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Latest Developments

Association 302 for Defense of Refugees Rights has expressed concern over UNRWA's funding shortage after its Commissioner-General Philippe Lazzarini said the Agency is forced to operate with a funding gap of around US\$ 100m.

In his opening statement to the session of the Advisory Commission on UNRWA in Beirut, Lebanon, on June 14, 2022, Lazzarini said despite immense outreach and fundraising efforts, the resources available to UNRWA have stagnated. Meanwhile the needs of Palestine refugees and cost of operations keep increasing.

Speaking to journalists following a donor meeting in New York, Lazzarini also stated that more than a \$100 million shortfall in funding for 2022 is almost the same shortfall that UNRWA has faced every year for the past decade.

During the meeting, reports conveyed that donors pledged about \$160 million for UNRWA. However, it still needs over \$100 million to support education for more than half a million children, offer primary healthcare for close to two million people, and provide emergency cash assistance to the poorest refugees.

Association 302 said the fact that UNRWA has taken a debt of 17\$ million to pay salaries is a dangerous indication that the Agency's services will never be the same.

Association 302 also said it is alarmed by Lazzarini's statement that "I do not know if we will get the necessary cash to allow us to pay the salaries after the month of September."

The solution to UNRWA's chronic financial problem, according to Association 302, requires not only political will but also financial support to match the agency's work on behalf of Palestinian refugees.

In another development, a torrential downpour rocked AlRaml Camp for Palestinian refugees, in Latakia, northwest of Syria, resulting in heavy material damage.

The violent storm hit Latakia at 03:00 a.m. Civilian property and vehicles were damaged as trees and walls collapsed.



Latakia is home to the Palestinian refugee camp of AlRaml, where the humanitarian situation has already been marred by multiple hardships owing to the poor infrastructure, absence of vital services, and price inflation.

Meanwhile, activists in AlNeirab Camp for Palestinian refugees, in the northern Syrian province of Aleppo, have called on Palestinian expatriates to raise funds in order to assist vulnerable families.

AlNeirab camp is the largest official camp in Syria and is 13km east of the city of Aleppo near the Aleppo airport.

Before the start of the conflict in Syria, Neirab camp was home to more than 20,000 Palestine refugees. Like other Palestine refugee camps in Syria, a large number of families, young people, have travelled abroad. The camp has also seen a large influx of more than 900 families from the nearby Ein el Tal camp, which has been mostly destroyed.

With nearly 18,000 registered refugees, Neirab camp is among the most densely populated camps. The camp suffers from overcrowding and a lack of privacy. Like other areas in Syria, displacement, unemployment, inflation, protection and security risks are among the main concerns shared by Palestine refugees and Syrians alike.

The location of the camp near the military airport means the area was exposed to hazards including mortars and shelling between the start of 2013 and the end of 2018.

Poor shelters and poor construction of the barracks result in scorching temperatures in summer and freezing conditions in winter. Water leakage and rodent infestation also remain a problem for the refugees.

In the meantime, UNRWA said it will start distributing flour supplies to registered families, in cooperation with the General Authority for Palestinian Arab Refugees (GAPAR).

The move will see the day as of June 26. Other food items will be distributed sometime later.

The protracted conflict has devastated human security and left 91 per cent of the 438,000 Palestine refugees estimated to remain in the country in absolute poverty and 40 per cent displaced.