Syria: UNRWA - Humanitarian Snapshot, May 2019

**Intensifying hostilities in the north-west lead to increased casualties**
Tension and violence have escalated rapidly in Idlib and surrounding Hama and Aleppo late April and early May. The UN Secretary-General was alarmed by reports of aerial attacks on population centers and civilian infrastructure resulting in hundreds of civilian deaths and injuries and over 150,000 newly displaced persons. On 16 May, several rockets hit the densely populated Neirab camp for Palestine refugees in Aleppo, killing at least ten civilians and wounding more than thirty. Among those killed were four children, of whom three are UNRWA students. Another child succumbed to her wounds several days later. UNRWA is monitoring the situation closely and is committed to providing humanitarian assistance in cases of major displacement or intensified hostilities to the 10,000-20,000 Palestine refugee estimated to be in the area.

**HEALTH:**
UNRWA reached 2,808 individuals through a health education campaign raising awareness on the dangers of smoking. Meanwhile, a total of 59,797 health consultations were provided to Palestine refugee patients through 22 UNRWA health facilities across Syria, and 1,237 consultations were delivered through mobile clinics deployed to Ein el-Tal, Jillin and Yalda.

**FOOD, NON-FOOD ITEMS (NFI) & SHELTER:**
A total of 4,900 individuals from the most vulnerable categories of Palestine refugees received food baskets, while 82 non-food items were distributed to Palestine refugees, identified as eligible for NFI assistance.

**PROTECTION:**
Almost 200 elderly persons and persons with disabilities benefitted from Iftar meals during Ramadan organized by UNRWA. For many elderly people who live alone, Ramadan is a particularly difficult period of the year as it is usually an occasion to spend time with the family – many of whom have left the country because of conflict and unrest.

**EDUCATION:**
In May, 48,883 students from grades 1 to 9 attended classes in 103 UNRWA run schools across Syria. UNRWA provided additional academic and psychosocial support to help students prepare for their upcoming 9th grade national exams.

**WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE (WASH):**
UNRWA provided Palestine refugees with 8,833 items of WASH assistance, mainly composed of baby and adult diapers. In addition, UNRWA launched an environmental health campaign during Ramadan aimed at cleaning the camps by bringing together community members, UNRWA sanitation workers and school attendants. The camps covered in the initiative included Sbeineh, Jaramana, Qabr Esit, Khan Dunoun and Khan Esheieh in Rif Damascus area in addition to Latakia, Hama, Dera’a and Homs camps.

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