


Who are Palestine refugees?

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Palestine refugees are more than just numbers and statistics.

They are mothers, fathers, children, students who dream of a better future, business owners with hope for a better life, teachers, farmers, fishermen. They want to laugh, spend time with their families and live in dignity, just like you and me.



Meet: Tareq - West Bank, oPt

"We want to show the world that this land is not empty – that we live here, and show them how we Bedouin live a beautiful way of life that would be destroyed if we were forced to live in towns."

Tareq is a Bedouin Palestine refugee and one of the founders of the Sahari Desert Eco-Tourism initiative. Tareq and his business partner, Jamil, spend their days and nights leading visitors on hikes in the Jerusalem and Jericho areas.









According to UNRWA, Palestine refugees are “persons whose normal place of residence was Palestine during the period June 1, 1946 to May 15, 1948, and who lost both home and means of livelihood as a result of the 1948 conflict.”

UNRWA services are available to all those living in its area of operations who meet this definition, who are registered with the Agency and who need assistance. The descendants of Palestine refugee males, including adopted children, are also eligible for registration.

When the Agency began operations in 1950, it was responding to the needs of about 750,000 Palestine refugees. Today, some 5 million Palestine refugees are eligible for UNRWA services.

- 1,258,559 Palestine refugees in Gaza
- 762,288 in the West Bank
- 526,722 in Syria

- 449,957 in Lebanon
- 2,097,338 in Jordan