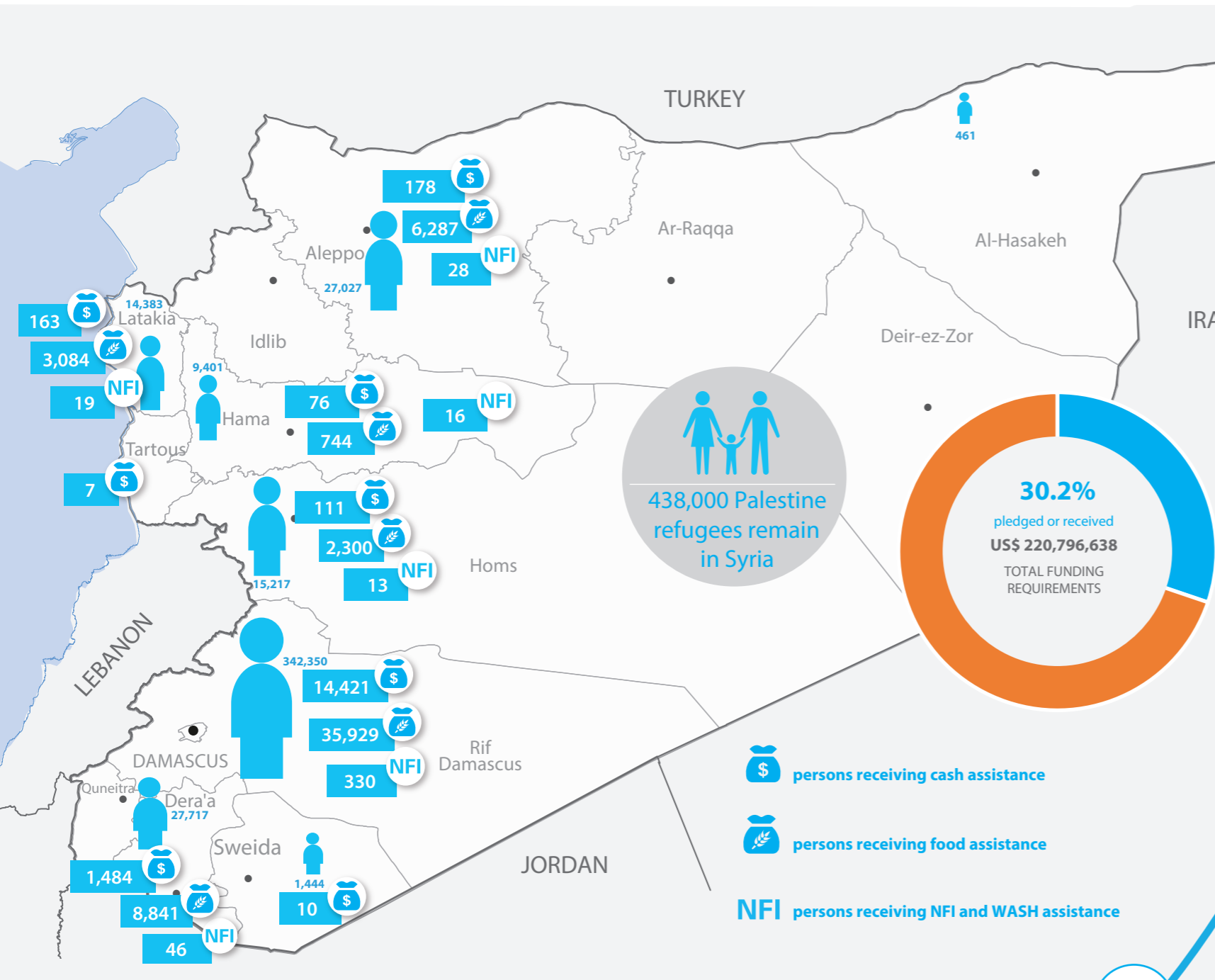


Intensifying hostilities in Idlib province

Hostilities in Syria's Idlib province, which has been largely controlled by NSAGs, has intensified at the end of 2019. Fierce fighting has caused the deaths of many civilians and forced tens of thousands to leave their homes in search of safety. Bad weather conditions, combined with significant temperature drops, have further exacerbated the difficult living conditions of civilians. UNRWA estimates that several hundred Palestine refugee families reside in the area. UNRWA is monitoring the developments closely, and strives to provide emergency assistance, including in-kind food and NFIs, to displaced persons and other Palestine refugees affected by the conflict in neighbouring Hama and Aleppo.



CASH ASSISTANCE:

On 13 December 2019, UNRWA completed the third round of cash distribution in 2019 benefiting in total 410,870 vulnerable Palestine refugees, 127,357 of whom belonged to the most vulnerable tier. This round covered approximately five months' worth of assistance.

16,450 individuals received cash assistance in December

HEALTH:

UNRWA health facilities provided 67,517 health consultations to Palestine refugees across Syria in December 2019, of which 1,327 were delivered by two mobile clinics deployed to Yalda, and Ein el Tal. UNRWA also rolled out the e-health system in Hama health centre.

39,105 female consultations
28,412 male consultations

WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE (WASH):

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UNRWA provided Palestine refugees with 620 items of WASH assistance based on need. Items included 590 baby diapers and 30 jerry cans. UNRWA also ensured timely garbage collection in all camps.

620 WASH items delivered

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

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As part of the third distribution round, UNRWA delivered food baskets to 57,185 of the most vulnerable Palestine refugees in December 2019. In addition, 588 non-food items were delivered based on needs, including blankets, mattresses, kitchen kits, baby kits, tarpaulin and mats.

57,185 individuals received food assistance in December

588 non-food items (NFIs) distributed in December

EDUCATION:

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UNRWA conducted three trainings for 78 psychosocial support (PSS) counsellors. Training topics included "Dealing with Challenges in the Classroom", "Doll Making" for psychosocial support targeting children, and dealing with explosive remnants of the war (ERWs).

103 schools | 49,931 students

24,579 girls
25,352 boys

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UNRWA organized field visits to local employers for around 310 students enrolled in its vocational programme. The visits introduced students to companies from different sectors with the aim of improving their networking skills and employability. UNRWA Microfinance Department issued 1,010 project and consumer loans benefiting approximately 3,434 Palestine refugees and Syrians.

310 students participated in visits to local employers

1,010 microfinance loans
40% female
14% youth

PROTECTION:

On 3 December 2019, UNRWA commemorated the International Day of Persons with Disabilities with an event that brought together families and leaders from the local community in addition to UNRWA volunteers who are living with disabilities. On 12 December 2019, 100 Palestine refugee children from UNRWA Homs schools' theatre club performed their fourth annual play "Eve." This activity was part of the 16 days of activism against GBV campaign and the 30th anniversary of the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

16-Day Campaign against Gender-Based Violence

100 Palestine refugee students performed in a theatrical play

