

Rapid Increase in Number of Confirmed Cases of COVID-19

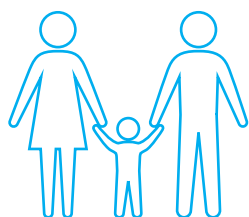
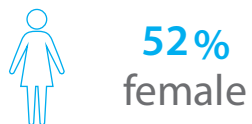
As of 30 November, 7,797 COVID-19 cases (413 fatalities and 3,500 recoveries with an increase of approximately 2,000 cases in one month. Amongst those cases, 239 health workers were confirmed by the Syrian Ministry of Health (MoH). The testing remains low – 64,000 tests were performed in laboratories across Syria as of 30 November, with a current average of 550 tests per day.

Fifty-five Palestine refugees have tested positive and six have died from COVID-19 since mid-March. Seventy-two UNRWA staff have tested positive for COVID-19 since mid-March and 37 staff remain in quarantine at the end of the reporting period.

Yarmouk camp return process

On November 8, the Governor of Damascus visited Yarmouk and officially announced the launch of the return process that has started on November 10. Prior to this date, 430 families had received approval from the security forces to return to Yarmouk and more than 60 per cent of those families were physically present in the camp. People registering to return should present an ownership deed; their home will then be checked by Yarmouk Services Office Engineers.

438,000 Palestine refugees remain in Syria



126,000 Palestine refugees in most vulnerable category

91% of Palestine refugee households in Syria live in absolute poverty

2/3 of Palestine refugees were displaced at least once since 2011

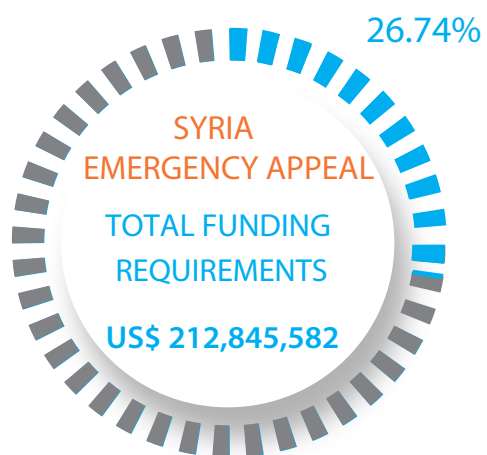
40% of Palestine refugees remain displaced in Syria

74 Palestine refugees returned from Lebanon and Jordan (1,027 since beginning of 2020).

47 Palestine refugees returned from other countries (320 since beginning of 2020).



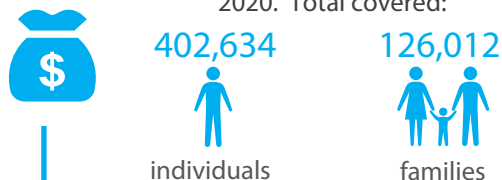
Emergency Appeal Requirements in Syria for 2020



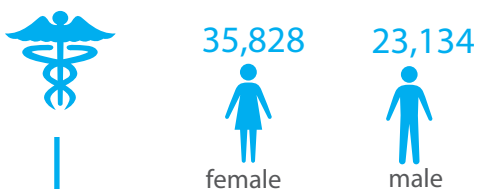
UNRWA requires US\$ 212.8 million to sustain the delivery of humanitarian assistance, basic services and protection interventions to the 438,000 Palestine refugees estimated to remain in Syria.

As of 30 November 2020, a total of US\$ 56.9 million were pledged or received from donors and partners, representing 26.74 per cent of total requirements.

Third round of emergency cash assistance started on 1 November 2020. Total covered:



58,962 Primary Health Consultations



140 Blankets
37 Kitchen sets
31 Mats
22 Mattresses

As of 30 November 2020, **26,735** families received food assistance as part of the second round of food distribution of 2020, which was launched on 7 October 2020.

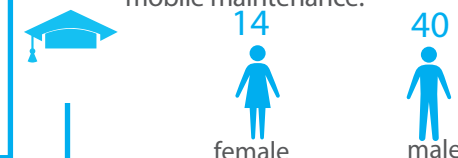
25 UNRWA health facilities are operating a triage system for people with respiratory symptoms, through a dedicated team of health staff.

2,048 Adult diapers
125 Baby diapers
18 Jerrycans
27 Baby Kits
15 Tarpaulins

2,509 individuals benefited from

738 microfinance loans
44% female
15% youth **14%** PalRefs

54 persons with disability graduated from vocational training in sewing and mobile maintenance.



589 individuals
400 female
189 male
engaged in 25 activities carried out during the 16 days of Activism against Gender Based Violence

COVID-19 Response and Impact on UNRWA Operations in Syria

- 8,282 tele-medicine calls were received during the reporting period and a total of approximately 44,580 calls have been received since the service became available.
- 251 home deliveries of NCD medications were made in November bringing the total to approximately 2,520 home visits since March 2020.
- Hygiene kits were distributed to 19,980 households to enhance their hygiene practices in response to COVID-19.
- 17 UNRWA-managed schools were affected by new cases of COVID-19 amongst staff or students.
- Two cases were confirmed among TVET students at Damascus Training Centre. Deep sanitizing for classrooms, workshops, and DTC premises was conducted directly.
- Health education and psychosocial sessions were conducted to 126 TVET students.
- 125 sanitation laborers and foremen were provided with Personal Protective Equipment (PPEs).
- Sanitation services in the ten accessible camps were carried out daily.
- Additional disinfection services were provided for Palestine refugee gatherings that are not supported by their municipalities.
- Garbage collection points water supply points, and tanks continue to be sanitized along with larger areas in Palestine refugee camps.
- 347 Palestine refugees benefited from Family Support Office services.
- 1,084 Palestine refugees (including 1,037 children) received psychosocial support, mostly at UNRWA schools.
- Awareness messages targeting students, parents and the refugee community at large were posted weekly on the SFO Facebook in Arabic.
- As of 30 November 2020, the UNRWA COVID-19 Appeal requirements were 49.17 per cent funded with Syria portion being 28 per cent funded.



Palestine refugee students in graphic design at the UNRWA Damascus Training Centre celebrate their graduation for the 2019-2020 academic year.

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