

occupied Palestinian territory (oPt)

Emergency Type: Complex

Reporting Period: 1 January - 31 March 2022

HEALTH SECTOR

1.4 M Need Assistance

1.2 M Targeted

42 Active Members

HIGHLIGHTS

- COVID-19 response activities continued in the first quarter of 2022 with over 3,000,000 tests conducted by the Ministry of Health (MoH) and partners across oPt.
- 1,995,424 people have been vaccinated. This represents 57.7% of the population.
- Partners supported the capacity building of 1,300 health workers on various health issues.
- Despite funding challenges linked to mobile clinics, partners managed to reach 17,000 people.
- A total of 7,600 patients benefited from limb reconstruction, elective surgery, and rehabilitation services.
- Around 77,000 people benefited from mental health psychosocial support (MHPSS) services.
- Medical supplies enough to cover 320,000 people with various medical needs were provided by partners.

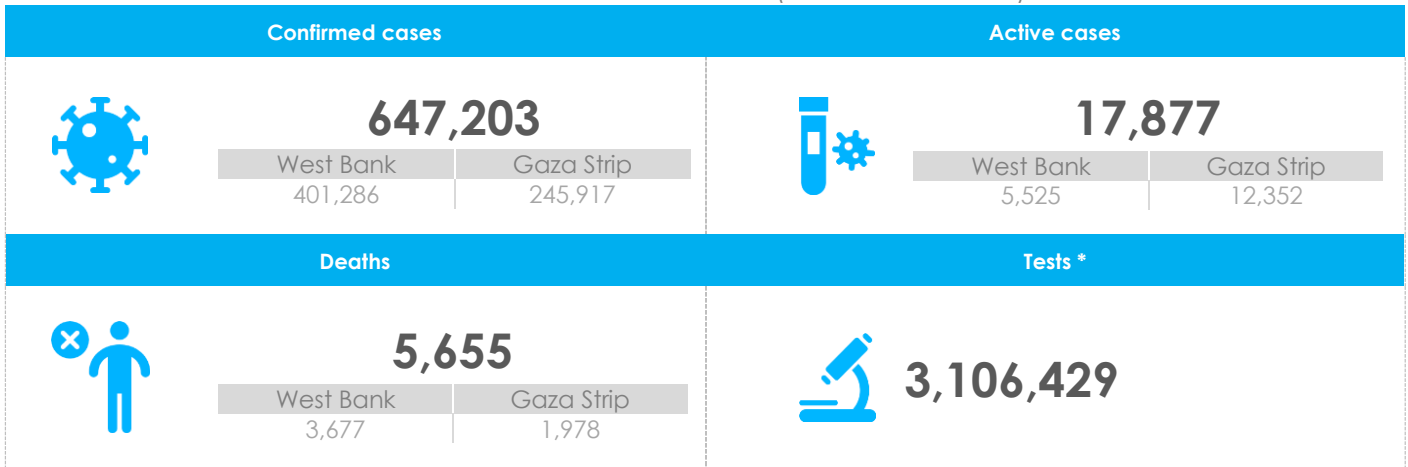


An elderly man receives health care services at a lab.
Photo: MedGlobal

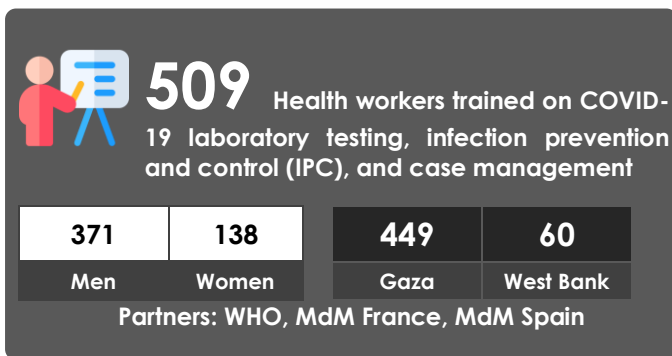


Communicable Diseases

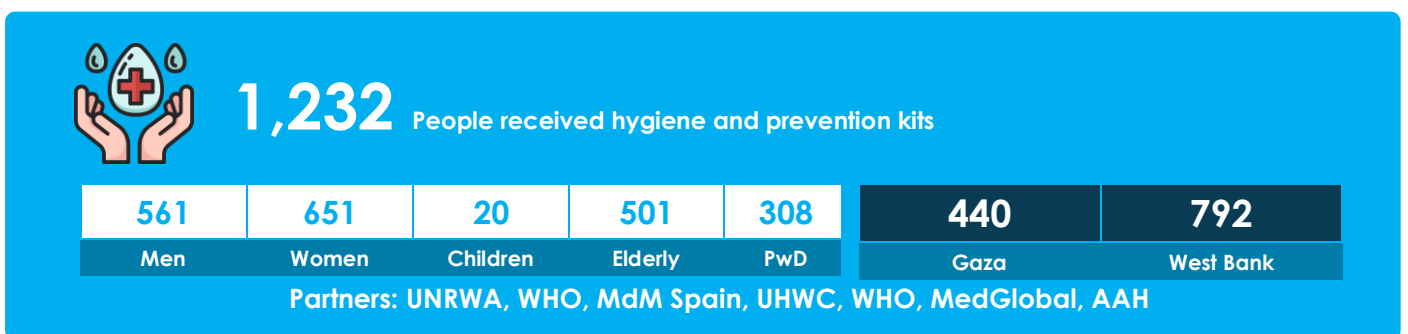
COVID-19 SITUATION IN NUMBERS (As of 31 March 2022)



*The number of tests does not include East Jerusalem



Risk Communication and Community Engagement





Trauma and Emergency Care



502 Patients supported with limb reconstruction

286	90	126	22	12	502	-
Men	Women	Children	Elderly	PwD	Gaza	West Bank

Partners: UNRWA, WHO, MDM Spain, UHWC, WHO, MedGlobal, AAH



4,136 Patients supported with elective surgery

1,139	2,676	309	82	7	4,066	70
Men	Women	Children	Elderly	PwD	Gaza	West Bank

Partners: PHR, QRC, UNRWA, PCRF, MedGlobal



125,560 People benefited from medical supplies provided

84,805	40,755
Gaza	West Bank

Partners: PMRS, HI, PHR, MDM Spain, MedGlobal, MAP, MDM France, WHO



303 Health care staff trained on essential life-saving interventions

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Gaza	West Bank

Partners: PHR, QRC, MedGlobal, MDM France, WHO



Mass Casualty Management Training conducted by WHO in West Bank and Gaza

Disability and Rehabilitation



3,088 Patients provided with multi-disciplinary rehabilitation services

1,299	1,584	499	954	51	3,040	48
Men	Women	Children	Elderly	PwD	Gaza	West Bank

Partners: PMRS, HI, QRC, UNRWA, WHO



Psychological First Aid service being provided to people affected by the conflict in Gaza - GCMHP



A physiotherapist trains a caregiver (mother) on implementing basic rehabilitation exercises to ensure continuity of care at home. - HI

Sexual and Reproductive Health (SRH)



104 Women and girls accessed sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV) life-saving services (including clinical management of rape)

80	24	3	40	64
Women	Girls	PwD	Gaza	West Bank

Partners: PMRS, MDM France



291 Health care workers trained on neonatal interventions, SRH and malnutrition management

225	66
Gaza	West Bank

Partners: Ard Ellsan, PMRS, MdM Spain, MedGlobal, WHO



4,591 Women and girls referred to shelters, mental health and psychosocial support services (MHPSS) and/or legal services

4,392	281	51	4,414	177
Women	Girls	PwD	Gaza	West Bank

Partners: PMRS, UNRWA, MdM Spain, MDM France



9,212 People benefited from medical supplies provided

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Gaza	West Bank

Partners: PMRS, MdM Spain



Mobile Clinics



17,018 People received treatment and consultations through mobile clinics

7,739	5,232	1,510	351	1,348	15,670
Women	Children	Elderly	PwD	Gaza	West Bank

Partners: Ard ElInsan, PMRS, PHR, MAP UK, MedGlobal



Mother and Child Health and Nutrition



197,554 Children under age 5 received quality health and nutritional services

101,265	96,254	35	196,399	1,155
Boys	Girls	PwD	Gaza	West Bank

Partners: Ard ElInsan, PMRS, UNRWA





Non-communicable Diseases (NCD)



186,189
Patients suffering from chronic diseases received treatment and consultations

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112,149	48	610	297	184,890	1,299
Women	Children	Elderly	PwD	Gaza	West Bank

Partners: PMRS, PHR, UNRWA, MedGlobal, WHO



187,240 People benefited
medical supplies provided

178,038	9,202
Gaza	West Bank

Partners: PMRS, UNRWA, PCRF, MedGlobal, MdM France, WHO



215 Health care workers
trained on NCD management

138	77
Gaza	West Bank

Partners: MAP, PMRS



Mental Health and Psychosocial Support



684 Health care providers and community
workers trained on MHPSS, including mhGAP

513	171
Gaza	West Bank

Partners: PMRS, MdM Spain, MdM France, UNRWA, PCRF, GCMHP, MedGlobal



76,639 People
received mental health and
psychosocial support services

7,928	159	297	27
Women	Children	Elderly	PwD

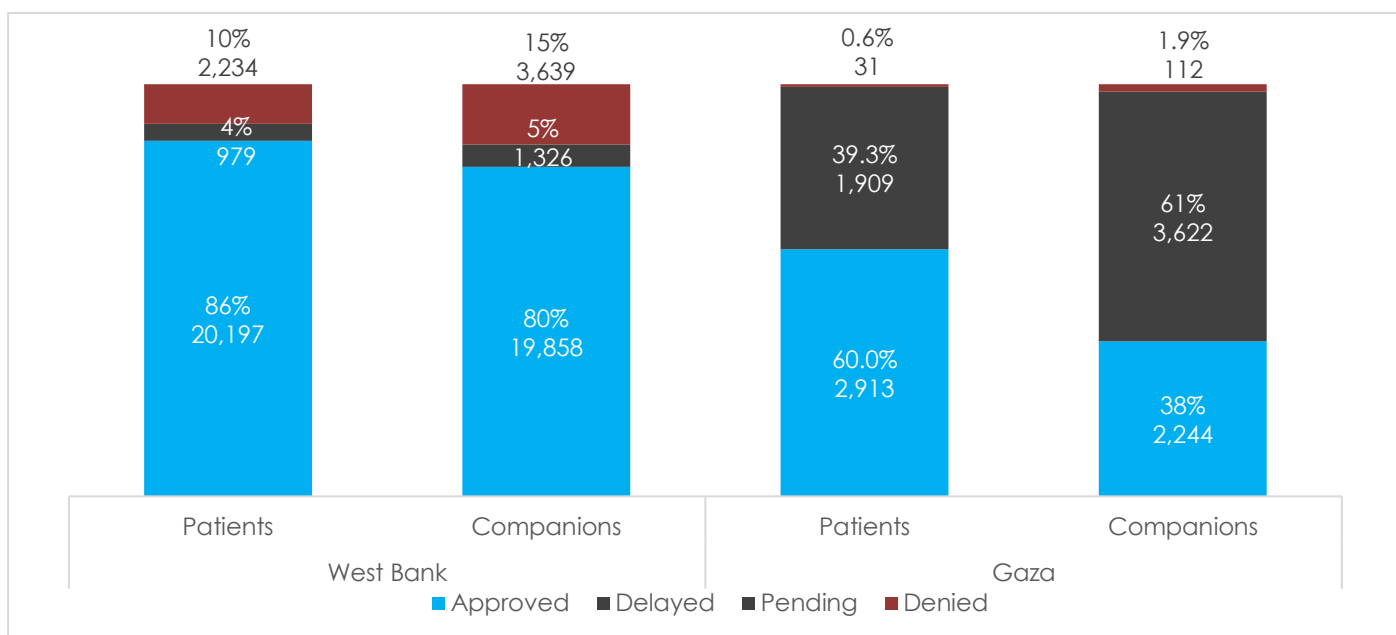
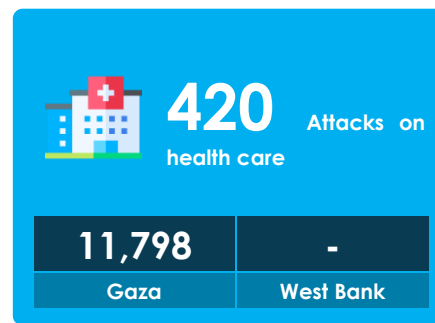
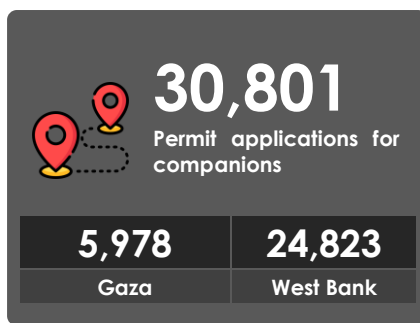
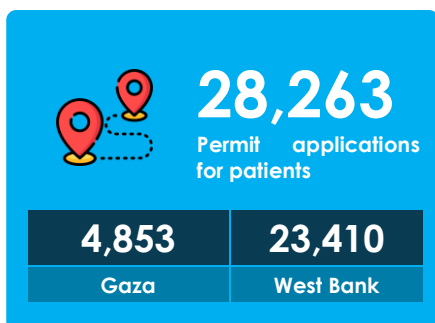
62,777	13,862
Gaza	West Bank

Partners: PMRS, MdM Spain, MdM France, UNRWA, PCRF, GCMHP, MedGlobal, WHO, PUI, UHWC, AAH



A health care worker provides mental health services at mobile clinic in Gaza - GCMHP

Health Access



A total of 21 health attacks were recorded in the occupied Palestinian territory from January to March 2022, all the in the West Bank. Of this, 12 incidents involved the use of physical violence against health care.

These incidents resulted in:

- Injury of 12 health care workers (one from live ammunition; six from rubber-coated bullets; two from gas inhalation; two from physical force, including the use of skunk water in one incident); one hit with sound bomb)
- Injury of one patient (from rubber-coated bullet)
- Damage to four ambulances (three from rubber coated bullets; one from gas canister)

In addition to permits delays and denials, there were 10 incidents of obstruction to health care delivery (one incident involved both physical violence and obstruction), resulting in:

- Access prevention for 9 ambulances
- Access prevention for one mobile clinic

Read more in WHO's monthly Health Access reports:
<http://www.emro.who.int/pse/publications-who/monthly-referral-reports.html>

Needs and Gaps Requiring Support

Currently, health activities in the Humanitarian Response Plan are less than 5% funded. Below are some key needs:

- Funding for mobile clinic teams, which provide crucial services to around 150,000 people in Area C, East Jerusalem, Hebron/H2 and the Seam Zone.
- Advocacy to support policy change to enable construction of fixed health care facilities in Area C to reduce dependence on mobile health services, and for unhindered access to essential health care throughout oPt.
- Strong advocacy needed with the Palestinian Authority, EU, and USAID to support the East Jerusalem Hospital Network, which is experiencing a substantial financial crisis, particularly Augusta Victoria and Al-Makassed hospitals.
- The persistent volatile situation in the West Bank including East Jerusalem emphasizes the need to increased investment in trauma and emergency response capacity, especially in hotspot locations.
- Vast needs in non-communicable disease management, specifically oncology, cardiovascular and diabetes need to be covered.

Assessments

Rehabilitation needs assessment in Gaza, Humanity & Inclusion (HI) (Completed, [link to report](#))

The assessment was carried out to identify the need for rehabilitation services for the population of Gaza. This will guide HI in developing future actions and approaches for the provision of rehabilitation services and contribute to the Palestine Rehabilitation Strategy.

Preparedness assessment of primary healthcare facilities in Gaza, Mdm-France (Ongoing)

Assess the level of preparedness of 19 primary health care facilities.

Early essential newborn care (EENC) annual implementation review in Gaza, WHO (Completed)

The review aimed to monitor progress of EENC and assess IPC-COVID related practices in the maternity departments of 10 hospitals. In addition, a baseline environmental assessment was conducted for the maternity departments of six hospitals where EENC has been recently introduced. The results will help to identify key EENC practices, and strengths and gaps in maternity departments of the 16 health facilities.

Primary health care facility mental health integration checklist in Gaza, MHPSS IASCS Global Reference Group (Completed)

The objective was to assess the level of integration of mental health in primary health care, gaps, challenges, services provided (psychological support, medical support), reporting of cases and referral.

Assessment of specialised mental health services in Gaza, MHPSS IASCS Global Reference Group (Completed)

The objective was to assess the specialised service available and human resource capacity.

Gender analysis of the health sector across oPt, Health Cluster (Ongoing)

The Health Cluster has been working on a gender analysis of the health sector across oPt. The analysis will help partners in framing gender within their projects and identify key areas and opportunities for action. The first part of the analysis, which involved a survey of Health Cluster partners, has been completed. The Health Cluster will contact partners regarding the next step soon. This will involve focus group discussions and key informant interviews.

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