

UNRWA in 2021

UNRWA's mission

UNRWA is mandated by the United Nations General Assembly to provide assistance and protection to registered Palestine refugees, helping them achieve their full human development potential, pending a just and lasting solution to their plight. In December 2019, the United Nations General Assembly voted overwhelmingly to extend the UNRWA mandate until 2023. The Agency is widely recognized as an important source of stability in a volatile region.

Unique amongst UN agencies, UNRWA delivers services directly to Palestine refugees, including education, health care, relief and social services, microfinance, infrastructure and camp improvement, protection of refugees' rights under international law and emergency relief in times of crisis. UNRWA's experience working in conflict zones allowed it to quickly undertake measures to contain the spread of the COVID 19 virus through remote education, telemedicine, and home delivery of food parcels and medicines.

A Protracted Human Development and Protection Crisis

Palestine refugees are confronted with daunting human development and protection challenges. Levels of food insecurity and poverty are high and unemployment rates are alarming, with women and youth often bearing the brunt. Humanitarian conditions across much of the UNRWA operating area are grave, the occupation of the West Bank, blockade in Gaza, civil unrest in Lebanon, and war in Syria continue to have significant immediate and long-term impacts on the lives of millions of Palestine refugees, for whom the Agency provides a critical lifeline.

In 2021, UNRWA will:

- ✓ Educate 533,000 girls and boys in 709 schools and vocational and technical training to an additional 8,000 Palestine refugee youth
- ✓ Provide 8.7 million primary healthcare consultations through its 144 health clinics
- ✓ Distribute food to more than one million destitute refugees in Gaza
- ✓ Provide cash assistance to over 450,000 Palestine refugees affected by the Syria conflict
- ✓ Provide social safety net support to over 360,000 abject poor refugees who are unable to meet their basic food needs
- ✓ Extend over 47,000 microfinance loans to men, women and youth, with an emphasis on supporting the economic self-reliance of refugee women
- ✓ Provide environmental and waste management services as well as school, health center and shelter reconstruction/rehabilitation
- ✓ Build upon over \$500 million in the agency efficiencies achieved over the past five years including implementation of organizational reforms to strengthen oversight and transparency

Top Donors

2018		2019		2020	
EU	178,988,610	Germany	169,924,991	Germany	210,384,339
Germany	176,849,802	EU	131,742,673	EU	157,059,236
Saudi Arabia	166,956,771	UK	76,259,850	UK	64,129,434
UK	92,696,762	Sweden	64,054,645	Sweden	60,420,012
Sweden	64,999,771	UAE	51,800,000	Japan	33,080,021