



Syria: UNRWA - Humanitarian Snapshot, March 2017

Fighting increased in Eastern Ghouta, causing major displacement, including for Palestine refugee families. In response to recent developments, UNRWA distributed vital food and non-food assistance to Palestine refugees newly displaced from Qaboun and Barzeh. The Agency also assisted internally displaced Palestine refugees who fled the area of Dera'a to Damascus. To meet the urgent needs of the newly displaced, UNRWA reinforced its contingency stock in Dera'a camp.



Khan Eshieh convoy:

On 30 March 2017, UNRWA participated in the second inter-agency convoy to Khan Eshieh camp since access was resumed in December 2016.

- 8 UNRWA trucks
- 1,500 food parcels
- 1,500 hygiene kits
- 50 kg of medicines



CASH ASSISTANCE:

On 16 March, UNRWA in Syria concluded its first round of cash assistance, which started on 15 January. The first distribution reached 410,157 individuals (118,692 families). Each person received the equivalent of US\$ 96 in Syrian Pounds, including a one-time US\$ 32 top-up for winter.



18,965 individuals



6,969 families



FOOD & NON-FOOD ITEMS (NFI):

A total of 53,217 food parcels were distributed to 185,180 individuals (51,439 families) through the first round of food assistance. Palestine refugees received 4,454 blankets and 1,833 mattresses.



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1,833 mattresses



HEALTH:

During the month, 76,295 health consultations were provided through 15 health centres and 11 health points. The Agency also vaccinated around 12,003 children as part of the Ministry of Health polio vaccination campaign for children under the age of five.



32,919 men



43,376 women



SHELTER:

The nine collective shelters run by UNRWA in Damascus and Rif Damascus accommodated 2,137 Palestine refugees. Shelter residents received daily hot meals or food parcels, as well as non-food items and cash assistance.



2,137 individuals



709 families



EDUCATION:

The Agency continued to provide primary education to 45,723 students in 44 UNRWA schools and 57 UNRWA-managed schools in government buildings. In Latakia, UNRWA launched a new project providing children from 6 to 14 years old with handcraft activities to explore ideas about children's rights.

101 Schools | 45,723 students

44 UNRWA schools

57 UNRWA-managed schools in government buildings



PROTECTION:

UNRWA carried out psychosocial activities targeting 2,260 children in Damascus, Hama, Homs, and Latakia, including art therapy, anti-violence theatre, stress-relieving activities, and sports. The Agency also organized nine Protection Open Days tackling child protection topics like early marriage, child labour, violence at school and home, and gender-based violence (GBV).

4 protection offices

psychosocial activities to 2,260 children



WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE:

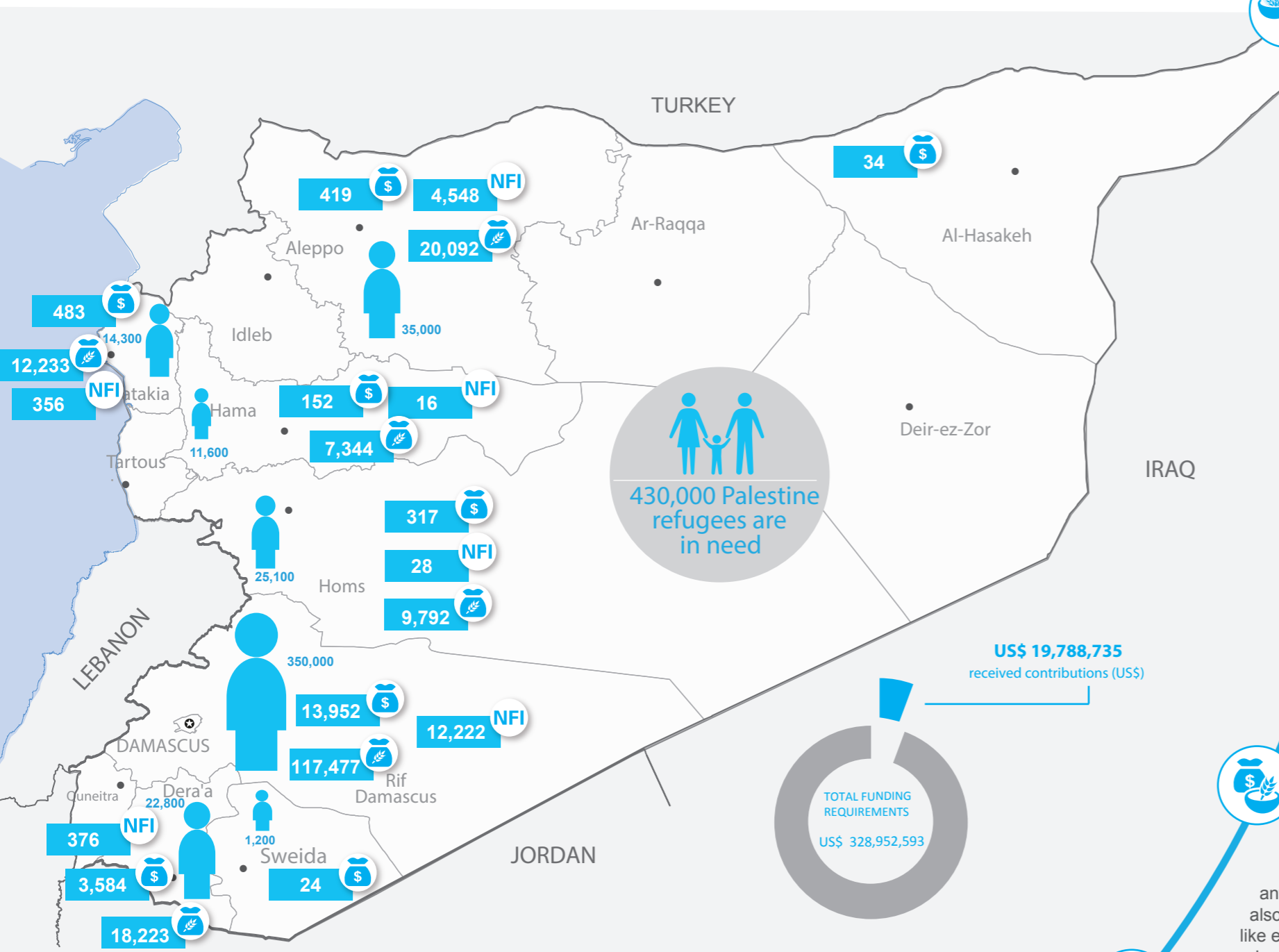
Provision of regular garbage collection, sewage systems infrastructure rehabilitation, fuel, and safe drinking water to camps and host communities continued throughout the month. In addition, UNRWA distributed a total of 2,632 hygiene kits, 888 baby and adult diapers, 2,113 sanitary napkins, and 186 baby kits.

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