



Health Cluster Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday Apr. 05, 2018

Time: 10:00 AM-11:30 AM

Venue: WHO Office – Gaza

Chair: Dr. Abednaser Soboh, Health Cluster Coordinator-Gaza

Participants: 40 participants representing 28 organizations (See Annex 1 for the organizations List)

Meeting Agenda

Time	Agenda Item	Organization
10:00-10:30	Humanitarian Update on casualties, needs	MoH/WHO
10:30-10:45	Update on Health Cluster response	Health Cluster Partners
10:45-11:00	Priority needs of Health Sector	Health Cluster
11:00-11:15	Partners update on their planned response and preparedness in the coming 8 weeks	Health Cluster Partners
11:15-11:25	Health Cluster Website Launch, HeRAMS Reports	Sub-Health Cluster Coordinator
11:25-11:30	AOB	Health Cluster Partners

Meeting Highlights

1. Humanitarian Update on casualties, needs

- Sub-Health Cluster Coordinator (HCC) started the meeting by welcoming and thanking all participants for attending the meeting in short notice, and emphasized that this meeting has been conducted in response to the Great Return March Event started last Friday 30 March
- HCC explained the figures reported by MoH on casualties as illustrated in the table below:

Date	Number of casualties	Number of killed	By gender		By affected body part							By age		Primary healthcare cases	Total
			Male	Female	In different body parts	Head and neck	Upper limbs	Lower limbs	Chest and back	Abdomen and pelvis	other	Children	Adults		
30-MAR	1038	15	981	57	16	52	97	738	24	38	73	240	798	405	1443
31-MAR	60	0	59	1	1	4	7	35	1	2	10	15	45	0	60
01-APR	21	0	20	1	0	2	2	15	0	0	2	5	16	0	21
02-APR	16	1	16	0	0	1	3	10	1	0	1	0	16	0	16
03-APR	5	1	5	1	0	1	0	3	1	0	0	1	4	0	5
Total	1140	17	1081	60	17	60	109	801	27	40	86	261	879	405	1545

2. Update on Health Cluster response

- As a result of the event, MoH and other Health Cluster service delivery partners, have used much of their stock resources including drugs, disposables, and lab reagents, despite of some organizations quick donation of few urgently needed items.
- HCC encouraged partners that have small fund (up to 10,000 USD) to try to procure Carbon Dioxide Gas that is still urgently needed by MoH.

3. Priority needs of Health Sector

- The attached lists (see Annex 2) of urgently needed drugs and medical disposables items, shows the MoH urgent need of 59 drugs items, 128 medical disposables items and 5 lab kits and reagent items.
- Also the attached lists show the response of some cluster partners so far, including WHO, UNICEF, ICRC, MAP, MSF and UNRWA.
- However, the remaining needed items related to the Great Return March Event for the coming 8 weeks is estimated to cost 2 million USD, where MoH require 1.6 million USD and the NGOs working in emergency such as PRCs, UHWC, and Central Blood Bank Society require an estimated 400,000 USD.
- WHO explained that while the Health Cluster is making much effort to respond to the current event's related needs, partners should not forget about the wider public health needs that Gaza suffers from such as the shortages of 46% of drugs and 30% disposables, equipment, spare parts and fuel.
- MoH expressed the need for foreign Specialized Emergency Medical Teams in the field of vascular and orthopaedic surgery.

Action point 1 NGOs Partners responding to the Great Return March Event to send their needs to sum the total need of the health sector by the end of Monday 9 April 2018

4. Partners update on their planned response and preparedness in the coming 8 weeks

In addition to the partners response shown in the attached lists (see Annex 2) including WHO, UNICEF, ICRC, MSF, and UNRWA the following partners briefed the Health Cluster as follow:

4.1. Central Blood Bank Society

- Distributed 1180 blood units
- The remaining available stock is about 380 blood units.
- Highlighted the need for testing reagents and for new blood campaigns to replace the dispensed units.

4.2. PRCs

- PRCs have set five field advanced medical Posts distributed across the five districts to stabilize the critical cases. Each post is an inflatable tent that is equipped with beds, emergency equipment and surgical items, and consist of 3 – 4 Doctors, 4 Nurses, and 4 Paramedics. PRCs drawn on their experience last Friday when they have set one advanced medical post east Gaza, They were able to stabilize 190 cases and referred them the hospitals including 160 gunshot cases.

4.3.UHWC

- Union of Health Work Committees' team in its PHC centers and Al-Awda Hospital provided emergency health services to 169 cases. Al Awda Hospital serves 74 injuries, of whom 19 cases underwent surgical operations, while 12 cases were referred to Al-Shifa Hospital for special interventions.
- Al Awda Hospital paramedics at the points of contact evacuated 15 cases from the field to the hospital and refer them from the hospital to the government hospitals.
- To conclude UHWC contributed by 11% of the total health services provided to casualties in the Gaza Strip as a response to the Great Return March event.

4.4.IMC

- IMC will work through the network of its NGO partners (Health facilities) to support response activities. Activities will include support to NGO ambulances (6-10) with supplies and consumables, positioning mobile medical unit in the vicinity of one of the camps to provide immediate emergency care, supporting NGO hospitals to manage referred cases. IMC will closely monitor and try to refill the propositioned supplies to the partner facilities.

4.5.MDM-F

- Provided technical support to the professionals at the MoH medical points 1st type emergency medical teams (EMT).
- Worked with volunteers to improve their skills in first aid.

Action point 2 Health Cluster partners to report to the Health Cluster Coordination team, the available prepositioned items in Gaza, so we can identify available resources at times of need

Action point 3 MoH to activate the Emergency Coordination Committee between MoH and NGOs, to strengthen the response and prevent duplication of efforts (ICD to follow up that)

5. Health Cluster Website Launch, HeRAMS Reports

- HCC explained to partners that the Health Cluster website will be launched in a workshop at the end of April and currently the Health Cluster Coordination Team are uploading the necessary contents.
- Also, Cluster partners have been briefed on the monitoring of the MoH facilities, where the attached sample (see Annex 3) of the HeRAMS graphics has been presented

Action point 4 The Health Cluster to organize a workshop to launch the website and presenting HeRAMS Graphics on Wednesday 25 April 2018

6. AOB

- Some agencies such as Maan Development Center , UNICEF and some Protection Cluster Partners expressed interest to obtain data on children casualties, especially those in need for mental and psychosocial support.

Action point 5 To organize a meeting with MoH Palestinian Health Information Centre (PHIC) with the support of Health Cluster to obtain disaggregated data on affected children (*UNICEF and WHO to lead on that*)

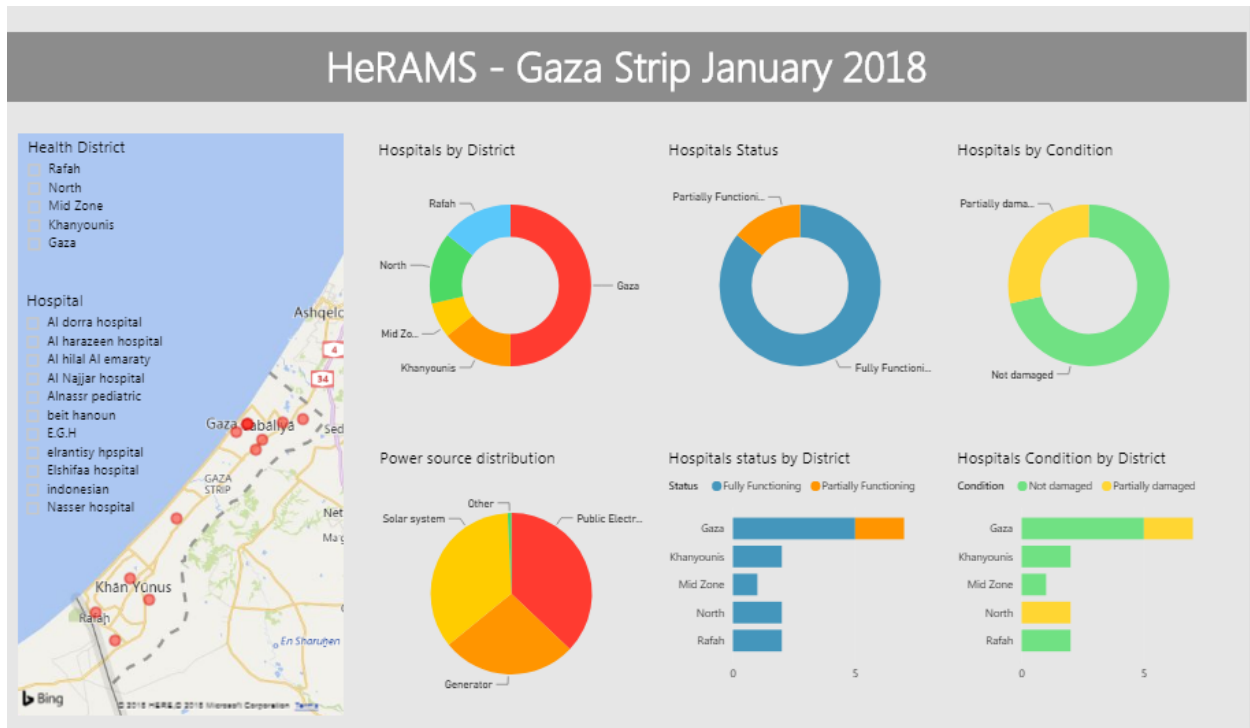
- WHO distributed the attached (see Annex 4) invitation on their activities on celebrating the World Health Day on 10 April 2018

Annex 1: Participants

No.	Organization
1	CBBS
2	CCP-Japan
3	DWWT
4	ECHO
5	Elwafa Hospital
6	HNC
7	HWC
8	ICRC
9	IMC
10	Maan
11	MAP
12	MdM Spain
13	MdM-France
14	MoH
15	MSF
16	NCCR
17	NDC
18	NOROWA
19	OCHA
20	PAS
21	PNGO
22	PRCS
23	QRC
24	RCS4GS
25	UHCC
26	UHWC
27	UNICEF
28	WHO

Annex 2: Urgently needed drugs, medical disposables and lab reagents items

Annex 3: HeRAMS graphics



Annex 4: World Health Day Invitation



WHO cordially invites you to the celebration of

WORLD HEALTH DAY 2018: UNIVERSAL HEALTH COVERAGE

Al-Matshal hotel , Gaza
Tuesday 10th of April 2018



09:00-09:30	Registration
09:30-09:45	Welcoming Remarks by: <i>World Health Organization Ministry of Health</i>
09:45-10:00	Video screening: What is Universal Health Coverage? Gift awarding- winner of the WHD art competition
10:00-10:15	Theatre performance: "Health, my right?"
10:15-10:45	Panel Discussion: the reality of UHC in the Gaza Strip
10:45-11:15	Open Discussion
11:15-11:30	Closing remarks
12:00	Public event: bike racing, followed by media interviews