



## An Appeal for Sustainable Funding

June 2023

Palestine Refugees across our five areas of operation in Lebanon, Syria, Jordan, the Gaza Strip and the West Bank, including East Jerusalem, continue to face multiple and increasing challenges. Most recently, these include the devastating earthquake in Türkiye that also affected Syria and Lebanon, and yet another round of conflict in the Gaza Strip. The sharp increase in violence throughout the West Bank continues, while unemployment among Palestine Refugees in Jordan soars, especially among the youth. A majority of Palestine Refugees in Syria, Lebanon and the Gaza Strip live below the poverty line and are among the most vulnerable communities in the region and around the world.

Against this background, UNRWA provides critical services, including in education, health, relief and social services, microfinance, infrastructure and camp improvement, and protection. UNRWA provides emergency food assistance to 1.5 million Palestine Refugees<sup>1</sup> in the occupied Palestinian territory and Syria. However, these challenges, increasing needs and cost of operations have put significant pressure on the Agency. More refugees now depend on UNRWA services than ever before.

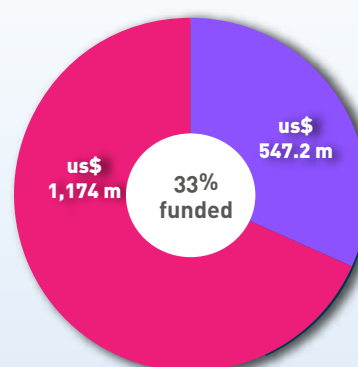
The Agency has reached the limits of its ability to manage the chronic underfunding of the last 10 years through a combination of cost-control, austerity measures and debt accumulation.

UNRWA projects a **critical financial shortage** to secure the delivery of basic services, and life-saving humanitarian assistance, **from September onwards**.

UNRWA is urgently appealing for sustainable, long-term, predictable, and flexible funding.

<sup>1</sup> This includes 1.2 million Palestine Refugees in the Gaza Strip, 38,850 Palestine Refugees in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem, and 300,000 Palestine Refugees in Syria.

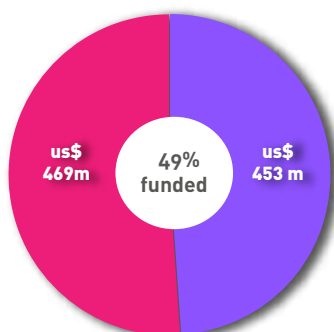
**Overall funding to UNRWA  
as percentage of total requirements  
2023**



**US\$ 1,646 million**

# Current Funding Levels vs Needs 2023

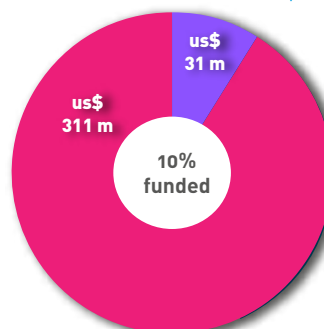
**Programme Budget<sup>2</sup>**



**US\$ 848 million + liabilities**

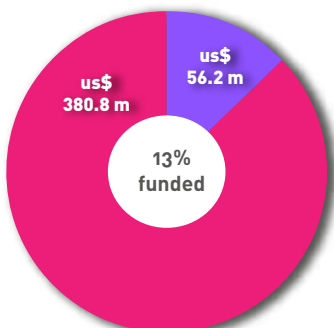
**oPt Emergency Appeal**

the West Bank and Gaza Strip



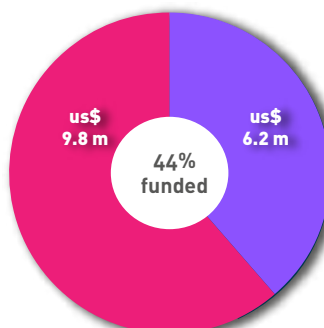
**US\$ 345 million**

**Syria, Lebanon and Jordan  
Emergency Appeal**



**US\$ 437 million**

**Syria Earthquakes Flash Appeal**



**US\$ 16 million**

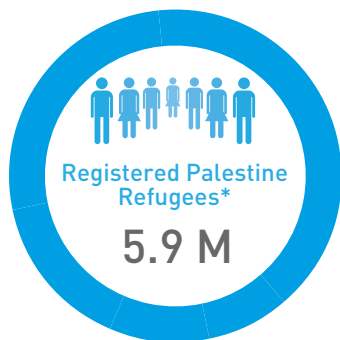
received funds      funding gaps

## Most urgent financial needs for UNRWA Emergency Appeals:

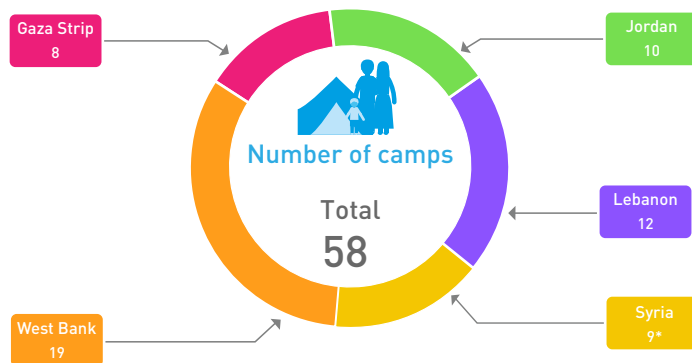
- **US\$ 75 million** to secure food assistance to nearly 1.2 million people in the Gaza Strip (with **US\$ 35 million** needed by August).
- Funding for cash assistance (**US\$ 30 million**) in quarter four for more than 600,000 Palestine Refugees in Syria, Jordan and Lebanon.
- Nearly **US\$ 15 million** in Lebanon for hospitalization and support to 5,000 cancer patients amid healthcare collapse.
- An additional **US\$ 9.8 million** for the response to the earthquake in Syria, to help repair Palestine Refugee homes and other emergency response.
- Nearly **US\$ 7 million** is needed in the occupied West Bank, amid unprecedented levels of violence, for cash assistance, emergency health, education and environmental health.
- Some **US\$ 12 million** in Jordan to maintain cash assistance for Palestine Refugees displaced from Syria.

<sup>2</sup> The UNRWA Programme Budget includes payment of salaries to staff providing core services including health, education, relief and social services, protection and the Agency's running costs.

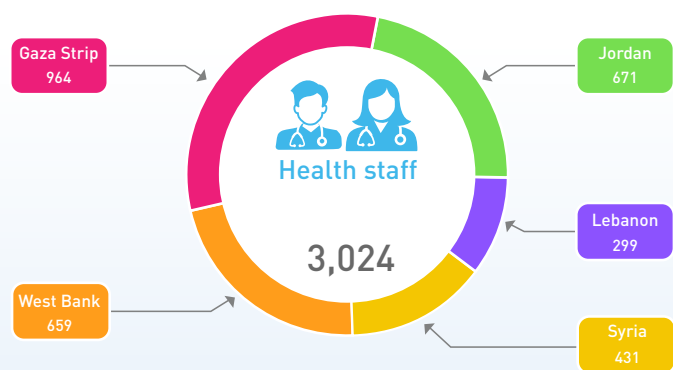
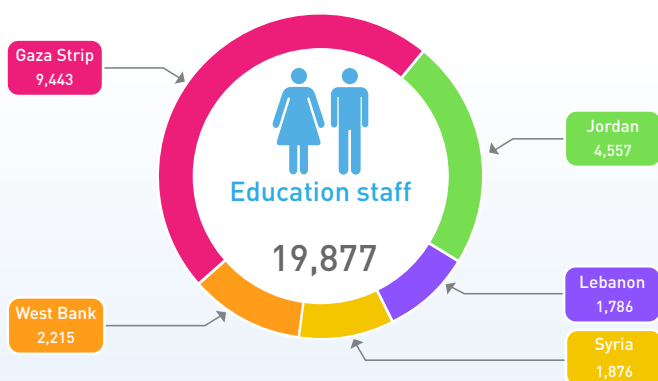
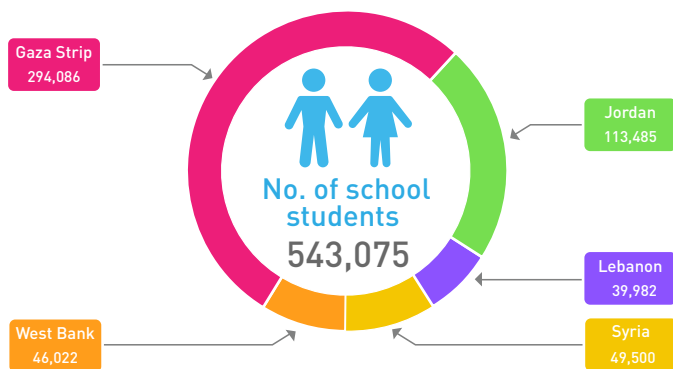
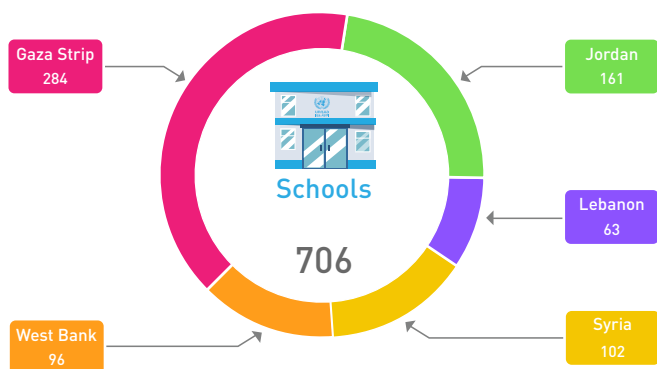
# UNRWA in Figures



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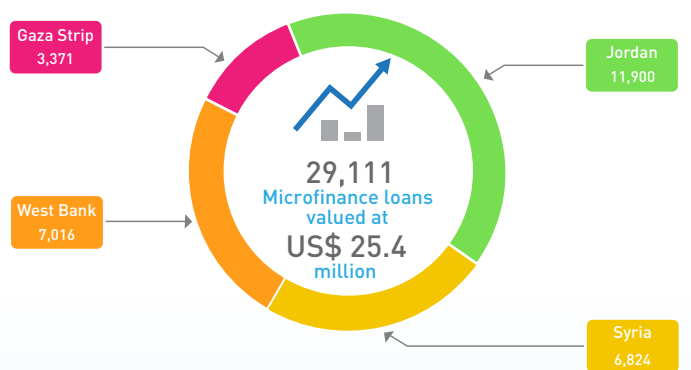
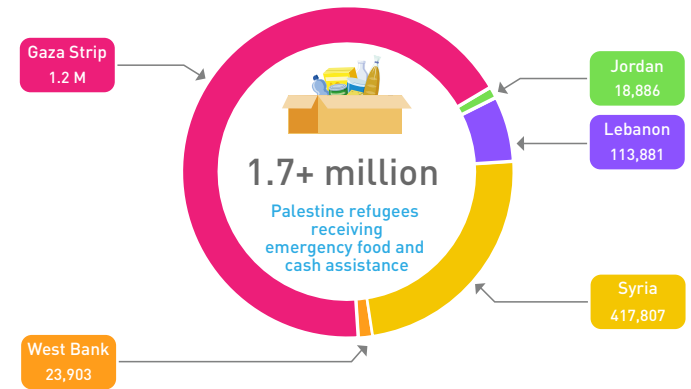
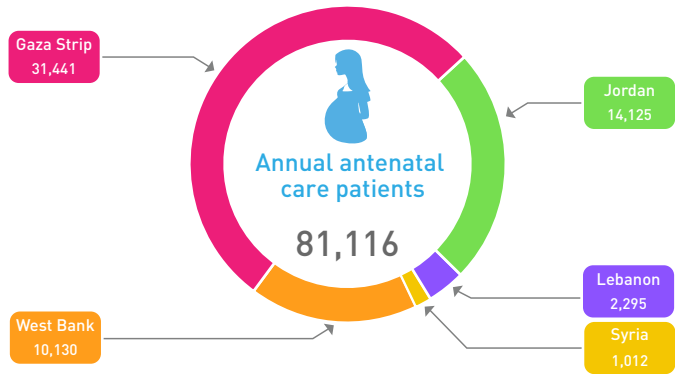
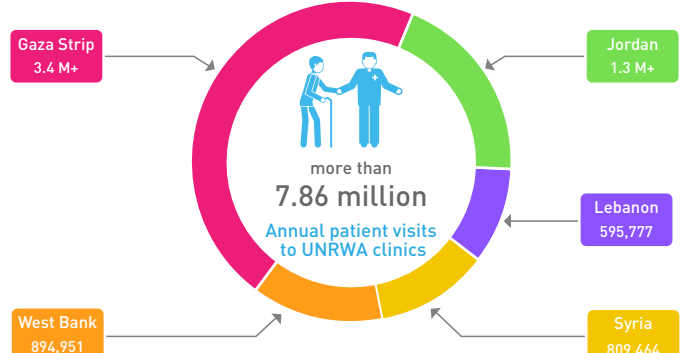
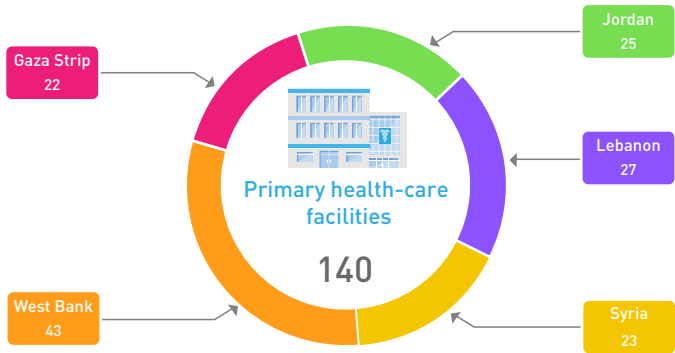
\*This total does not include unofficial camps in Syria namely, Yarmouk, Latakia and Ein el Tal camps.



\* All data refers to 2022.

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## About UNRWA

UNRWA is the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East. The United Nations General Assembly established UNRWA in 1949 with a mandate to provide humanitarian assistance and protection to registered Palestine refugees in the Agency's area of operations pending a just and lasting solution to their plight. UNRWA operates in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem, The Gaza Strip, Jordan, Lebanon and Syria.

UNRWA helps Palestine Refugees achieve their full potential in human development through quality services it provides in education, health care, relief and social services, protection, camp infrastructure and improvement, microfinance, and emergency assistance. UNRWA is funded almost entirely by voluntary contributions.

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