

## UNRWA Advisory Commission members visited Syria on 18 - 19 June 2022

A delegation of UNRWA Advisory Commission (AdCom) members visited UNRWA in Syria from 18 to 19 June 2022, the first such visit since the beginning of the conflict over a decade ago. The delegation included 11 member states (Finland, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Lebanon, Norway, Palestine, Sweden, Switzerland, Syria and European Union) and was accompanied by Ms. Leni Stenseth, UNRWA Deputy Commissioner-General, and Mr. Amany Michael-Ebye, Director of UNRWA Affairs in Syria. The mission programme included visits to three Palestine refugee camps in Damascus and rural Damascus: Yarmouk, Sbeineh and Khan Eshieh, the UNRWA emergency cash distribution centre and the Damascus Training Centre for Technical and Vocational Education. AdCom members engaged with staff and community members and got a first-hand impression of the reality for Palestine refugees in Syria.

The second round of emergency cash assistance for 2022, covering three months worth of cash assistance, was launched on 10 April and completed on 23 June. A total 416,498 Palestine refugees received cash assistance.

The third round of cash assistance is expected to commence in mid-August. It will cover four months worth of cash assistance.

A total number of 374,246 Palestine refugees received food assistance from the first round of in-kind food distribution, as at the end of June.

Also, UNRWA already started the second round of food distribution on 26 June on an exceptional basis for wheat flour in all areas, excluding Damascus area. The distribution of other food rations for the second round will start in September.

**438,000** Palestine refugees are estimated to remain in Syria

**52 %**  
Female

**31 %**  
children

**420,000** of Palestine refugees in need of cash and in-kind food assistance

**145,000** Palestine refugees in most vulnerable categories

**82 %** of Palestine refugees live on less than US\$ 1.90 a day, UNRWA survey, May 2021

## Emergency Appeal Requirements in Syria for 2022



As of 30 June 2022, UNRWA Syria Emergency Appeal is only 18.8 per cent funded. A total of US\$ 43.6 million were pledged or received from donors and partners.

**170** Palestine refugees returned from Lebanon, Gaza and Jordan in May and June 2022

**103** Palestine refugees returned from other countries in May and June 2022



bringing the total number of returnees since January 2022 to **712**

149,680 individuals received primary health consultations



**92,296** female **57,384** male

Consultations provided through UNRWA mobile clinics



**1,347** **423**

Yalda and Yarmouk Ein el-Tal camp

3,731 students benefited from support sessions for 9th grade.



**1,932** female **1,799** male

433 trainees completed 19 short-term courses at Damascus, Aleppo, Homs and Latakia.



**276** female **157** male

65 community members in Muzeirib and Jilin received awareness-raising on Explosive Remnants of War.



A physical security assessment was conducted for six UNRWA installations in Khan Danoun camp, and four school buildings (6 shifts) in Aleppo.



3,564 individuals benefited from



1,024 microfinance loans  
14% youth 45% female

8 children with disabilities benefited from purposeful activities in Husseinyeh.



**NFI**

400 blankets  
107 kitchen sets  
326 mattresses  
307 baby kits  
were distributed

**WASH**

476 diapers & napkins  
103 hygiene Kits  
96 jerrycans  
were distributed



Sanitation services were carried out on daily basis in ten camps, in addition to disinfection activities. Solid waste collection points were also continued to be sanitized.



342 Palestine refugees benefited from awareness raising provided by six Family Support Offices

**92** female **250** male

UNRWA Commissioner-General Philippe Lazzarini visited Dera'a camp for the inauguration of a health centre, 12 classroom school block and 193 individual shelters rehabilitated by self-help minor shelter repair approach

UNRWA inaugurated a newly rehabilitated health centre and school building in Dera'a camp, in southern Syria, at the presence of the Commissioner-General, Mr. Philippe Lazzarini. The Dera'a camp, once home to 10,000 Palestine refugees, was severely damaged during the conflict. Since the destruction and displacement, over 3,700 Palestine refugees have returned to Dera'a camp, where they faced extremely difficult living conditions, extensive damage and limited access to basic infrastructure. The rehabilitation of the camp's health centre and 12 classrooms of UNRWA Safsaf and Tiberias School was achieved, thanks to support from the Government of Japan and UN-HABITAT. The partnership with UN-HABITAT also made it possible to repair 193 shelters for the most vulnerable Palestine refugee families.



Inauguration of a health centre, 12 classroom school block and 193 individual shelters rehabilitated. © 2022 UNRWA Photo