



## Increased violence in Eastern Ghouta and mortar attacks in Damascus and surroundings

The month of February witnessed an increase in violence in Eastern Ghouta due to military operations and conflict-related hostilities, exposing up to 400,000 civilians (OCHA), including up to 2,600 Palestine refugees, to a dire humanitarian crisis and causing loss of life and destruction of infrastructure. The fighting in Ghouta was accompanied by an increase in mortar incidents in Damascus and its surroundings. On 21 February 2018, two UNRWA students, aged fourteen, were killed in a mortar attack as they walked home after school near the Palestine refugee camp of Jaramana. Two other students were also injured in the attack.



## FOOD, NON-FOOD ITEMS (NFI) & SHELTER:

2,515 individuals received 2,808 food parcels as part of the first round of food assistance. 1,627 individuals received non-food items (including hygiene kits) delivered in 16 distribution centres and 8 shelters. Due to a decreasing shelter population (1,590 as of February), the collective shelter in Jericho school in Khan Dunoun was closed.

- 16 distribution centres
- 8 collective shelters
- 2,808 food parcels
- 10,382 non-food items



## CASH ASSISTANCE:

As part of round one, 186,167 beneficiaries (52,405 families) received two-months worth of assistance, amounting to US\$ 64 per individual.

91.5% of refugees in need was reached in 1st round



## EDUCATION:

90 teachers in eight schools in conflict-affected areas including Qabr Essit, Khan Eshieh, and Husseinieh received training by psychosocial counsellors on how to deal with children who lost parents to the conflict.

104 schools | 46,847 students

23,185 girls  
23,662 boys



## HEALTH:

A total of 87,685 health consultations (40,801 males and 46,884 females) were provided to Palestine refugee patients at the 26 UNRWA health facilities across Syria.

26 health centres & points  
46,884 women  
40,801 men



## PROTECTION:

UNRWA, in coordination with the local community in Homs, implemented recreational, PSS and mental health activities reaching 427 Students.

427 students participated in PSS and mental health activities



## WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE (WASH):

UNRWA provided Palestine refugees with 10,252 items of WASH assistance (466 hygiene kits, 8,290 diapers, 1,313 sanitary napkins). UNRWA also continued its rehabilitation work of WASH infrastructure in Sbeineh and other camps, as well as water trucking when necessary.

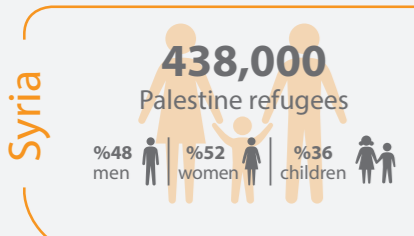
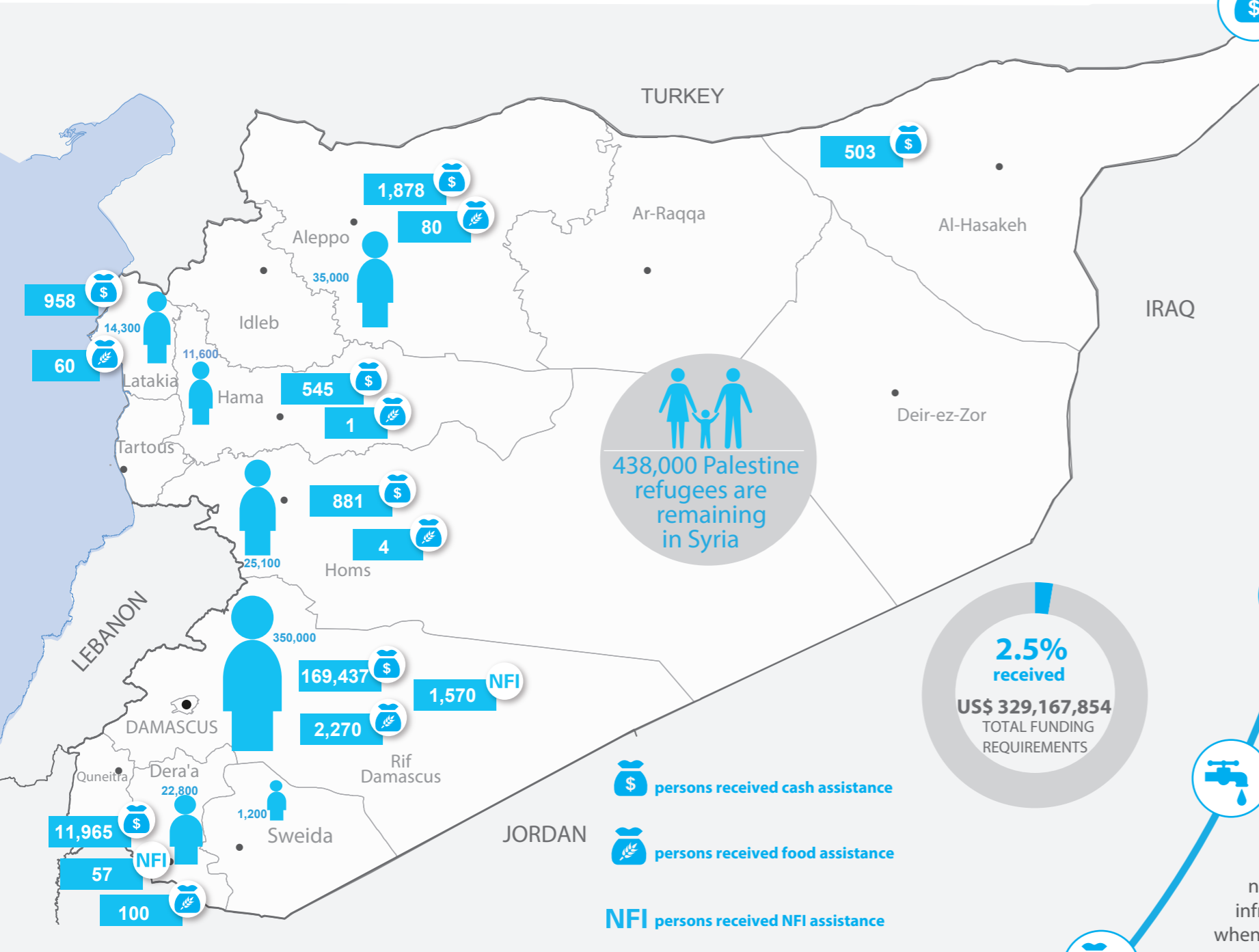
562 hygiene kits  
8,290 baby & adult diapers  
1,313 sanitary napkins  
1,357 baby kits



## LIVELIHOODS (MICROFINANCE & TVET):

36 students (18 women and 18 men) completed training on business plan development, and 124 students (91 women and 33 men) completed courses on employability skills. 999 loans (327 to women and 672 to men) were provided by the Microfinance Department benefiting up to 3,397 Palestine refugees and Syrians.

124 students completed employability skills  
36 students completed training on business plans  
999 loans 33% women



- 58%** of refugees are internally displaced
- 95%** of refugees are in need of sustained humanitarian assistance
- 13%** of refugees are trapped in hard-to-reach and besieged areas