



oPt emergency appeal 2015

Executive Summary

The year 2014 added to the plight of Palestine refugees in the occupied Palestinian territory (oPt). The key underlying drivers of the humanitarian needs of Palestine refugees in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank, including East Jerusalem, include the absence of a political resolution to the conflict, continued Israeli occupation and recurring escalations of hostilities. These conditions challenge the ability of Palestine refugees to fully enjoy their human rights, including their right to life, liberty and security and adequate standards of living. Having exhibited tremendous resilience for years, the summer 2014 hostilities in Gaza brought desperation to even the more hopeful. Generous international pledges to reconstruct Gaza may turn the tide should conditions be favourable, including access to construction materials in a timely manner and at the required scope. This emergency appeal does not cover the tremendous need for reconstruction, which is outlined in the UNRWA publication '[Strategic response to Gaza 2014 hostilities](#)'. Yet this appeal does assume reconstruction efforts will be well under way in 2015, including the creation of transitional and durable shelter solutions.

The 2015 Emergency Appeal addresses the priority humanitarian needs of Palestine refugees in the Gaza Strip and West Bank, including East Jerusalem. The Agency will shape its response along three common strategic objectives across the fields: (1) prevent further deterioration in the food security of the most vulnerable and food-insecure refugees by providing emergency food and livelihood support to families who are food insecure or facing acute shocks; (2) promote, protect and uphold the rights of refugees facing acute crises, violations of human rights/IHL and barriers to accessing services; and (3) implement the Agency humanitarian response effectively and in coordination with relevant stakeholders. Under this common approach, each geographic field implements unique intervention plans in recognition of the different operating contexts in Gaza and the West Bank, including East Jerusalem. Integrated intervention plans comprise all main sectors and clusters of emergency aid in the occupied Palestinian territory. The emergency requirements are separate from core UNRWA services and reconstruction for development efforts, and amount to **US\$ 414,435,436**.

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