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Press Release

April 10th 2015: The Italian Cooperation initiative for the Palestinian population in the Yarmouk camp

The Government of Italy announces the approval of a 1.5 Million Euro contribution to bring relief to the Palestinian population, victims of attacks by Da'esh and other Jihadist militias, in the Yarmouk camp on the outskirts of Damascus.

The contribution will support both UNICEF with 500.000,00 Euro providing psychological assistance and humanitarian support for the approximately 3,500 Palestinian children in the camp, and UNRWA with 1 Million Euro supplying food and drinking water distribution operations and health assistance for the population of the camp – about 18,000 people.

The Consul General of Italy Davide La Cecilia underscored that the initiative to assist Palestinian refugees in Yarmouk has to be seen as a sign of Italian strong sensitivity towards the ongoing tragedy, as well as part of a wider Emergency Aid Plan in the Middle East region, which Italy announced during the Donors' Conference for Syria held in Kuwait City on 31 March 2015.

The total funding pledged by Italy for humanitarian activities for the population in Syria and the refugees in neighboring countries surpassed 66 million Euro since the beginning of the conflict.