- 24,271 girls
- 25,010 boys



HEALTH:

A total of 71,461 health consultations were provided to Palestine refugee patients at 22 UNRWA health facilities across Syria while 587 consultations were conducted through three mobile clinics deployed to Ein El-Tal, Jillin and Yalda. On 24 March, UNRWA reached 2,065 Palestine refugees through the commemoration of the World Tuberculosis Day aimed at raising awareness of the health, social and economic consequences of tuberculosis.

- 40,746 female consultations
- 30,715 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