

## 📖 Palestine refugee children go back to school in Syria

On 5 September 2017, 47,248 students (23,362 girls and 23,886 boys) enrolled in 101 UNRWA schools located in Agency or government buildings across the country, marking the beginning of the new scholastic year. Two new schools in Husseiniyeh (Rif Damascus) and Barzeh (Damascus) opened in September 2017 to accommodate students. In addition, UNRWA distributed 13,150 back-to-school kits in 32 schools while the remaining students will receive their kits by October.

## CASH ASSISTANCE:

In Syria, the third round of cash assistance for 2017 concluded on 14 September. The distribution which started on 23 July benefited up to 408,787 individuals in dire need of cash to buy their basic commodities of food, and other vital non-food items.

8,665 individuals

3,565 families

## FOOD & NON-FOOD ITEMS (NFI):

The third round of food assistance, which started on 23 July, is still on-going. In addition, 63,424 food parcels were distributed, benefiting 147,529 individuals across the country. Finally, 42,978 non-food items were disbursed through distribution centres and collective shelters.

63,424 food parcels  
42,276 blankets  
697 mattresses  
5 tarpaulins

## HEALTH:

Up to 55,808 Palestine refugees received primary health-care consultations at the 26 UNRWA health facilities across Syria. For subsidized secondary health care, the Agency maintains agreements with 27 hospitals in the country.

22,983 males

32,825 females

## LIVELIHOODS:

Over 600 students enrolled in the TVET programme for the new academic year 2017-2018, which started on 17 September. During the month, 815 clients received loans from the UNRWA Microfinance Department.

10 TVET centres | 600 students

4 Microfinance offices | 815 clients

## SHELTER:

A total of 1,833 individuals were accommodated in the nine collective shelters run by UNRWA in Damascus and Rif Damascus. Shelter residents received food parcels or canned food (16,023 tins), dry food items (7,697kg).

9 collective shelters  
16,023 canned food  
7,697 dry food items

## WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE:

UNRWA provided Palestine refugees with 35,616 items of WASH assistance including 18,516 hygiene kits, 15,316 baby and adult diapers, and 1,704 sanitary napkins. Provision of regular garbage collection, sewage systems infrastructure rehabilitation, equipment, spare parts, fuel, and safe drinking water to camps and host communities continued throughout the month.

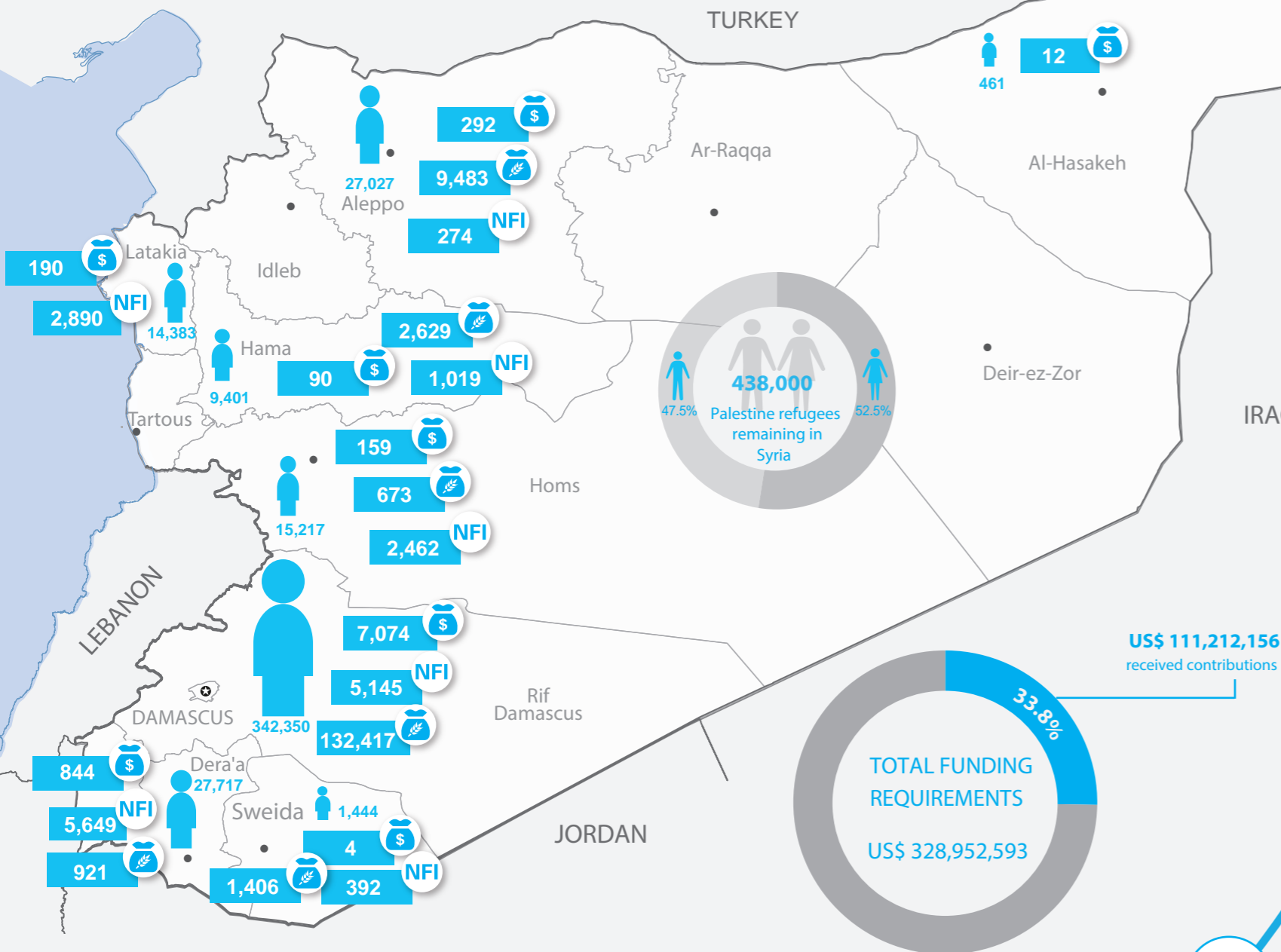
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## PROTECTION:

UNRWA conducted trainings on the management of explosive remnants of war for 18 teachers in Dera'a expecting to reach 3,400 children by the end of the year. Over 100 elderly people in Aleppo received psychosocial support trainings to stimulate their intellectual capacities and promote healthy lifestyles. UNRWA also reached 352 Palestine refugees through awareness campaigns on the importance of civil registration and documentation as a protection mechanism.

352 Palestine refugees participated in awareness campaigns

100 elderly persons participated in psychosocial activities



persons received cash assistance  
 persons received non-food items assistance  
 persons received food assistance