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Comparative Chart 2024:
Palestinian vs. other refugees

	UNRWA	UNHCR
Number of refugees currently served	5.9 Million	119.9 Million
Budget	\$1.6 Billion USD (2023)	\$10.857 Billion USD (2024)
Countries of operation	5	136
Offices	Headquarters in Jordan and Gaza; Further field offices in Lebanon, Syria, the West Bank, and liaison offices in New York, Washington, Brussels and Cairo	a series of regional offices, branch offices, sub-offices and field offices in areas where it operates
Size of Staff	30,000	20,305
Staff/Client Ratio	1 staff per 196 refugees	1 staff per 5905 Refugees
Definition of a refugee	"persons whose normal place of residence was Palestine during the period 1 June 1946 to 15 May 1948, and who lost both home and means of livelihood as a result of the 1948 conflict."	a person who "owing to well-founded fear of being persecuted for reasons of race, religion, nationality, membership of a particular social group or political opinion, is outside the country of his nationality and is unable or, owing to such fear, is unwilling to avail himself of the protection of that country; or who, not having a nationality and being outside the country of his former habitual residence, is unable or, owing to such fear, is unwilling to return to it. Note: 1951 Refugee Convention applies to all refugees except Palestinian Arabs.
Descendants of refugees also counted as refugees	Yes. Indefinitely, via male line	No.
Mandate	humanitarian and development mandate to provide assistance and protection to Palestine refugees pending a just and lasting solution to their plight.	providing international protection, under the auspices of the United Nations, to refugees who fall within the scope of the present Statute and of seeking permanent solutions for the problem of refugees
Return to place of origin considered an inalienable right	Yes. 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	No. 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.
Education and Health Care provided	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 and www.unhcr.org