

## UNRWA Conducts a Humanitarian Mission to Yarmouk

From 5-7 and 9 December 2021, UNRWA conducted an extended humanitarian mission to Yarmouk camp. 2,886 food baskets with wheat flour were distributed to 784 Palestine refugee families who are currently living in Yarmouk camp. The mission was carried out at a critical time, when vulnerability of Palestine refugees has been deeply compounded by socio-economic implications and by the COVID-19 crisis with new variants. In addition, UNRWA continues to provide health and emergency services in the camp, as well as transportation for school children. Furthermore, UNRWA has obtained daily access to the camp for reconstruction/rehabilitation of UNRWA facilities and for a rapid assessment of houses.

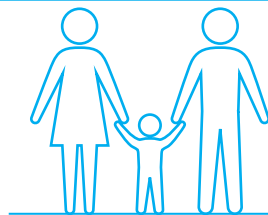
## COVID-19 UPDATE

The situation in Syria continues to be very concerned, even if the number of daily cases has slightly decreased, because vaccine coverage for the population in Syria remains below 10 percent. Humanitarian experts warned that the COVID-19 crisis is likely to worsen in the winter, especially with a new variant. UNRWA health clinics conducted awareness campaigns (one session per week) during November and December about COVID-19 and the COVID-19 vaccine. There were 894 confirmed cases of COVID-19 among Palestine refugees, including nine deaths, since the beginning of the pandemic. UNRWA vaccinated 4,277 persons from UN staff and their dependents. In November, WHO announced that Syria has received over 1.3 million doses of Sinovac COVID-19 vaccine doses through the COVAX facility and UNRWA will receive 40,000 doses of COVID-19 vaccine to be given to Palestine refugees in the coming days.

**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

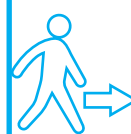
## Emergency Appeal Requirements in Syria for 2021



As of 31 December 2021, a total of US\$ 107.3 million were pledged or received from donors and partners, representing 55.9 per cent of total requirements.

**143** Palestine refugees returned from Lebanon, Jordan and Gaza in November and December 2021

**84** Palestine refugees returned from other countries in November and December 2021



bringing the total number of returnees since January 2021 to

**1,039**

The third round of cash assistance for 2021 was launched on 3 October, and completed on 8 December 2021, covering five months' worth of assistance. A total of 125,289 families (417,807 Palestine refugees) received cash assistance.

Consultations provided through UNRWA mobile clinics



**1,968**

Yalda and Yarmouk

**367**

Ein el-Tal camp

The blanket food assistance started on 19 April and completed on 16 December 2021. A total number of 125,674 families (413,027 Palestine refugees) received their food assistance.



**141,244** primary health consultations



**84,613**

female

**56,631**

male

**3,088** individuals benefited from 908 microfinance loans



**45%** female  
**12%** youth

**19,886** diapers & napkins



**1,894** jerrycans

**817** baby kits

were distributed

Removal of rubble is ongoing from a few UNRWA facilities in Yarmouk and Ein el-Tal camps. Detailed structural assessments will be carried out for these structures and funds will be mobilized for their rehabilitation.



**1,289** individuals benefited from legal consultation services provided by six Family Support Offices



**927**

female

**362**

male

**80** participants of community members benefited from legal seminars on the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW).



**299** Palestine refugees graduated from technical courses at DTC Damascus Training Centre.



**20** employers participated in the opening of an interactive exhibition of DTC, "My Steps Towards My Future".

**20** parents benefited from intellectual development classes to learn about parental behaviors for children with different types of disability through purposeful games in Husseiniyeh.



**103** schools covered by the Explosive Remnants of War (ERW) awareness sessions.



**120** students from Khan Danoun schools participated in Marathon as part of anti bullying activities.



The graduation ceremony for graduates of technical courses. © 2021 UNRWA Photo



ERW awareness sessions for the students in UNRWA schools. © 2021 UNRWA Photo