

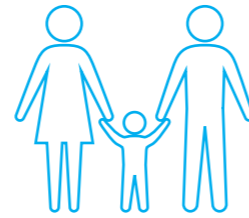
Rapid Increase in Number of Confirmed Cases of COVID-19

Since the beginning of the pandemic, 98 Palestine refugees (non-staff) have tested positive to COVID-19, and six refugees have died after contracting the virus. A total of 135 UNRWA staff (including 117 Palestine refugees and 18 Syrians) have tested positive to COVID-19. As of 31 December 2021, 23 staff were in quarantine.

Yarmouk Mission

On 9 December 2020, a one-day distribution of food and non-food items was conducted reaching up to 326 families who were recently allowed to return to Yarmouk camp, including 272 Palestinian refugee families. This assistance was part of the UNRWA emergency response to support the Palestine refugees in newly accessible areas. The activity was accompanied by the distribution of UNMAS publications to raise awareness on mine risks for these families.

438,000 Palestine refugees remain in Syria



126,000 Palestine refugees in most vulnerable category

91% of Palestine refugee households in Syria live in absolute poverty

2/3 of Palestine refugees were displaced at least once since 2011

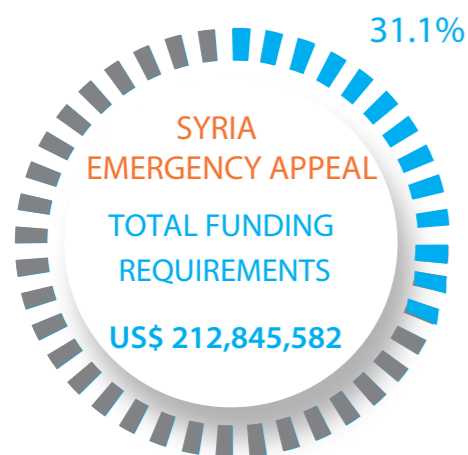
40% of Palestine refugees remain displaced in Syria

26 Palestine refugees returned from Lebanon and Jordan in December, 2020 (1,053 since beginning of 2020).

10 Palestine refugees returned from other countries in December, 2020 (330 since beginning of 2020).



Emergency Appeal Requirements in Syria for 2020



UNRWA requires US\$ 212.8 million to sustain the delivery of humanitarian assistance, basic services and protection interventions to the 438,000 Palestine refugees estimated to remain in Syria.

As of 31 December 2020, a total of US\$ 66.2 million were pledged or received from donors and partners, representing 31.1 per cent of total requirements.

13,635 Palestine refugees received cash assistance in December, bringing the total number of beneficiaries during the third round of assistance in 2020 to 415,781 including 134,995 belonging to most vulnerable categories.

57,618 Primary Health Consultations

23,024 female | 34,594 male

NFI

752 Blankets
361 Kitchen sets
352 Mats
5 Mattresses

147,222 Palestine refugees received in-kind food assistance in December, bringing the total number of beneficiaries during the second round of assistance in 2020 to approximately 273,000.

25 UNRWA health facilities are operating a triage system for people with respiratory symptoms, through a dedicated team of health staff.

5,510 Adult diapers
789 Baby diapers
655 Jerrycans
8 Baby Kits
100 Tarpaulins

2,774 individuals benefited from

816 microfinance loans
44% female
14% youth
14% Palestine Refugees

189 Palestine refugees benefited from services provided by Family Support Offices.

131 female | 67 male

Electronic questionnaire was developed to collect students' feedback regarding the online / remote learning mechanism.

COVID-19 Response and Impact on UNRWA Operations in Syria

- As of 31 December, 127,346 patients had reported respiratory complaints since reporting began in March).
- 157 medication home deliveries were conducted in December for NCD patients, bringing the total number of deliveries since March to 2,683.
- 6,395 telemedicine calls were received in December bringing the total to 50,976 calls since the service became available in April 2020.
- 40 cases were confirmed positive to COVID-19, including 34 school staff and 6 students.
- The procurement and distribution of disinfectant liquid and sterilization pumps to schools continued during the reporting period.
- Internet 4G packages were distributed to Damascus Training Center students in order to access electronic learning.
- Awareness-raising messages (in Arabic) to students, parents and the refugee community at large were posted weekly on UNRWA Syria Facebook page.
- 20 activities for 975 (550 male and 425 female) focusing on life skills and sports activities were implemented in Khan Danoun, Qaber Essit, Hama, Homs, Khan Eshieh and Al Nairab.
- During the reporting period, a total of 2,409 individuals received non-food items.
- 2,366 Palestine refugees, including 2,301 children, received psychosocial support, in UNRWA schools and at community-based organization centres in camps.
- 135 Psychology support sessions were provided to vocational trainees.
- Recreational activities for children with disabilities continued to be implemented in community-based organizations (CBOs).
- 9 activities were carried out as part of 16 days of activism against GBV campaign including seminars on AVAC, women's rights, child marriage, and CEDAW. (Participants: 95 females and 45 males).
- Activities took place across CBOs targeting children from particularly vulnerable backgrounds (those displaced from or living in the severely damaged Ein el Tal camp in Aleppo and children in Yalda, displaced from Yarmouk).
- On the occasion of the Human Rights day on 10 December, children in Husseiniyeh (Damascus) and Homs participated in an awareness raising activity on their rights and responsibilities.
- As of 31 December 2020, the UNRWA COVID-19 Appeal requirements were 50.5 per cent funded with Syria portion being 29.7 per cent funded.



Palestine refugee adolescents sing and perform at the opening ceremony of a photo exhibition of Palestine refugees with disabilities at UNRWA Damascus Training Centre

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