

## UNRWA Students Achieve 89.9 per cent Pass Rate in 9th Grade National Exams

In July 2021, the results of the national 9th grade exams were announced: 4,535 UNRWA students (2,271 female and 2,264 male) passed, achieving 89.9 per cent success rate, compared to the national average rate of 76.23 per cent. During May 2021, UNRWA schools across Syria re-opened to provide support classes to UNRWA 9th grade students in preparation for national exams.

### Dera'a emergency response

During the month of July, the security situation in Dera'a deteriorated, following weeks of growing tensions, resulting in the displacement of about 36,000 civilians, including 600 Palestine refugee families (about 3,000 persons) from Dera'a camp in late July and August.

On 27 August 2021, an explosion took place in Dera'a city, close to the Dera'a camp. The UNRWA school building inside the camp was slightly damaged as a result of the [shockwave](#). UNRWA continued to provide basic services and humanitarian assistance during the crisis in spite of road closures. In addition, emergency response was implemented including the activation of a telemedicine system, protection awareness activities and follow-up through the phone with displaced families by UNRWA social workers. UNRWA health clinic in Muzeirib was closed from 1 August, but Palestine refugees have access to healthcare at government medical points in Muzeirib and Jilin. Health services have resumed and are now offered twice a week.

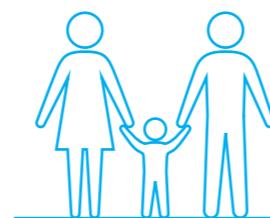
### Increase in number of confirmed cases of COVID-19

Official numbers of new cases have consistently increased, reaching 27,915 cumulative cases as of 31 August, including 711 Palestine refugees were confirmed positive to COVID-19, and 9 have died. Vaccinations are underway; the first batch of 270,000 doses was delivered through COVAX facility. UNRWA is expecting to receive around 2,700 additional AstraZeneca doses for staff shortly. The percentage of vaccinated UNRWA staff in Syria has increased only slightly, but remains too low: 3,316 UNRWA and UN agencies staff and their dependants was vaccinated, and UNRWA continued to proactively advocate for the vaccination.

**438,000** Palestine refugees remain in Syria

 52% female

 31% children



**140,000** Palestine refugees in most vulnerable category

**91%** of Palestine refugees in need of cash and in-kind food assistance

**40%** of Palestine refugees remain in protracted displacement

### Emergency Appeal Requirements in Syria for 2021



As of 31 August 2021, a total of US\$ 91.3 million were pledged or received from donors and partners, representing 47.56 per cent of total requirements.

**152** Palestine refugees returned from Lebanon, Jordan and Gaza in July and August 2021

**69** Palestine refugees returned from other countries in July and August 2021

bringing the total number of returnees since January 2021 to **667**

 The second cash assistance round of 2021 was launched on 25 July, covering four months' worth of assistance. A total of 392,421 Palestine refugees received their assistance reaching to 93 per cent of the caseload of beneficiaries.

 The first round of food distribution for 2021 was launched in April. UNRWA distributed 104,533 food baskets with wheat flour to 187,247 Palestine refugees.

**4,503** individuals benefited from **1,004** microfinance loans  
41% female  
11% youth

 Consultations were provided by UNRWA mobile clinics  
**899** Yalda and Yarmouk  
**303** Ein el-Tal camp

 **125,226** primary health consultations  
76,534 female  
48,692 male

 **22,693** diapers  
71 jerrycans  
387 hygiene kits were distributed

 Training on GBV package was conducted to increase awareness on issues related to gender concepts and GBV for 17 Field Gender focal points (13 female, 4 male).

 **868** individuals benefited from legal consultation services provided by six Family Support Offices  
76,534 female  
48,692 male

 ERW awareness flyers were distributed during June. On 31 August, a very severe [ERW incident](#) occurred in Ein el-Tal camp resulting in seven young boys injured and one of them passed away later. UNRWA is planning to increase the ERW awareness sessions.

 Training for teachers on speech difficulties and intellectual development sessions, to support children with disability as a part of the project funded by UNICEF.

 **580** students from Yarmouk and Jaramana camps benefited from summer clubs in UNRWA schools. The activities including computer courses and life skills, French language club, PSS/COVID-19 awareness sessions, sports and Aerobics sessions.

 **169** trainees completed four vocational courses at Dera'a funded by UN Habitat, in the specialization of carpentry, aluminum, tiling and ceramic works and painting.



Recreational & sport activities during Summer Club for People with Disabilities in Sbeineh. © 2021 UNRWA Photo