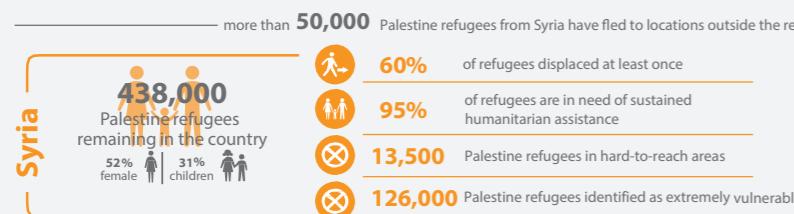
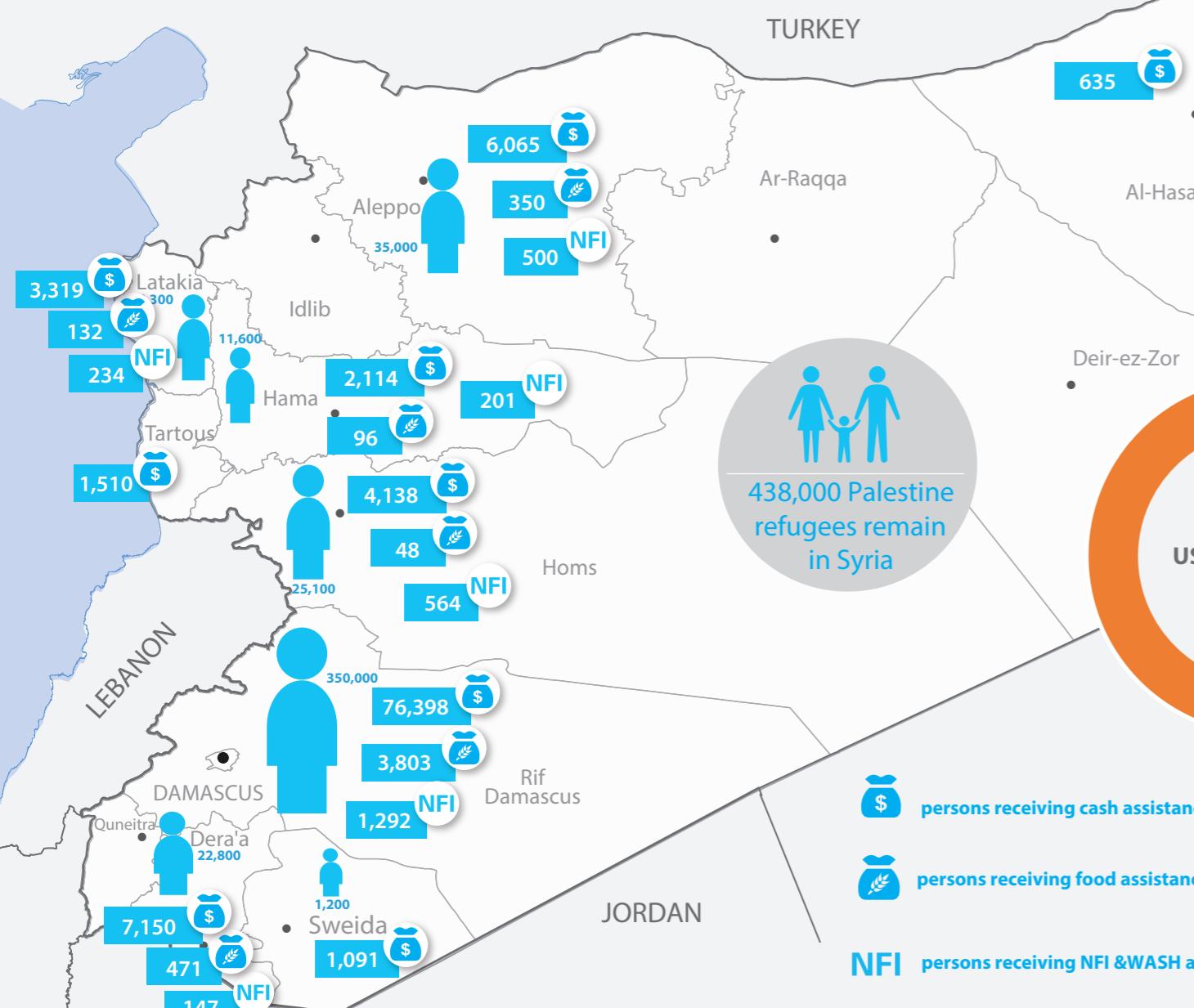


## Intensifying hostilities in the north-west lead to increased casualties

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 refugee estimated to be in the area.



## 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



33,672

female consultations



26,125

male consultations

4,276 food baskets

82 non-food items (NFIs)

996 microfinance loans

44% female  
12% youth

251 long-term students completed their exams

200 elderly persons and persons with disabilities benefitted from Iftar meals in Ramadan

103 schools | 48,883 students



24,098

girls



24,785

boys

18 hygiene kits & jerry cans

8,815 baby and adult diapers

## 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.