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UNRWA (the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East)

It is a relief and human development agency, providing education, healthcare, social services and emergency aid to over 4.6 million refugees living in the Gaza Strip, the West Bank, Jordan, Lebanon and the Syrian Arab Republic.

ESTABLISHMENT OF UNRWA

- Following the 1948 Arab-Israeli conflict, UNRWA, the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East, was established by United Nations General Assembly resolution 302 (IV) of 8 December 1949 to carry out direct relief and works programmes for Palestine refugees. The Agency began operations on 1 May 1950.
- In the absence of a solution to the Palestine refugee problem, the General Assembly has repeatedly renewed UNRWA's mandate, most recently extending it until 30 June 2011.

UNRWA

- UNRWA is by far the largest UN operation in the Middle East, with over 29,000 staff, almost all of them refugees themselves, working directly to benefit their communities - as teachers, doctors, nurses or social workers.
- UNRWA is unique in terms of its long-standing commitment to one group of refugees and its contributions to the welfare and human development of four generations of Palestine refugees.
- UNRWA has gradually adjusted its programmes to meet the changing needs of the refugees. Today, UNRWA is the main provider of basic services - education, health, relief and social services.
- UNRWA is the largest UN education provider

Achievements

- Access to free elementary and preparatory education for all Palestine refugee children;
A school system with low repetition rates, low drop-out rates and high levels of academic achievement;
Full gender equity since the 1960s,
- More than 60,000 graduates from UNRWA's vocational and technical training centres, and More than 18,000 from UNRWA pre-service teacher training centres and education science faculties
- Established, in the West Bank in 1962, the first residential women's vocational training centre in the Middle East

ICT in Education

- Schools - 600+
- Vocational Training Centers – 10
 - Cisco CCNA, Wireless, Security & IT essentials
 - One regional & 7 Local academies
 - ICDL (Core, Advanced, CAD)
 - 8 ICDL accredited training and testing centers
- Education Science Faculties - 3

ICT Infrastructure

- All Gaza schools are equipped with computer labs, internet service
- All Gaza schools are connected in one network
- The same infrastructure will be ready in Lebanon schools
- All Jordan schools are connected to the Internet
- Syria schools needs extra efforts due to Geographic distribution and host government ICT infrastructure

Improving the quality of education programme

1. Quality assurance and Monitoring achievement

2. Teacher and school support

- This will be done with ICT support
 - Electronic Platform support
 - Open Education Resources
 - Video-conference support







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United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees

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- Thousands of people have lost their livelihoods, possessions, homes and family members...everything. **Please help us help Gaza.**
- Every donation, whatever size, even a laptop, is appreciated.
- www.unrwa.org

Thank you