



Palestine refugee children stand in front of a destroyed building in Ein el Tal camp in Syria. © 2018 UNRWA Photo by Ahmad Abou Zeid

# syria regional crisis emergency appeal 2019

After eight years, the conflict in Syria continues to have dramatic consequences on the lives of civilians. Violent and widespread hostilities have resulted in deaths and injuries, internal displacement, large-scale migration to other countries, lost livelihoods and mounting needs.

Palestinians continued to be severely affected by the conflict throughout 2018. Of the estimated 438,000 Palestine refugees remaining inside Syria,<sup>1</sup> a vast majority are in critical need of sustained humanitarian assistance. Some 254,000 Palestine refugees have been displaced at least once since the beginning of the conflict and an estimated 13,500 are trapped in hard-to-reach or inaccessible locations.<sup>2</sup> Ein el Tal, Dera'a and Yarmouk official and non-official camps, previously home to more than 30 per cent of the Palestine refugee population in Syria, have been largely destroyed by the hostilities.

More than 120,000 Palestinian refugees from Syria (PRS) have fled the country, including around 29,000 currently present in Lebanon and 17,719 in Jordan.

Many face a precarious and marginalized existence due to their uncertain legal status and limited social protection mechanisms, making them heavily reliant on UNRWA for their basic needs.

In 2019, UNRWA requires US\$ 277 million for its humanitarian response to the Syria regional crisis. The Agency's humanitarian response will be guided by the following three strategic priorities:

- **Strategic Priority 1:** Preserving resilience through the provision of humanitarian assistance, ensuring that the most vulnerable refugees meet their basic needs.
- **Strategic Priority 2:** Contributing to a protective environment for Palestine refugees by maintaining access to basic services including health, education, livelihoods, water, sanitation and hygiene and protection.
- **Strategic Priority 3:** Improving the effectiveness and efficiency of emergency programme delivery through strengthened humanitarian capacity, coordination and management.

The 2019 Syria Emergency Appeal is available at <https://www.unrwa.org/resources/emergency-appeals/syria-regional-crisis-emergency-appeal-2019>

<sup>1</sup> As of December 2018. UNRWA expects this figure to increase to some 445,000 Palestine refugees in 2019.

<sup>2</sup> As of October 2018.

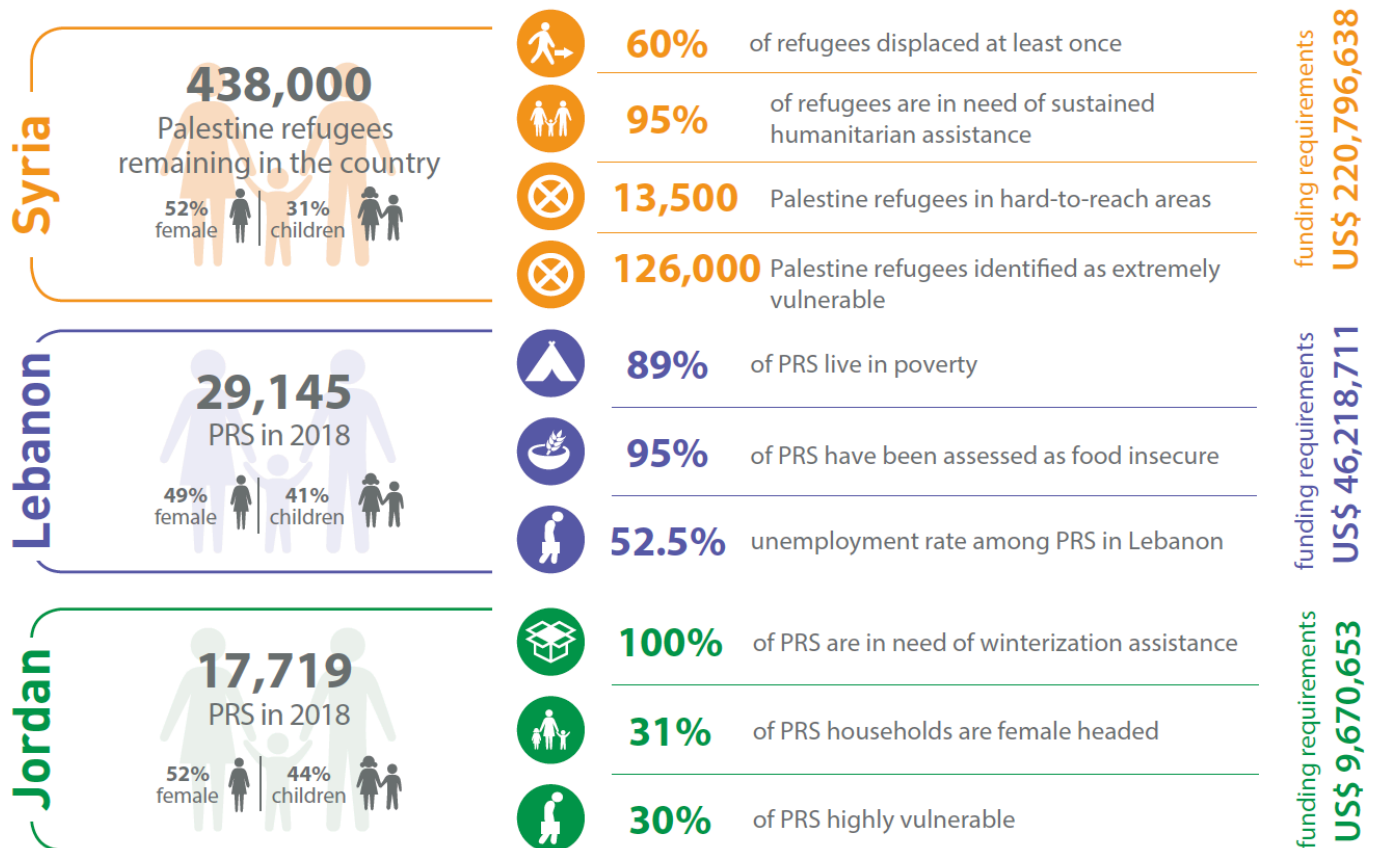
<sup>3</sup> This amount includes the following funding requirements: Syria (US\$ 220,796,638); Lebanon (US\$ 46,218,711); Jordan (US\$ 9,670,653); Regional response (US\$ 216,969).

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**Total funding requirements: US\$ 276,902,971<sup>3</sup>**

**560,000** Palestine refugees registered with UNRWA in Syria prior to conflict

more than **50,000** Palestine refugees from Syria have fled to locations outside the region



## UNRWA Emergency Interventions in Syria, Lebanon and Jordan in 2019

Cash Assistance	Emergency cash assistance to 418,000 Palestinians in Syria, 28,800 PRS in Lebanon, and 18,500 PRS in Jordan, to meet a range of food and non-food needs with a focus on the most vulnerable.
Food Assistance	Emergency food assistance for some 126,000 highly vulnerable Palestine refugees in Syria.
Non-Food Items	Provision of emergency non-food items to 30,000 Palestine refugees affected by emergency situations in Syria.
Livelihoods	Microfinance loans to 11,500 Palestine refugees and Syrians and vocational and skills training to about 2,000 Palestinian youth in Syria, Lebanon and Jordan.
Health	Access to basic health care for all Palestine refugees in Syria and PRS in Jordan and Lebanon.
Education in Emergencies	Continued access to education for over 51,000 Palestinians in Syria, 5,254 PRS in Lebanon and 1,500 PRS in Jordan.
Protection	Enhanced protection environment for Palestine refugees and continued advocacy for respect for international humanitarian law (IHL) and international human rights law (IHRL).
Environmental Health	WASH services provided in 100 per cent of accessible Palestine refugee camps in Syria and improved solid waste management inside UNRWA camps in Lebanon and Jordan.
Safety and Security	Ensuring the safety and security of staff and beneficiaries.
Repair & Maintenance of UNRWA installations	Rehabilitation of UNRWA installations affected by the conflict in Syria, ensuring continued service provision; and repair and maintenance of prioritized UNRWA installations in Lebanon.



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UNRWA is a United Nations agency established by the General Assembly in 1949 and is mandated to provide assistance and protection to a population of some 5.4 million registered Palestine refugees. Its mission is to help Palestine refugees in Jordan, Lebanon, Syria, West Bank and the Gaza Strip to achieve their full potential in human development, pending a just solution to their plight. UNRWA services encompass education, health care, relief and social services, camp infrastructure and improvement, microfinance and emergency assistance. UNRWA is funded almost entirely by voluntary contributions.