



Syria: UNRWA - Progress Highlights January-June 2018



104 schools
46,326 students as of May 2018



81.7% success rate of UNRWA ninth-graders for the academic year 2017-2018
65.6% national success rate average of ninth-graders in Syria



15 health centres, 11 health points & 1 mobile clinic
421,607 health consultations
47,627 dental consultations



5,409 microfinance loans distributed
1,002 students enrolled in long term TVET courses
592 students graduated from short term TVET courses

Emergency Appeal funding level



Only **5.9 %**, or approximately US\$ 19,577,985 of the US\$ 329 million appealed for Syria through the 2018 UNRWA Syria Regional Crisis Emergency Appeal, has been funded.



#DignityIsPriceless

The United States, the largest single donor to UNRWA, announced US\$ 300 million cut in funding in January, provoking a **severe financial crisis** and a deficit of **US\$ 446 million**. UNRWA intensified its fundraising efforts and launched the Dignity Is Priceless campaign, leading to significant additional support. Despite the efforts, the deficit remains at **US\$ 217 million** by June and the sustainability of UNRWA operations is more than ever at risk for the second semester of 2018.

438K

Palestine refugees

95%

in need

58%

internally displaced

Distribution of NFIs in acute emergency context:

5,223 hygiene kits
16,256 blankets, mattresses & mats

5 Family Support Offices providing protection assistance

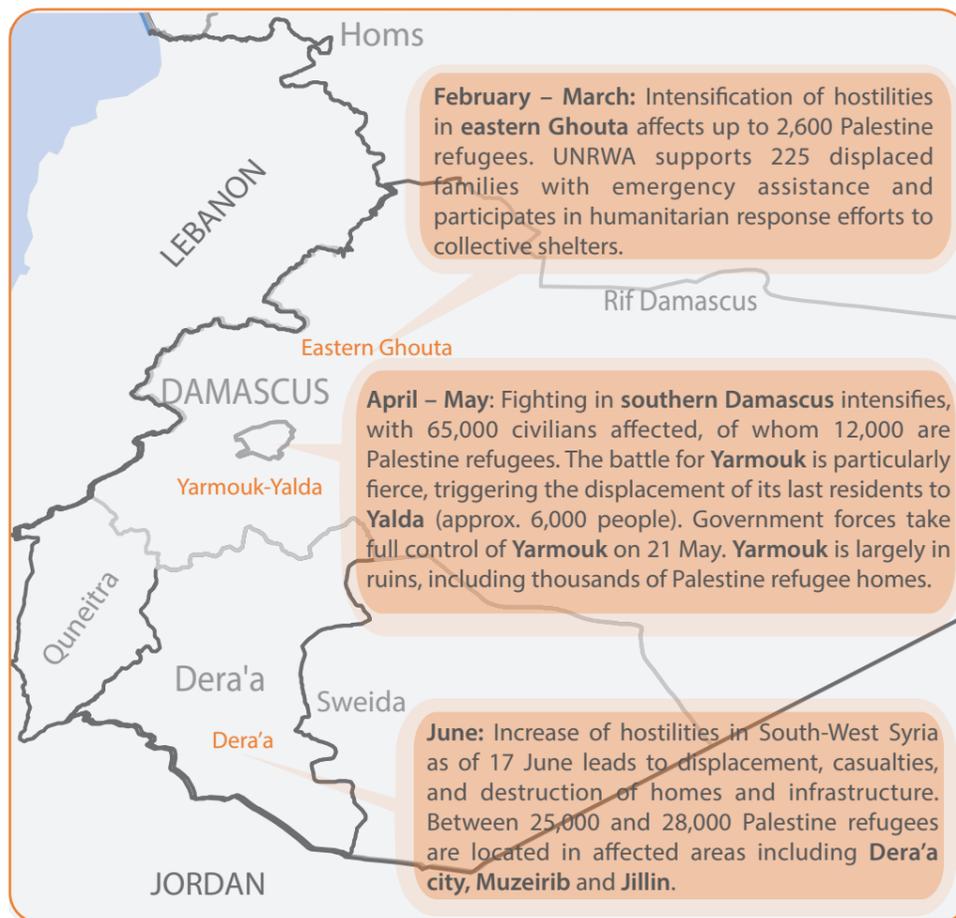
532 Palestine refugees provided with legal assistance
43,112 individuals trained on mine risk awareness in schools

5 distribution missions conducted to YBB

8,500 displaced from Yarmouk & 900 displaced from East Ghouta received multisectoral assistance

9 collective shelters closed on 15 May 2018

1,522 individuals received cash for alternative accommodation
Rehabilitation of 9 collective shelters to serve as schools



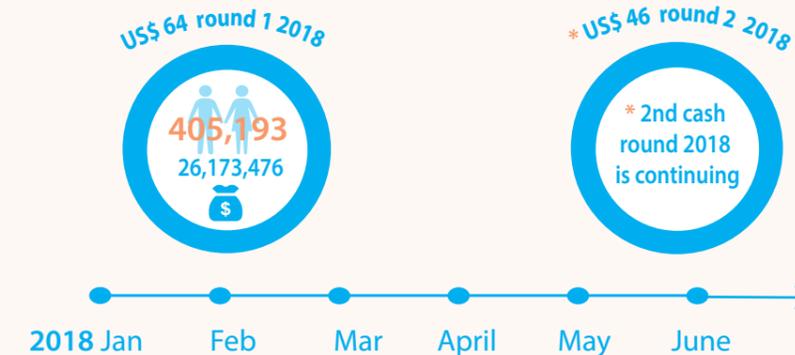
May 2018: Large displacement of Palestine refugees from Yarmouk



Samah, a single mother who fled her home in Yarmouk with her children at the collective shelter in Yalda. © 2018 UNRWA photo by Iyad Faouri

Samah al-Shami 25, a single mother of two, fled Yarmouk with her two children to Yalda when the fighting escalated in the camp. "We felt compelled to leave the camp and left everything behind. We learned later that my parents' home was burnt," she says, while cradling her one year-old daughter in the classroom that has become her temporary home. **Food, mattresses, blankets and cleaning products** provided by UNRWA have helped the family settle in. "Being a single parent is a huge responsibility. We face enormous hardship and depend on handouts," Samah says.

Impact of reduced emergency funding: Cash Assistance



Following a **sharp reduction in emergency income**, the cash amount transferred to beneficiaries has started to decrease. While the Emergency Appeal planned for US\$32 per person per month, UNRWA was only able to distribute 4 months of assistance during the first semester of 2018. While the first round of 2018 provided **US\$ 64** per person covering two months, the amount distributed during the second round dropped to **US\$ 46** per person covering two months. UNRWA is only planning for one additional round until the end of the year, as opposed to four rounds as in previous years. Seven years into the conflict in Syria, Palestine refugees are more than ever in need of cash assistance.