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CASH ASSISTANCE:
In March, 20,640 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.

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.

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.

PROTECTION:
A total of 116 cases were 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.

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).

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.