

## Mass displacement from Eastern Ghouta following military operations

Following an intense military operation in Eastern Ghouta, some 130,000 people left the besieged enclave in March 2018. According to UN estimates, more than 83,000 left to collective shelters in rural Damascus. UNRWA had estimated that up to 600 Palestine refugee families or 2,600 individuals remained in the area, according to a verification exercise at the end of 2016. In the second half of March 2018, UNRWA conducted several needs assessment missions to eight collective shelters established by the government, with the aim of identifying the caseload of recently displaced Palestine refugees from Eastern Ghouta and their most pressing needs. As of 31 March 2018, up to 157 Palestine refugee families were identified; soon after they were provided with emergency assistance including food baskets and NFIs (mattresses, blankets, and hygiene kits).

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

77,966 individuals (34,124 families) received 40,294 food parcels as part of the first round of food assistance. 1,572 individuals received non-food items (including hygiene kits) delivered in eight collective shelters. Number of residents in collective IDP shelters run by UNRWA went down to 1,552 as of the end of March.

- 16 distribution centres
- 8 collective shelters
- 40,294 food parcels
- 1,572 non-food items

## CASH ASSISTANCE:

As part of round 1 of the regular cash distribution cycle, 23,172 beneficiaries (8,379 families) received two-month worth of assistance, amounting to US\$ 64 per individual. Also, cash assistance in the amount of US\$ 70 per family was distributed to Palestine refugees displaced from Eastern Ghouta.

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## EDUCATION:

As part of the vocational and career guidance program, field visits for 115 ninth-grade students from Khan Dunoun were organized to UNRWA Damascus Training Centre (DTC).

104 schools | 46,784 students  
23,214 girls | 23,570 boys

## HEALTH:

A total of 71,054 health consultations were provided to Palestine refugee patients at the 26 UNRWA health facilities across Syria.

26 health centres & points  
40,303 women | 30,751 men

## PROTECTION:

UNRWA conducted awareness raising sessions on explosive remnants of war (ERW) for 1,290 children in Aleppo and 100 individuals living in Sbeineh. Also in March, UNRWA carried out rapid protection assessments in shelters for IDPs from Eastern Ghouta.

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## LIVELIHOODS (MICROFINANCE & TVET):

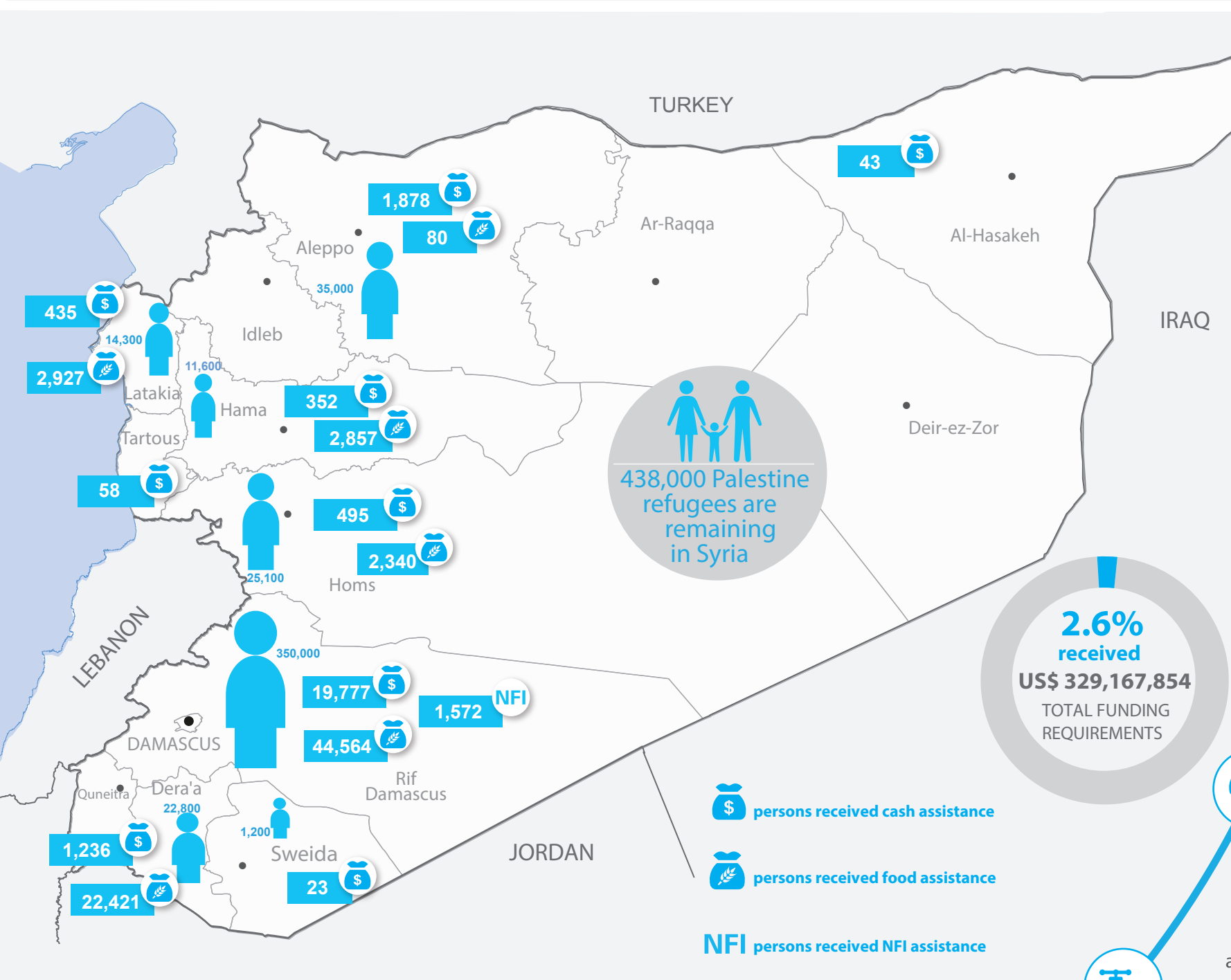
152 students (103 females and 49 males) received training on business plan development, and 113 students (63 females and 50 males) completed courses on employability skills. 919 loans (329 females and 590 males) were provided by the Microfinance Department benefiting up to 3,125 Palestine refugees and Syrians.

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919 loans 36 per cent women

## WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE (WASH):

UNRWA provided Palestine refugees with 13,128 items of WASH assistance (including 417 hygiene kits, 9,663 diapers, 1,162 sanitary napkins, 200 baby kits, 600 chlorine tablets, 636 packs of liquid detergent).

417 hygiene kits  
9,663 baby & adult diapers  
1,162 sanitary napkins  
200 baby kits



**Syria**

**438,000** Palestine refugees

48% men | 52% women | 36% children

- 58% of refugees are internally displaced
- 95% of refugees are in need of sustained humanitarian assistance
- 13% of refugees are trapped in hard-to-reach and besieged areas