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HUMANITARIAN PROGRAMME CYCLE Outcomes of Consultation Workshops

Gaza: 18 August 2020 and WB: 23 August 2020
1. What are the critical new needs, directly caused by COVID-19?

- Deteriorated access to essential primary and secondary health services due to travel restriction and reallocation of funds to combat COVID-19 outbreak, and fiscal deficit, including:
  - Provision of immunization and other primary health care services: SRH, MCH and nutrition, NCDs, EMS
  - Provision of secondary and tertiary care: maternity services for COVID-19 affected, emergency rooms, suspended elective surgeries, East Jerusalem Hospitals operational costs
- Increased need in IPC due to provision of services amidst the COVID-19 pandemic
- Increased MHPSS and SGBV needs due to confinement and economic impact of COVID-19
- Increased needs to support health access to services not available in the WB
- Increased burden on Emergency Medical Services (EMS)
- Preparedness needs (for all-hazard scenarios)

2. Do cluster programs need to be adapted to address these needs and if so, how?

- Scale-up service delivery to the most vulnerable groups, including through mobile clinics, etc
- Use remote services where possible and feasible

3. (for West Bank) What new humanitarian needs could annexation cause and how can those be addressed?

- Increased casualties (potentially) following military clashes would need to be taken care of across the pathway (EMT, ED, etc)
- Restrictions would further limit access to essential health services to be addressed via mobile health clinics
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1. What are the critical new needs, directly caused by COVID-19?
   • **Increased need for some vulnerable groups to access treatment outside Gaza, i.e. Cancer patients, organ transplantation pts, open heart surgery pts,...etc**
   • **Decreased access of specialized and expert medical teams to deliver services in Gaza.**
   • **Disruption of PHC services due to closure of 20 public PHCs, and limitation of services to other PHCs, as a result of deploying PHCs employees at the quarantine centers.**
   • **Increase in the prevalence of malnutrition among children, and pregnant women due to increased poverty and food insecurity.**

2. Do cluster programs need to be adapted to address these needs and if so, how?
   1- **To secure access to specialized treatment by enhancing the local capacity and maximize the use of resources.**
   2- **To employ the advanced technology for improving access of local medical teams to advanced medicine.**
   3- **To sustain the provision of PHC services through the expansion of services by local NGOs**
3. What are the vulnerable groups to consider?

- Children 0-5 years
- Women of reproductive age
- Young people (10-19 years)
- Elderly 65+
- Health workers

4. What are the available secondary data sources or fresh assessment available?

- MICS
- PCBS
- Other studies/surveys
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Geographical focus:

• *Gaza Strip:*
  • *Entire Gaza Strip*

• *West Bank:*
  • *Area C*
  • *Hebron/H2*
  • *Seamzones*
  • *East Jerusalem and adjacent areas*