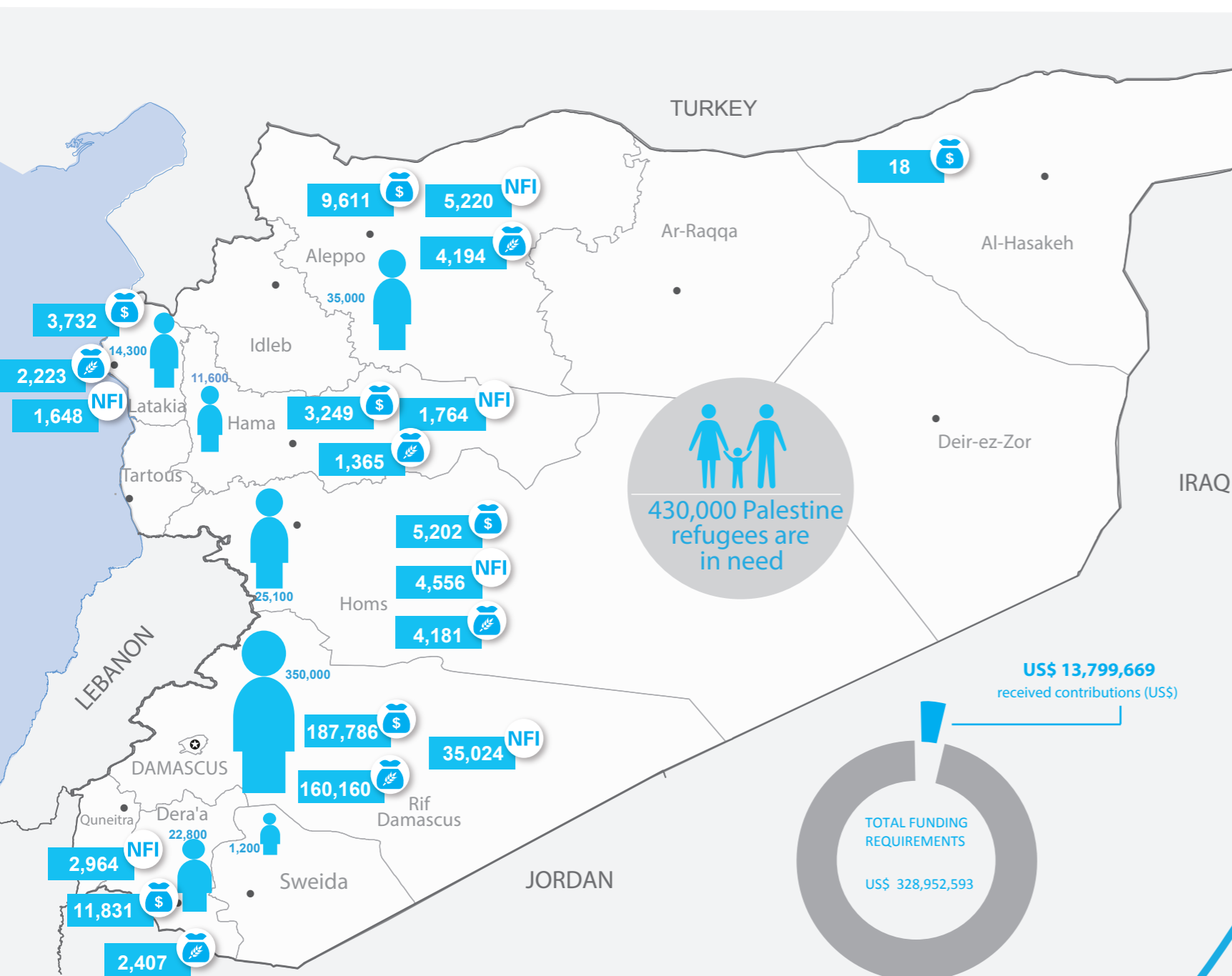




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UNRWA noted the escalation of violence in Dera'a Governorate, south of Damascus. Fighting among all parties to the conflict in the area at the end of February caused large displacement of families, impeded civilian access to live-saving aid and resulted in the deaths of Palestine refugees. UNRWA is closely monitoring the situation and started providing humanitarian assistance to the displaced in February.



CASH ASSISTANCE:

In total, 390,809 Palestine refugees (116,535 families) across Syria benefited from the first round of cash assistance for 2017, which began on 15 January. Each individual received the equivalent of US\$ 96 in Syrian Pounds, covering three months' worth of assistance, including a one-time US\$ 32 top-up for winter.

221,429 individuals

69,780 families

FOOD & NON-FOOD ITEMS (NFI):

UNRWA concluded the fifth round of food assistance for 2016 on 22 February and started the first round for 2017 on 19 February. Distributions took place in 17 distribution centres and nine collective shelters across the country. During this month, 174,530 individuals (46,278 families) received 67,442 food parcels.

67,442 food parcels
297 blankets
4,119 mattresses
9 collective shelters

HEALTH:

By the end of the month, 68,179 health consultations were provided to 28,872 men and 39,307 women through 15 health centres and 11 health points. Agreements with 23 hospitals were maintained to ensure access to subsidized secondary health care.

15 health centres

11 health points

SHELTER:

In February, 2,157 Palestine refugees were accommodated in nine collective shelters in Damascus and Rif Damascus. All shelter residents received daily hot meals or food parcels, in addition to 33,176 canned food and 13,471 dry food items.

2,157 individuals

712 families

EDUCATION:

UNRWA continued to provide primary education to 45,723 students in 44 UNRWA schools and 57 UNRWA-managed schools in government buildings. The Agency also conducted mine awareness education trainings in six schools in Khan Eshieh, Husseiniyeh, and Qabr Essit in cooperation with UNICEF.

101 Schools | 45,720 students

44 UNRWA schools

57 UNRWA-managed schools in government buildings

LIVELIHOODS:

In February, 2,780 Palestine refugees benefited from 695 loans through four microfinance offices across Syria. Microfinance loans help Palestine refugees improve their standard of living by enabling them to repair and refurbish homes and generate income by establishing or developing businesses.

2,780 benefiting individuals

695 loans

WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE:

UNRWA distributed a total of 12,544 hygiene kits, 840 baby and adult diapers, and 4,250 sanitary napkins, as well as 700 baby kits to residents of collective shelters and through distributions centres. Provision of regular garbage collection, sewage systems infrastructure rehabilitation, equipment, spare parts, fuel, and safe drinking water to camps and host communities continued throughout the month.

12,544 hygiene kits
4,250 sanitary napkins
840 baby & adult diapers
700 baby kits

persons received cash assistance persons received NFI assistance persons received food assistance