

UNRWA provides urgent winterization support to Palestine refugees in Dera'a camp

In February 2019, UNRWA provided NFI and WASH items (including blankets, mattresses, mats, tarpaulin sheets, hygiene kits and kitchen sets) as part of its winterization support to a total of 842 Palestine refugees who returned to Dera'a camp over the past few weeks. The distribution followed a rapid needs assessment carried out by the UNRWA emergency team in Dera'a camp, which was severely damaged during the conflict. The camp still suffers from a scarcity of basic services, including electricity and water; however the most vulnerable Palestine refugee families have chosen to return to their homes despite the challenging conditions awaiting them to save on rental costs, which have become a major economic burden.



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

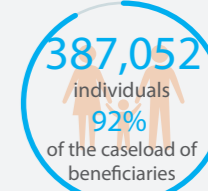
In February, UNRWA started preparation for the launch of the first round of food assistance planned for March 2019. This round will adopt the Agency's new targeted approach, which focuses on the most vulnerable categories, as identified by the vulnerability assessment report.

First round of targeted food assistance will be launched in March 2019



CASH ASSISTANCE:

In February, 93,487 Palestine refugees received emergency cash assistance through the first round of distribution, launched on 13 January 2019. Each beneficiary received US\$ 46. The eligibility criteria and assistance amount will be allocated according to the new targeted approach in the second round of cash distribution.



First cash round as of end February 2019



WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE (WASH):

UNRWA provided 842 Palestine refugees returning to Dera'a camp with 268 hygiene kits, 268 jerry cans in addition to distributing 7,794 baby and adult diapers in various locations. UNRWA also ensured garbage collection in all camps.

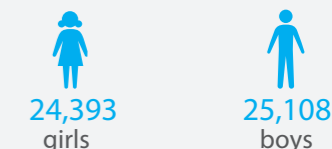
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EDUCATION:

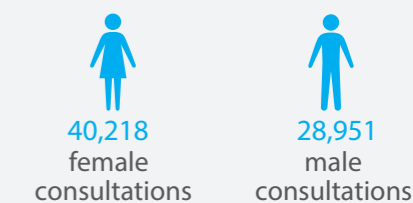
A total of 221 students in 9th from Damascus and Rif Damascus participated in an induction visit to Damascus Training Centre (DTC) aimed at career guidance and counselling.

103 schools | 49,501 students



HEALTH:

UNRWA participated in the national campaign against polio reaching 13,634 children with vaccination. A total of 69,169 health consultations were provided to Palestine refugee patients at 22 UNRWA health facilities and three mobile clinics, which were deployed to Ein El-Tal, Jillin and Yalda providing 970 consultations.



PROTECTION:

During the month of February, a total of 248 cases approached and received assistance at six UNRWA Family Support Offices across the country. Forty-seven cases benefitted from legal subsidies while 201 cases were supported through PSS and legal advice, mainly for civil documentation issues, such as marriage and birth registrations and divorce filings.

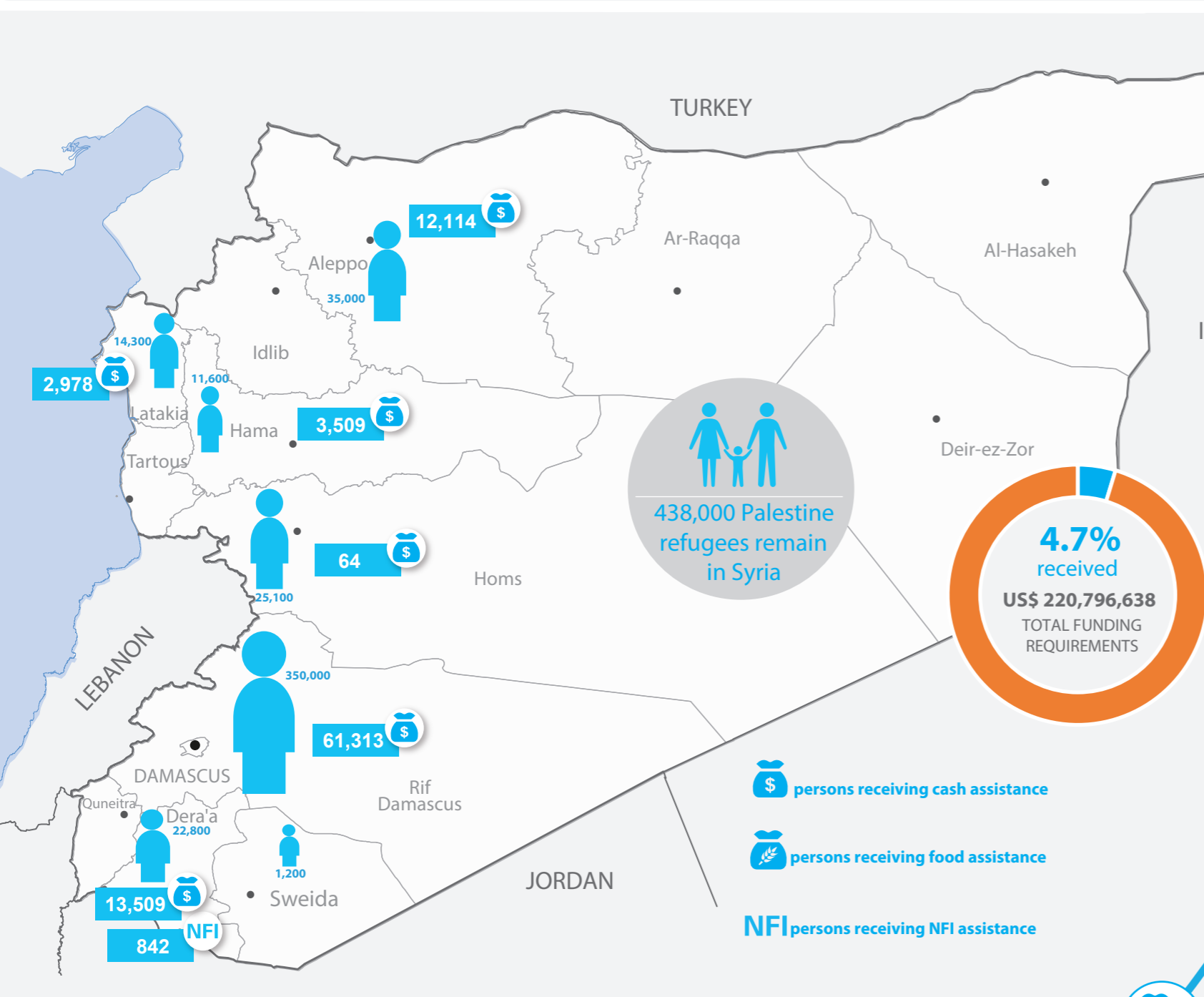
248 protection cases provided with assistance



LIVELIHOODS:

Four hundred eighty-seven loans were provided by the Microfinance Department benefitting up to 1,656 Palestine refugees and Syrians. A short-term vocational training course for tailoring, targeting 20 persons with disabilities, is being conducted at DTC. In addition, 1,039 students are currently enrolled in long-term courses and scheduled to graduate in June 2019.

- 487 microfinance loans
 - 38% female
 - 7% youth
- 20 trainees with disabilities enrolled in short-term course
 - 60% female



438,000 Palestine refugees remain in Syria



- persons receiving cash assistance
- persons receiving food assistance
- NFI persons receiving NFI assistance

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

438,000 Palestine refugees remaining in the country

- 60% of refugees displaced at least once
- 95% of refugees are in need of sustained humanitarian assistance
- 13,500 Palestine refugees in hard-to-reach areas
- 126,000 Palestine refugees identified as extremely vulnerable

52% female | 3% children

funding requirements US\$ 220,796,638