

Escalation of military operations in Yarmouk and surroundings, and displacement of residents

April witnessed the launch of military operations against non-state armed groups in Yarmouk, Yalda, Babila, Beit Sahem (YBB), and Hajar al Aswad. The ongoing hostilities in Yarmouk and Hajar al Aswad have caused deaths and injuries and have displaced up to six thousand Palestine refugees from Yarmouk into the neighbouring area of Yalda, taking refuge in makeshift shelters. UNRWA has not been able to access YBB since May 2016; the Agency estimates that out of the 65,000 civilians still residing in Southern Damascus, there are up to 12,000 Palestine refugees who are in dire need of protection and humanitarian assistance.

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

UNRWA distributed 71,643 food parcels to 168,758 Palestine refugees through regular distribution. In addition, food parcels were provided to 84 Palestine refugee families displaced from Eastern Ghouta. 2,124 individuals received non-food items. Number of residents in collective IDP shelters run by UNRWA decreased to 1,455 as of end of April.

- 16 distribution centres
- 8 collective shelters
- 71,643 food parcels
- 2,124 non-food items

CASH ASSISTANCE:

No regular round of cash distribution took place in April; however emergency cash stipend was provided to 84 families recently displaced from Eastern Ghouta.

US\$ 70/family was distributed to Palestine refugees displaced from Eastern Ghouta

EDUCATION:

A risk assessment for 18 schools located in Damascus and Rural Damascus (with a total of 8,928 students) was conducted to evaluate the security and safety risks and corresponding mitigation measures, including evacuation plans.

104 schools | 46,341 students

22,990 girls | 23,351 boys

HEALTH:

A total of 68,632 health consultations were provided to Palestine refugee patients at the 26 UNRWA health facilities across Syria. 10,364 vaccinations were administered at UNRWA clinics and health points in April.

26 health centres & points

39,042 women | 29,590 men

PROTECTION:

3,653 children and 217 adults benefited from PSS activities, addressing child labour, early marriage and school dropout in Damascus. Additional PSS activities and awareness sessions were facilitated for 143 children with disabilities and 242 care providers in the central area and in Aleppo.

3,653 children & 217 adults

143 children with disabilities

242 care providers benefited from PSS activities & awareness sessions

LIVELIHOODS (MICROFINANCE & TVET):

459 students (331 females and 128 males) graduated from short term vocational courses, and 33 students (10 females and 23 males) completed courses on employability skills. 895 loans (332 females and 563 males) were provided benefiting up to 3,043 Palestine refugees and Syrians.

33 students completed employability skills

459 graduated from short term vocational courses

895 loans 37 per cent women

WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE (WASH):

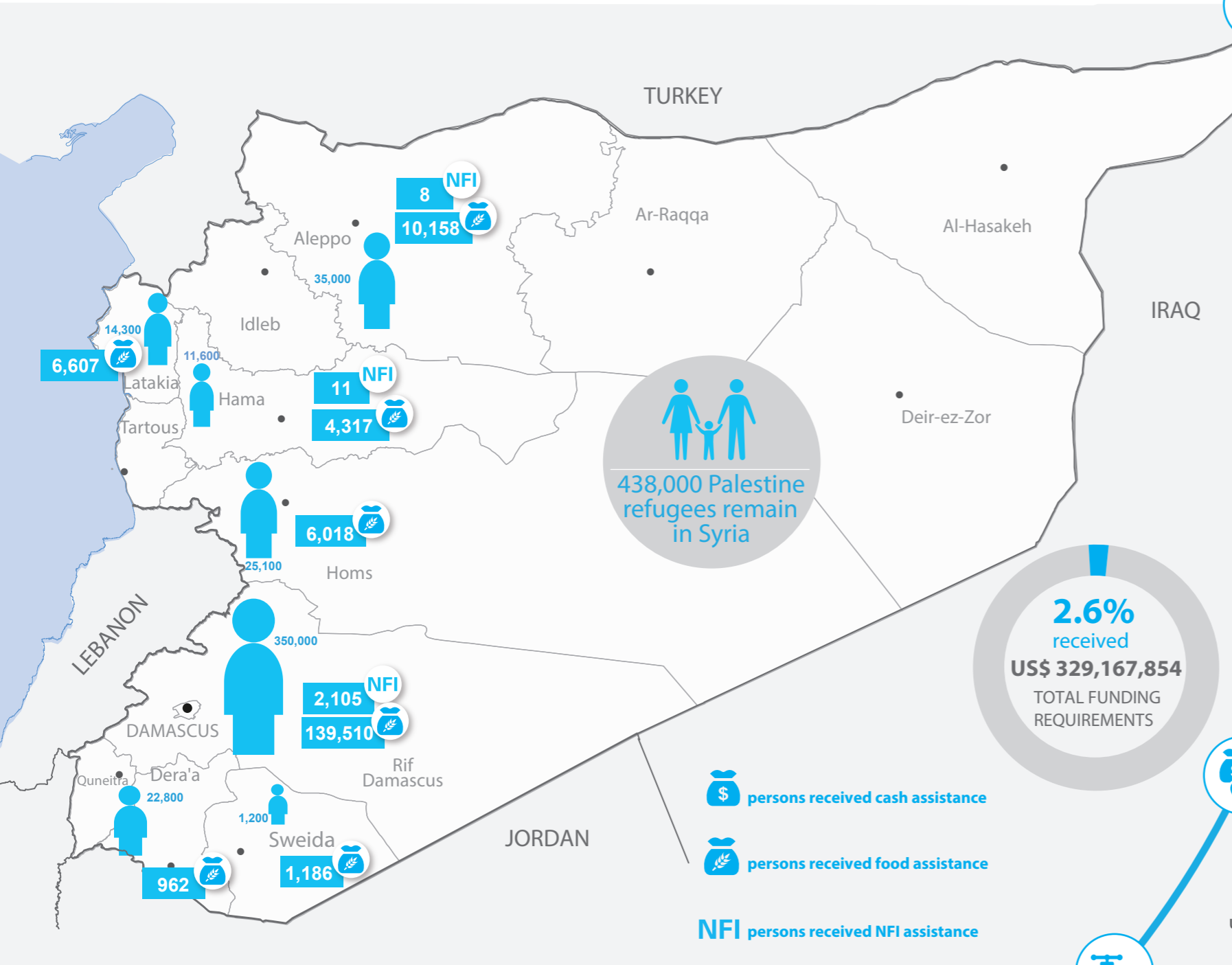
UNRWA provided Palestine refugees with 13,108 items of WASH assistance (including 535 hygiene kits, 10,327 diapers, 1,415 sanitary napkins, 540 baby kits, and 150 packs of liquid and powdered detergent).

535 hygiene kits

10,327 baby & adult diapers

1,415 sanitary napkins

540 baby kits



Syria

438,000 Palestine refugees

48% men | 52% women | 36% children

- 58% of refugees are internally displaced
- 95% of refugees are in need of sustained humanitarian assistance
- 13% of refugees are trapped in hard-to-reach and besieged areas