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**UNRWA Completes 100 New Shelters for Palestine Refugees  
in Ein el-Tal Camp, Aleppo**

The United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA) recently handed over an additional 40 housing units to 40 Palestine refugee families. Until now, these families have been living in poor housing units which were originally World War II army barracks in the nearby Neirab refugee camp. This brings the total number of new housing units that UNRWA has given to families to 100.

The hand-over marks the completion of the third stage of new houses being built in a major UNRWA project to improve the living conditions of thousands of impoverished Palestine refugees in northern Syria in partnership with the Syrian Government. The beneficiary families have now started the final finishing works of their new houses on a self-help basis so that they can complete their homes in their own way.

In addition, the Syrian Government has provided a new water supply network to serve houses in Ein el-Tal camp. The Government's construction of a thirty meter-high water tower means that, for the first time, 60 families benefit from the water supply network – thereby bringing an end to their daily water shortages.

“The project reflects the cooperation between the Syrian Arab Republic, UNRWA and donor countries (Canada, Switzerland, and the US) to provide better services to Palestine refugees. Thanks to our donors and the strong support of the Syrian Government, UNRWA was able to help the Neirab refugee community with better accommodation and also to raise the standard of living for the Palestine refugee communities both in Ein el-Tal and Neirab”, said Panos Moutziz, Director of UNRWA Affairs in Syria.

The Neirab Rehabilitation Project aims to address the problem of some 1,300 families living in the Neirab barracks area. Neirab is densely populated with buildings constructed in a haphazard manner. The first phase of the Project includes the construction of 265 new housing units and related infrastructure in Ein el-Tal camp for families who volunteered to move from Neirab. Original barracks will be replaced with two- and three- storey housing units in the future. There are also social and economic components of the project that help to improve refugees' livelihoods.

UNRWA is a humanitarian relief and development agency providing basic services – education, health, relief and social services – to over 4.3 million registered Palestine refugees in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, Jordan, Lebanon and the Syrian Arab Republic. UNRWA also provides emergency relief in times of crisis and operates a microfinance and microenterprise programme. In Syria, the Agency provides assistance to some 437,790 refugees.

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