



# earthquake status update no.18 northern syria - 1 march 2023

## Situation in numbers

- 1,414 deaths reported by the Syrian MoH (incl. 3 Palestine refugees in Neirab, 8 in Latakia and 9 in Jableh)
- 2,349 injuries reported by the MoH (incl. 9 Palrefs in Latakia and 2 in Neirab)
- Damage to homes and buildings (to date) (a = assessed, d = severely damaged, p=partially damaged, c=cracks)
  - Latakia & Jableh d (35), p (9), c (107)
  - Neirab: d (56), p (178)
  - Aleppo: p (86)
  - Ein el-Tal p (9)
  - Hama: a (118), d (5), p (7)
- No. Displaced families in the north:
  - Neirab: 44 families (200 people)
  - Ein el-Tal: 87 families (273 people)
  - Aleppo city: 424 families (1,526 people)
  - Total: 555 families (1,999 people)
- As of 1 March, 746 calls (m 247, f 499) telemedicine calls were made.
- Between 12 February and 1 March, 131 patients received PSS supports from UNRWA's Health Centres in Latakia, Aleppo and Hama

## UNRWA flash appeal

On 6<sup>th</sup> February, UNRWA launched its flash appeal for USD 2.7m to assist Palestine refugees who have been impacted by the earthquake. This will be revised in March.

## Geographical coverage

Northern and Central Areas – Aleppo (including Neirab & Ein el-Tal Camps) and Latakia (including Jableh) and Hama.

## UNRWA's Response

UNRWA is providing general assistance to families in the affected areas and targeted supports to Palestine refugees who have been made either temporarily or permanently homeless (under assessment). A round of cash assistance is currently being distributed to 13,905 impacted families.

## Daily highlights

### Emergency Cash Distribution to 13,905 affected Palestine refugee families Commences

Starting 26 February, Relief workers and Project Associates in Aleppo and Latakia have been assisting with the distribution of emergency cash assistance to support Palestine Refugees who are living in the areas which were affected by the earthquakes. As of 27 February, about 13 percent of beneficiaries had received their payments of SYP 441,600.

A needs assessment is being rolled out as part of the distribution, with a team of volunteers assisting with data collection at each of the distribution outlets, with the aim of interviewing each recipient of the cash assistance. The response rate to date has been 98 per cent.

### Latakia and Hama:

The number of displaced Palestine refugees staying in emergency shelters continues to remain high in recent nights at about 112 families (550 individuals). All schools in Latakia will be closed until 5<sup>th</sup> March. Schools continue to operate normally in Hama.

The delegation from UNRWA's Damascus office went to Latakia and provided psychological support to 85 staff in Latakia Camp and 60 staff in Neirab Camp and Aleppo. A group of 44 older people (m 20, f 24) received PSS support from UNRWA staff in Latakia.

### Neirab Camp, Ein el-Tal Camp and Aleppo:

In Neirab Camp, the number of Palestine refugee families displaced as a result of the earthquakes and aftershocks stands at 44. In Aleppo, the number of displaced Palestine refugee families staying in collective shelters, mosques and with their relatives climbed to 423.

UNRWA continues to provide essential NFIs and RTE food to families in Ein el-Tal Camp, including blankets, jerry cans and cans of sardines. Five separate deliveries of NFIs have taken place to Ein el-Tal Camp between 8 – 16 February, providing various items to 92 households (186 beneficiaries).

## Needs update

### Latakia:

There is an ongoing need for NFIs (including diapers for females and the elderly), cash assistance and food items (including water, food baskets and RTE meals), as well as cleaning materials. Baby kits for pregnant women are a priority. UNRWA distributing these items on an ongoing basis.

### Neirab and Ein el-Tal Camps:

There is still a need to scale up aid to provide PSS, repair of damaged homes, food assistance, blankets and other NFIs. In Ein el-Tal, an alternative location is needed for the mobile clinic to operate due to damaged buildings nearby.

### Building Assessments:

In Jaba'a Atleet School, UNRWA appointed a contractor to implement the necessary repairs and works got underway today. The assessment team from the Engineering Syndicate confirmed that UNRWA installations in Homs are safe for use.

UNRWA is awaiting the findings of the government's assessment survey of affected buildings in Latakia. The assessment is ongoing in Neirab, with around 445 houses have been surveyed to date. 118 houses have been visited to date in Hama.