In 2018, UNRWA was confronted with an unprecedented financial crisis and faced major challenges in securing the resources needed to provide humanitarian assistance to Palestine refugees in Syria and those in the region affected by the conflict. Only 22.2 per cent, or approximately US$ 73 million of the US$ 329 million appealed for under the 2018 UNRWA Syria Regional Crisis Emergency Appeal was funded. This is a significant decrease from 2017, when the appeal was 43 per cent funded.

UNRWA programmes in Lebanon were also supported by an additional US$ 26.5 million through project funds. This affected services to PRS in Lebanon.

In order to most efficiently utilize limited resources and simultaneously protect the most vulnerable Palestine refugees from Syria (PRS) in Lebanon, UNRWA reviewed its vulnerability mechanism. The Agency recategorized PRS into extremely vulnerable and vulnerable categories.

**Relevant Statistics**

- **2018 UNRWA Achievements and Highlights**
  - **Syria Regional Crisis Appeal Funding Status 2016-2018**
    - US$ 739,053,386
    - As of Dec 2018: 48.3%
    - As of Dec 2017: 43.1%
    - As of Dec 2016: 46.8%

- **Assistance to PRS in Lebanon**
  - **Number of PRS Cash Assistance Recipients**: 30,594
  - **Total Cash Assistance**: US$ 21M
  - **Access to Employment Opportunities**: 900

- **Unrwa Technical and Vocational Education and Training Youth Programme**
  - **882** students enrolled in TVET training centres
  - **78** per cent employment rate among TVET graduates
  - **88** per cent pass rate in graduation examinations
  - **43** percentile among community colleges

- **Unrwa Students**
  - **36K**
  - **65** schools
  - **90%** passed the 12th grade exam

- **Psychosocial Support**
  - **14K** unrwa students received mental health support

- **Cash Assistance**
  - **16K** palestine refugees reached

- **Social Safety Net**
  - **58K** palestine refugees reached

- **Microcredit Loans**
  - **195** provided to palestine refugees

- **Health Consultations**
  - **1.6M**
  - **27** medical facilities

- **Involvement in TVET**
  - **882** students enrolled in TVET training centres
  - **43** percentile among community colleges
  - **78** per cent employment rate among TVET graduates
  - **88** per cent pass rate in graduation examinations

- **Additional Support**
  - **152,531** medical consultations for PRS recorded in Lebanon during 2018.
  - **13,000** PRS benefited from water and sanitation infrastructure improvement, rehabilitation activities.
  - **8,641** PRS received winterization assistance.

**Other Achievements**

- **Graduate Job Placement Rate**: 79%
- **9th-12th Grade Students Received Career Guidance Unit Training**: 6,663
- **Graduate Job Placement Rate**: 79%
- **Hospitalization Cases Supported at Secondary and Tertiary Levels by UNRWA**: 27,499
- **99.5%** vaccination coverage for children under five years-old
- **3,399** palestine refugees employed by UNRWA in Lebanon