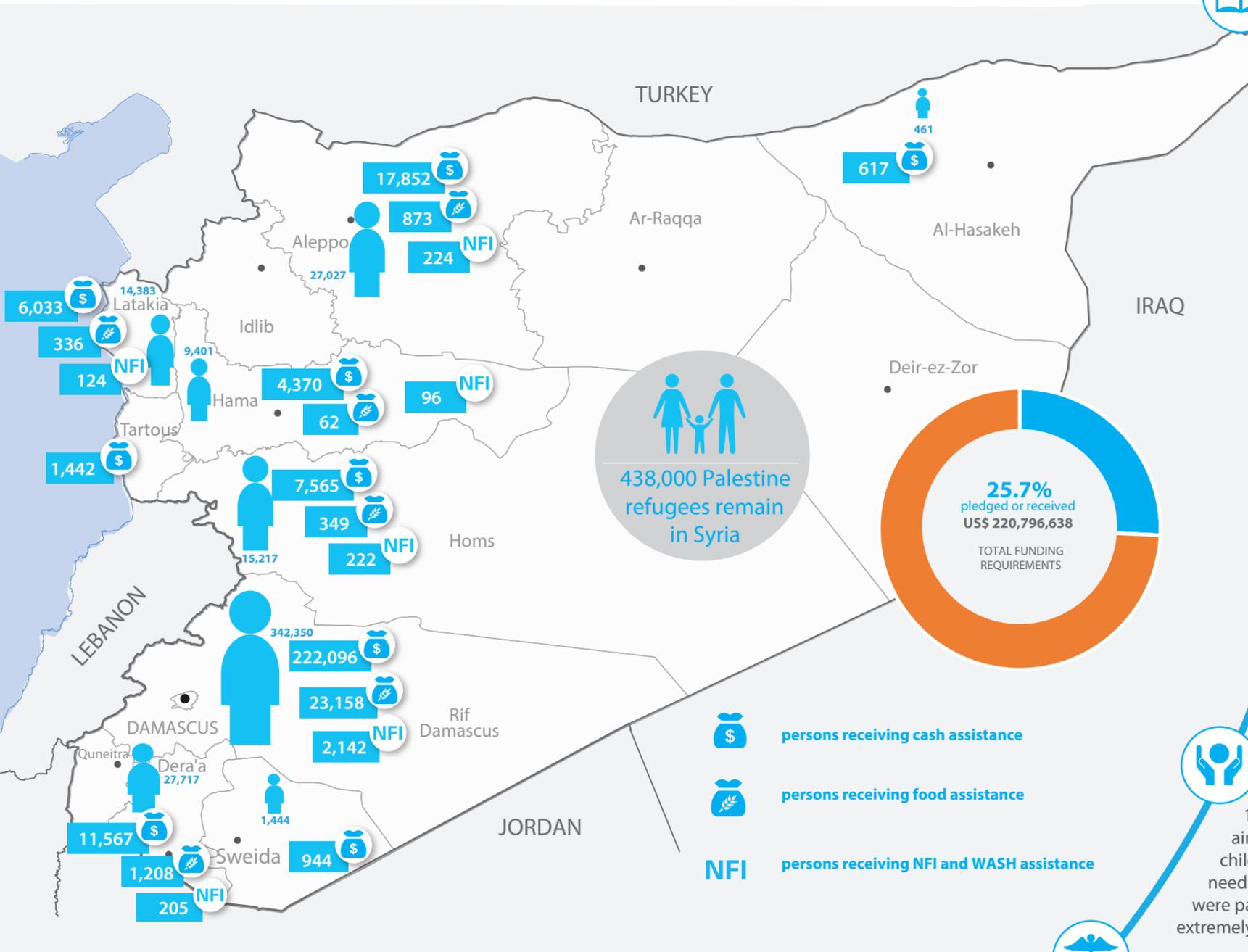


## Escalation of military operations in the north-east of Syria

The launch of military operations in the north-east of Syria on 9 October 2019 has resulted in escalation of violence, compounding an already dire humanitarian situation in the area. The fighting has seen civilian casualties, damage to and closure of critical infrastructure, as well as significant forced displacement, affecting tens of thousands of women, children and men. UNRWA estimates that 645 Palestine refugees live in areas that may be affected by this cycle of violence. UNRWA continues to provide emergency cash assistance to them through money transfer company, and is monitoring the situation closely in case further support or interventions are needed.



## CASH ASSISTANCE:

The third round of cash distribution in 2019 was launched on 13 October. This round covers approximately five months' worth of assistance. Individuals belonging to the most vulnerable tier (up to 126,000) will receive a total of about US\$ 67, while members of the second tier (about 292,000) will receive a total of about US\$ 39. A total of 272,486 eligible persons received assistance in October.

272,486 individuals received cash assistance in October

## EDUCATION:

UNRWA started the distribution of back-to-school kits for the academic year 2019-2020, with 636 satchels delivered to boys and girls in UNRWA schools in rural Damascus. UNRWA also trained 70 school principals in the Damascus Area on quality assurance, and 21 first grade teachers in UNRWA schools located in Yalda on learning through playing and educational games.

103 schools | 50,143 students  
24,661 girls | 25,482 boys

## WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE (WASH):

UNRWA provided Palestine refugees with 6,533 items of WASH based on need. Items included 6,502 baby and adult diapers, and 31 jerry cans. UNRWA also ensured timely garbage collection in all Palestine refugee camps.

6,533 WASH items delivered

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

25,986 of the most vulnerable Palestine refugees received food baskets in October as part of the second round of distribution, started on 23 July 2019. In addition, 532 non-food items (including blankets, mattresses, kitchen kits, mats, and baby kits) were distributed to Palestine refugees based on need.

25,986 individuals received food assistance in October  
532 non-food items (NFIs) distributed in October

## LIVELIHOODS:

515 students graduated from long term TVET courses for the academic year 2018-2019. On 12 October 2019, a celebration was held at Damascus Training Centre in honour of 280 students who graduated from 14 semi-professional specialization courses. 959 project and consumer loans were provided by UNRWA Microfinance Department benefiting 3,261 Palestine refugees and Syrians.

515 graduates from long-term courses  
959 microfinance loans  
41% female  
13% youth

## PROTECTION:

1,481 UNRWA students in Yalda, benefitted from protection activities aimed at reducing violence against and amongst children, improving child-friendliness of the school environment, responding to psychosocial needs, and raising awareness on pertinent protection issues. These activities were particularly targeted towards students who spent years under an extremely traumatic and restrictive environment in Yarmouk.

1,481 students benefitted from protection activities in Yalda

## HEALTH:

71,358 health consultations were provided to Palestine refugee patients through 23 UNRWA health facilities across Syria, while some 1,265 consultations were delivered through two mobile clinics deployed to Yalda, and Ein el Tal. UNRWA provided oral polio vaccines to 13,000 infants as part of the polio national campaign conducted in cooperation with the MOH. Also, UNRWA opened a new health point in Sahnaya in rural Damascus, providing healthcare services to Palestine refugees living in the area, of whom many were displaced from Yarmouk.

41,546 female consultations | 29,812 male consultations

more than **50,000** Palestine refugees from Syria have fled to locations outside the region

**438,000** Palestine refugees remaining in the country  
52% female | 31% children

- 60% of refugees displaced at least once
- 95% of refugees are in need of sustained humanitarian assistance
- 13,500 Palestine refugees in hard-to-reach areas
- 126,000 Palestine refugees identified as extremely vulnerable

funding requirements US\$ 220,796,638