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Palestina  
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other  
refugees



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	UNRWA	UNHCR
Number of refugees currently served	4.681 million	15.4 million  (Plus 800,000 awaiting refugee status and 12 million stateless people w/o refugee status. Number does not account for Arab Spring population upheavals.)
<b>Budget</b>	\$ 1.003.7 billion USD	\$3.32 billion USD
<b>Countries where it operates</b>	5	123
<b>Offices maintained</b>	5	a series of regional offices, branch offices, sub-offices and field offices in areas where it operates
<b>Size of staff</b>	29,000	7,200
<b>Staff/client ratio</b>	1 staff person per 161 refugees	1 staff person per 2,100 refugees

	<b>UNRWA</b>	<b>UNHCR</b>
<b>Definition of refugee</b>	<p>Anyone who lost place of residence and means of livelihood as a result of 1948 Arab-Israeli war.</p> <p>Note: 1951 Refugee Convention applies to all refugees except Palestinian Arabs.</p>	<p>Person who is outside country of his habitual residence due to a well-founded fear of being persecuted.</p>
<b>Descendants of refugees also counted as refugees</b>	<p>Yes. Indefinitely, via male line.</p>	<p>No</p>
<b>Mandate</b>	<p>To provide humanitarian services to the refugees.</p>	<p>To protect refugees and resolve refugee problems.</p>
<b>Return to place of origin considered an inalienable right</b>	<p>Yes.</p> <p>No other options are considered. Refugees are kept in temporary situation pending return – with the status of “refugee” sustained even for those who maintain citizenship elsewhere.</p>	<p>No.</p> <p>The right protected is to find asylum; resettlement in country of refuge or a third country are options when return is not possible. Goal is to help refugees get on with their lives and as a result most are resettled, not repatriated.</p>

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<b>Education and Health Care provided</b>	Yes, UNRWA maintains schools and clinics.	Only in certain instances. Countries of refuge are expected to assist.

**UNRWA (United Nations Relief and Works Agency) was created just for Palestinian Arab refugees within a defined area of operation. UNHCR (United Nations High Commission for Refugees) is charged with responsibility for all other refugees.**

Information acquired from: [www.unrwa.org](http://www.unrwa.org) and [www.unhcr.org](http://www.unhcr.org)