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In 2016, Palestine refugees across the occupied Palestinian territory (oPt) faced continued Israeli occupation, repeated violations of human rights and high levels of violence. In Gaza, the political and security situation remains volatile. Two and a half years on from the 2014 hostilities, which caused unprecedented destruction and loss of life, 6,750 Palestine refugee families remain displaced and repairs to tens of thousands of homes have yet to be completed. The land, air and sea blockade of Gaza will enter its eleventh year in June 2017. With opportunities for employment stifled by the blockade – the unemployment rate remains among the highest worldwide – almost 1 million Palestine refugees are dependent on food assistance, a tenfold increase on the 100,000 that required such support in 2000.

The situation in the West Bank is increasingly precarious. Palestine refugees continue to experience difficult socioeconomic conditions rooted in occupation-related policies and practices imposed by the Israeli authorities. These include a recent rise in the number of house demolitions, including punitive demolitions, as well as access and movement restrictions. In addition, Palestinians continue to experience high levels of food insecurity, with those living in refugee camps particularly affected. The lack of progress on the political track and the continued expansion of Israeli settlements only add to this burden.

In 2017 UNRWA requires US\$ 402 million to address the priority humanitarian needs of Palestine refugees in Gaza and the West Bank. The Agency's appeal is guided by the following four strategic priorities:

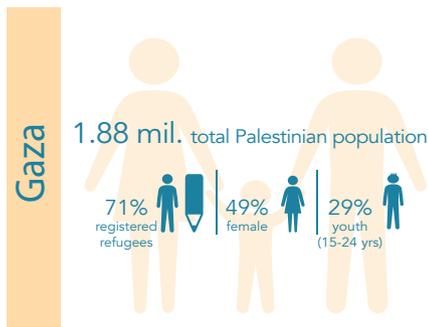
- **Food-insecure households and those facing acute shocks have increased economic access to food** through food aid/food vouchers, cash assistance and Cash-for-Work.
- **Crisis-affected refugees enjoy their basic rights to services and assistance**, including education; health; water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH); and shelter repair.
- **Protection of Palestine refugees from the effects of the conflict and violence** through access to services and advocacy, awareness-raising and the provision of mental health assistance.
- **Effective management and coordination of emergency response**, to improve the effectiveness, efficiency and neutrality of programme delivery.



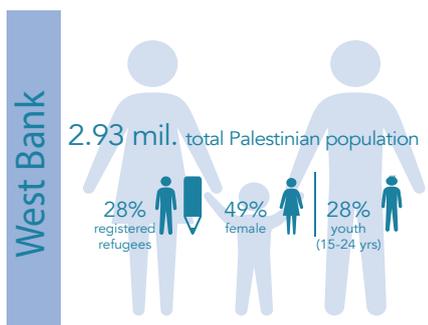
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	911,500 Palestine refugees are dependent on UNRWA emergency food assistance
	487,500 refugees living below the abject-poverty line
	43.2% unemployment rate among refugees
	57,481 refugee families in need of shelter repair and transitional shelter cash assistance
	225,000 children suffering psychological trauma require specialized psychosocial support



	255,000 Palestine refugees are food insecure
	19.5% unemployment rate among refugees in refugee camps
	57 Bedouin communities requiring mental health and psychosocial support
	at least 61 Bedouin communities at risk of forcible transfer
	58 communities facing significant obstacles accessing health services

TOTAL FUNDING REQUIREMENTS:
US\$ 402,391,857

UNRWA Emergency Interventions in the oPt in 2017

Food Assistance	Food parcels distributed to 911,500 Palestine refugees in Gaza and 36,000 Bedouin/herders across Area C in the West Bank. A further 155,000 Palestine refugees in the West Bank will receive e-vouchers.
Cash-for-Work	Temporary employment opportunities for 53,193 Palestine refugees in Gaza and 8,000 in the West Bank.
Livelihoods	Self-employment opportunities for 200 skilled women in Gaza.
Health	Medical assessments for 12,000 students in Gaza, while mobile health clinics will service 58 West Bank communities.
Education in Emergencies	Back-to-school materials for over 260,000 students in Gaza.
Emergency Environmental Health	Maintenance of water and wastewater facilities in Gaza and the removal of 60,000 tons of waste from in and around refugee camps.
Shelter	Rental assistance for over 6,500 refugee families who lost their homes in the 2014 hostilities and support for repairs for over 50,000 families.
Psychosocial Support and Community Mental Health	Structured psychosocial interventions for over 260,000 children in Gaza and access to psychosocial support for 10,300 Bedouins in the West Bank.
Protection	Monitoring, documenting and reporting on violations of international humanitarian and human rights law affecting Palestine refugees.
Explosive Remnants of War	Training for 1,000 education staff.
Summer Fun Weeks/ Recreational Activities	Summer recreational activities for 140,000 Palestine refugee children in Gaza and 2,120 in the West Bank.
Neutrality	Four or more neutrality inspections at all UNRWA installations in Gaza and the West Bank.
Safety and Security	Ensuring the safety and security of staff and beneficiaries.



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UNRWA is a United Nations agency established by the General Assembly in 1949 and mandated to provide assistance and protection to some 5 million registered Palestine refugees. Its mission is to help Palestine refugees in Jordan, Lebanon, Syria, West Bank and the Gaza Strip achieve their full human development potential, pending a just and lasting solution to their plight. UNRWA services encompass education, health care, relief and social services, camp infrastructure and improvement, protection and microfinance.