



earthquake status update no.5 northern syria - 12 february 2023

Situation in numbers

- 1,408 deaths reported by the Syrian MoH (incl. 3 Palestine refugees in Neirab, 8 in Latakia and 6 in Jableh)
- 3 Palestine refugees are reported as missing in Latakia and Jableh, rescue efforts are ongoing by the Government
- 2,341 injuries reported by the MoH (incl. 9 PalRefs in Latakia and 2 in Neirab)
- 12 houses completely destroyed and 41 partially damaged in Latakia, 60 partially damaged in Neirab, 28 houses in Aleppo town and 2 in Ein el-Tal Camp
- 10 UNRWA installations with cracks and requiring detailed assessment (2 schools, 1 Training Centre, 1 CBO, 1 HC, 1 clinic, 1 RSSP Office and 1 Distribution Centre, 2 Microfinance Offices)

UNRWA flash appeal

On 6th February, UNRWA launched its flash appeal for USD 2.7 million to assist Palestine refugees who have been impacted by the earthquake.

Geographical coverage

Northern and Central Areas - Aleppo, Latakia, Hama and Tartous Governorates

People in Need (revised)

12,130 Palestine refugees (25% of Palestine refugee population in the four areas (m 5,758, f 6,346))

Daily highlights

Latakia:

UNRWA continues to provide essential WASH services including breakfasts and hot meals for about 750 persons, safe drinking water, heating in the facilities as well as telemedicine for individuals with NCDs, older persons and those with disabilities.

The Palestine refugees (and some Syrians) who have been sheltering in Al Khairiyeh School since the EQ have been moved to two alternative shelters operated by the Government: Yousef Nadaf School, which is accommodating 200 and Ref't Dahho School which will cater for 550. UNRWA distributed 800 hot meals, 500 ready-to-eat (RTE) meals, 300 hundred bags of bread, hygiene kits for women and diapers for children.

In addition, the Health team is making telephone contact with those with pre-existing psychiatric needs, those with NCDs who have not visited the health centres for more than two months and pregnant women, with a view to assessing their situation and visiting the health centres as necessary.

Neirab:

UNRWA continues to provide essential NFIs and RTE food to families, including 181 blankets, cans of sardines and jerry cans. The cold weather continues to be a challenge, with additional heating units being dispatched by UNRWA to the north.

The assessment of damaged houses is ongoing, with the Syndicate of Engineers reporting that previously inhabited houses in Ein el-Tal camp are safe for families to return to. Some 23 families that were previously displaced from Aleppo to Ein el-Tal are being housed in 3 temporary portacabins provide by UNICEF.

Needs update

Latakia:

The need for NFIs (including flashlights and batteries due to the lack of electricity) and food items continues to increase. Special items such as hygiene and dignity kits for women and girls remain a priority. UNRWA has procured some of these items and is distributing them on an ongoing basis.

Health services, assistive devices (including wheelchairs) and psychosocial supports, as well as other protection services such as creating child friendly places, remain high on the list of needs.

Neirab and Ein el-Tal Camps:

There is still a need to scale up aid to provide PSS, repair of damaged homes, food assistance, blankets and other NFIs. In Ein el-Tal, an alternative location is needed for the mobile clinic to operate due to damaged buildings nearby.