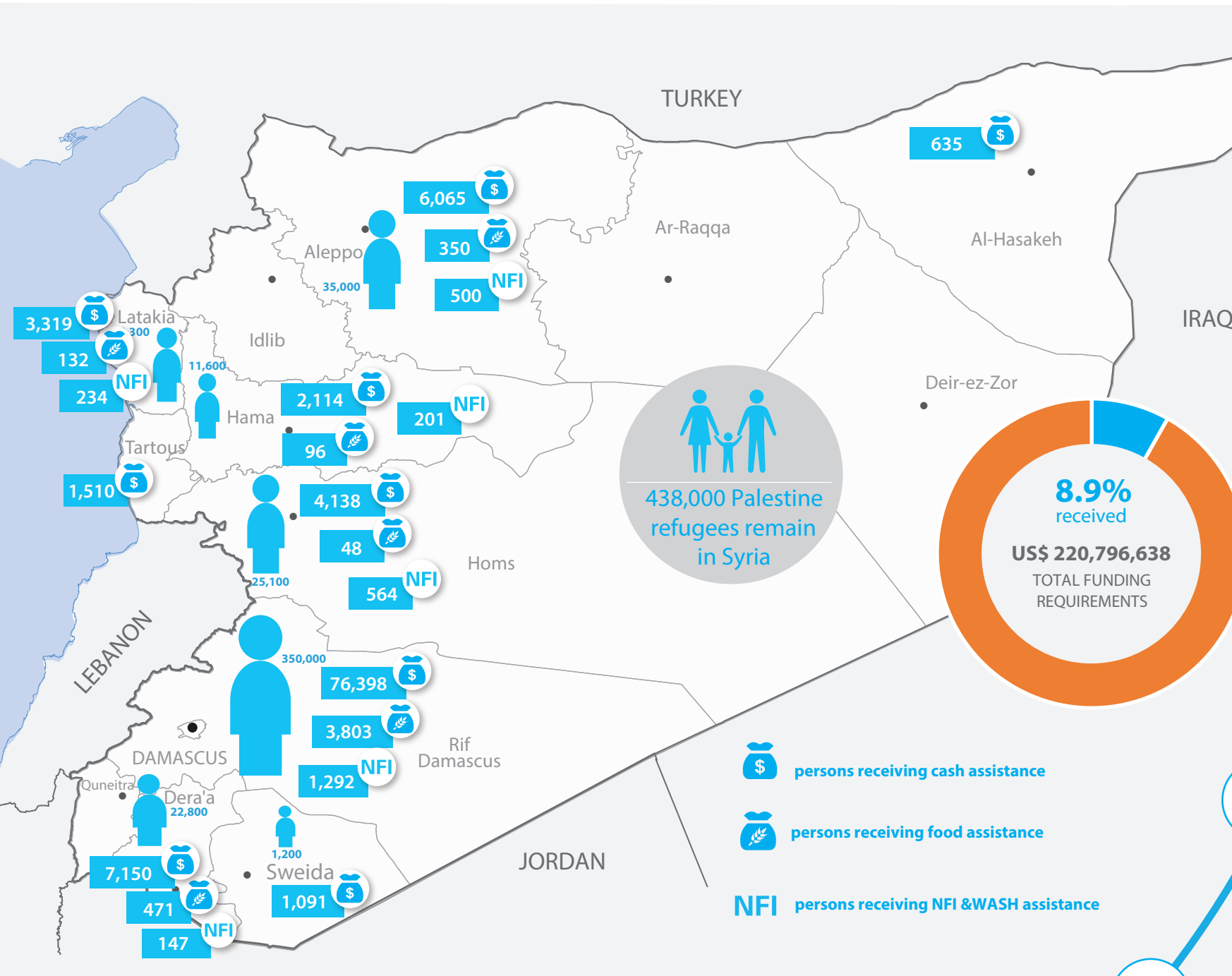
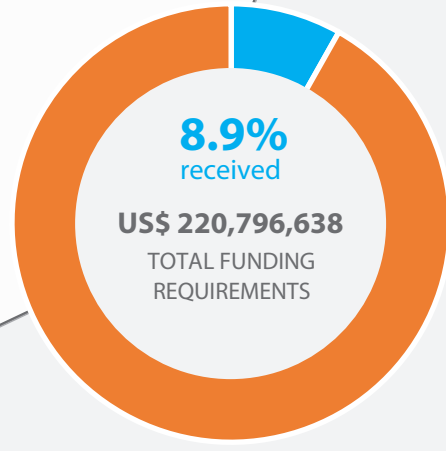


## Intensifying hostilities in the north-west lead to increased casualties

Tension and violence have escalated rapidly in Idlib and surrounding Hama and Aleppo late April and early May. The UN Secretary-General was alarmed by reports of aerial attacks on population centers and civilian infrastructure resulting in hundreds of civilian deaths and injuries and over 150,000 newly displaced persons. On 16 May, several rockets hit the densely populated Neirab camp for Palestine refugees in Aleppo, killing at least ten civilians and wounding more than thirty. Among those killed were four children, of whom three are UNRWA students. Another child succumbed to her wounds several days later. UNRWA is monitoring the situation closely and is committed to providing humanitarian assistance in cases of major displacement or intensified hostilities to the 10,000-20,000 Palestine refugees estimated to be in the area.



438,000 Palestine refugees remain in Syria



## CASH ASSISTANCE:

A targeted approach was applied to the second round of cash distribution in 2019, launched on 19 May; this round of assistance covers approximately four months worth of assistance. Individuals belonging to the most vulnerable tier (up to 126,000 individuals) will receive a total of about US\$ 56, while members of the second tier (about 292,000 individuals) will receive a total of about US\$ 36.

102,420 individuals received cash assistance in May

## HEALTH:

UNRWA reached 2,808 individuals through a health education campaign raising awareness on the dangers of smoking. Meanwhile, a total of 59,797 health consultations were provided to Palestine refugee patients through 22 UNRWA health facilities across Syria, and 1,237 consultations were delivered through mobile clinics deployed to Ein el-Tal, Jillin and Yalda.

33,672 female consultations  
26,125 male consultations

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

A total of 4,900 individuals from the most vulnerable categories of Palestine refugees received food baskets, while 82 non-food items were distributed to Palestine refugees, identified as eligible for NFI assistance.

4,276 food baskets  
82 non-food items (NFIs)

## LIVELIHOODS:

Nine-hundred and ninety-six loans (439 females, 117 youth) were provided by the Microfinance Department benefiting 3,386 Palestine refugees and Syrian nationals. Also in May, 251 TVET students completed their exams for trade courses.

996 microfinance loans  
44% female  
12% youth  
251 long-term students completed their exams

## PROTECTION:

Almost 200 elderly persons and persons with disabilities benefitted from Iftar meals during Ramadan organized by UNRWA. For many elderly people who live alone, Ramadan is a particularly difficult period of the year as it is usually an occasion to spend time with the family – many of whom have left the country because of conflict and unrest.

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## EDUCATION:

In May, 48,883 students from grades 1 to 9 attended classes in 103 UNRWA run schools across Syria. UNRWA provided additional academic and psychosocial support to help students prepare for their upcoming 9th grade national exams.

103 schools | 48,883 students  
24,098 girls  
24,785 boys

## WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE (WASH):

UNRWA provided Palestine refugees with 8,833 items of WASH assistance, mainly composed of baby and adult diapers. In addition, UNRWA launched an environmental health campaign during Ramadan aimed at cleaning the camps by bringing together community members, UNRWA sanitation workers and school attendants. The camps covered in the initiative included Sbeineh, Jaramana, Qabr Essit, Khan Dunoun and Khan Eshieh in Rif Damascus area in addition to Latakia, Hama, Dera'a and Homs camps.

18 hygiene kits & jerry cans  
8,815 baby and adult diapers

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

**438,000** Palestine refugees remaining in the country  
52% female | 31% children

- 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

Funding requirements: **US\$ 220,796,638**