



## Gaza Health Cluster Meeting Minutes

**Date:** Monday 24 June, 2019

**Time:** 10:00 PM-12:00 PM

**Venue:** PMRS Meeting Room

**Chair:** Abdelnaser Soboh, Health sub-Cluster Coordinator (HsCC).

**Participants:** 38 participants representing 22 organizations (refer to annex 1).

### Meeting Agenda

Health Humanitarian update	MoH/HsCC
Humanitarian Programme Cycle (HPC) 2020 Key dates	HsCC
Maternal, Infant and Young Child Nutrition (MIYCN) in emergencies 2019-2022 Action Plan	UNICEF
Update of Sexual and Reproductive Health (SRH) in Gaza	UNFPA
Update of Neonatal Care	WHO
Partners' Input	Health Cluster Partners
AOB and Closing Remarks	HsCC

# Meeting Highlights

## 1. Health Humanitarian update

### Casualties:

- From 30 March until 31 May 2019, 312 people have been killed<sup>1</sup>. The total figure of people injured stands at 29,574<sup>2</sup>. Out of 29,574 people injured, 14,870 were treated at the TSPs and discharged. This has reduced the burden of casualties arriving at the hospitals by an average of 46%. The remaining 17,503 casualties arrived at the emergency departments (ED) of MoH and NGO hospitals. Of them, 3,615 were children.  
Gunshot injuries: Out of 17,503 casualties that arrived to emergency departments (ED), 7,110 cases were gunshot injuries; which account for 41% of the total casualties arriving at the hospitals. From 7,110 gunshot injuries, 87% are limb gunshot injuries.
- **Permanent disability:**
  - **Amputations:** 138 amputations have taken place as a result of injuries during the mass demonstrations, including 30 in children. 120 were lower limb amputations and 18 upper limb amputations<sup>3</sup>.

### Drugs and medical supplies

- According to the MoH, 252 items (49%) out of the essential medications were reported at less than one-month supply at the MoH Central Drug Store (CDS), out of which 214 items (41%) are totally depleted, and 207 items (24%) out of the medical disposables in the essential list were reported at zero stock levels in the CDS, affecting negatively the health service delivery at both primary and secondary level.
- MoH reported that 56% out of the 936 essential laboratory items are at zero stock levels in the Central Laboratory and Blood Bank Department, e.g. 52 items out of the 99 used in emergency, ICU and Operation Theatre are out of stock. Similarly, 19 out of 50 Blood Bank items are at zero stock, all of which affects negatively the early and correct diagnosis and treatment of various diseases. MoH calls for support in fulfilling the gaps in drugs, disposables and laboratory reagents shortages.
- WHO supported the coordination of Hilum Gas entrance to MoH and one NGO health facilities to operate the RMI machines within these facilities.
- For full MoH- CDS report click [here](#).

### Electricity

- The electricity situation has improved given the recent efforts to connect the grid lines to nine out of the 14 public hospitals, including Al Shifa, Indonesia, Al Aqsa, Nasser, Al Dora, Ophthalmic Hospital, Paediatric, Psychiatric, Specialized Paediatric Hospital. These hospitals now have access to up to 22 hours of electricity every day.

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<sup>1</sup> 7 bodies have been reported to be held by Israeli authorities, according to OCHA.

<sup>2</sup> Although the MoH report 32,373 injured, WHO was able to verify 29,574.

<sup>3</sup> According to Assalama Society

## Funding

- In order to respond to the growing health needs in Gaza, the Health Cluster requires a total of \$ 28.2 million. Out of this, \$ 16.2 million has been received, leaving a funding gap of \$ 12 million.
- An additional \$1.5 million is required to ensure the minimum needed resources are available to prepare for and respond to the first 96 hours of a potential escalation.
- The Health Cluster oPt Humanitarian Response Plan, requires a total of \$ 42 million USD and only 30% has been funded by the end of May.

## Attacks against Health

- From 30 March 2018 to 31 May 2019, three health workers have been killed and 755 injured in 473 recorded incidents against health staff and facilities. 106 ambulances were damaged, as well as 10 other forms of health transport and 7 health facilities (including 3 medical points).

## Access for patients referred out of Gaza

- As of 31 May 2019, according to Gaza's Coordination and Liaison Office, there had been 554 applications to Israeli authorities by those injured in demonstrations to exit Gaza via Erez crossing to access health care. Of those applications, 18% were approved, 27% were denied and 55% were delayed.

## De-confliction

- OCHA and the ACU have established a consolidated system for the de-confliction of humanitarian locations in Gaza. Agencies that wish to provide their details of humanitarian locations to the Israeli authorities for the purpose of de-confliction, can register and upload the locations on the Emergency Coordination Portal (ECP) which can be accessed from <http://www.accesscoordination.org/dbs/ECP/>

## Rehabilitation

- As many partners are working on the rehabilitation services, the Health Cluster initiated the rehabilitation task force, and asked Humanity and Inclusion (HI) to lead this task force. The Health Cluster will call for the first meeting before the middle of July 2019, and HI will pursue the lead and report to the Trauma Working Group, that will report to the Health Cluster.

## Drug Monitoring

- To monitor the drugs availability and to ensure that the donated drugs and supplies are well received by the MoH in Gaza, particularly those sent by Ramallah Central Drugs Store, the Humanitarian Coordinator, MoH and UNOPS agreed to initiate a monitoring system that can be conducted by UNOPS and supported by Health Cluster, and involve the following points primarily:
  - Confirming arrival of supplies at Karm Abu Salem
  - Confirming arrival of supplies at MoH warehouses and counting/recording them in detail
  - Confirming distribution of supplies from main MoH warehouse to other warehouses and/or health facilities
  - Regular inventory checks at MoH warehouses
  - Spot checks of inventory at health facilities

Action points	Person/organization responsible	Deadline
Health Cluster to issue updated Situation report	Health Cluster Team	15 July 2019
Health Cluster will call for the first Rehabilitation Task Force	Humanity and Inclusion	July 2019

## 2. Humanitarian Programme Cycle (HPC) 2020 Key dates

- HsCC presented some Key dates related to the HPC 2020. The following table shows these key dates: The HsCC stressed on the upcoming 2 days HNO/HRP workshop in preparation for the HPC 2020.

Date(s)	Event
<b>Mid-June - early July</b>	Cluster Coordinators and Cluster Lead Agencies consultations on adaptation of HNO for 2020. (OCHA)
<b>7 - 21 July</b>	Through Gaza and West Bank ICCGs and AIMWG agree on adaptations of the HNO in 2020. (Cluster Coord. and OCHA)
<b>? 9 July</b>	Joint Health Cluster Meeting (WB & Gaza) to be confirmed
<b>17 – 18 July</b>	Health Cluster HNO/HRP 2 days workshop in Gaza
<b>23 July</b>	HCT Meeting: Endorsement of HNO & HRP 2020 Framing
<b>4 September</b>	Complete First Draft of the HNO
<b>25 September</b>	Health Cluster Training Workshop on HRP Project Proposal and selection of vetting panel
<b>26 September</b>	Clusters send final HRP amendments to OCHA
<b>1 - 13 October</b>	Partners Upload projects to the Projects Module
<b>14 - 24 October</b>	Vetting of New Projects Only
<b>17 - 21 October</b>	Health Cluster vetting panel convene to vet new projects
<b>25 October</b>	OCHA send inputs for the Global Humanitarian Overview
<b>1 November</b>	Approval of Projects
<b>Early December</b>	2020 HRP Global Launch
<b>Mid-December</b>	2020 HRP Local Launch

Action points	Person/organization responsible	Deadline
To conduct joint WB/Gaza Health Cluster Meeting	Health Cluster Team	Mid-July 2019
To conduct 2 days HNO/HRP workshop	Health Cluster Team and Partners	17 – 18 July 2019
Health Cluster Training Workshop on HRP Project Proposal	Health Cluster Team	25 September 2019

### 3. Maternal, Infant and Young Child Nutrition (MIYCN) in emergencies 2019-2022 Action Plan

- UNICEF updated the partners on the status of Maternal, Infant and Young Child Nutrition in Gaza, flagging the increase of malnutrition and anaemia among pregnant women and children, and decrease in exclusive breast feeding. MoH supported the findings of UNICEF and Save Children assessment and highlighted the need for nutritional supplements to meet the need of the micronutrient deficiency among children. For full presentation, please click [here](#).

Action points	Person/organization responsible	Deadline
Initiation of "Supply monitoring score card for Nutrition"	UNICEF	15 July 2019

### 4. Update of Sexual and Reproductive Health (SRH) in Gaza

- UNFPA updated the partners on Sexual and Reproductive Health in Gaza, highlighting the increase in maternal mortality and the shortages in family planning supply. MoH supported the findings and emphasised the increase in high risk pregnancy rate in the last year from 23% to 27%. The UNFPA full presentation, can be found [here](#).

### 5. Update of Neonatal Care

- WHO updated the partners on Neonatal Care in Gaza, highlighting the achievements, challenges and recommendations of their neonatal care project. For full presentation, please click [here](#).

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## Annex 1: Participants

No.	Organization
1	AAH
2	CBBS
3	El Wafa Hospital
4	GCMHP
5	HI
6	HMCA
7	Human Appeal
8	MAP
9	MdM France
10	MdM Spain
11	MoH
12	NSR
13	OCHA
14	PMRS
15	QRC
16	RCS4GS
17	SCI
18	UNFPA
19	UNICEF
20	UNOPS
21	UNRWA
22	WHO