



HEALTH CLUSTER RESPONSE UPDATE

occupied Palestinian territory

7 - 20 May 2021



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GAZA STRIP	230	38	65	1,760	361	540	28
WEST BANK including East Jerusalem	28	1	4	6,370	8	85	89

Response Priority Areas

- Trauma and emergency care focusing on emergency medical services, pre-/hospital care of trauma patients.
- Mental health and psychosocial support to the affected population including health workers.
- Ensuring continued access to essential health services including COVID-19 response, primary health care, maternal & child health, non-communicable diseases management, etc.
- Mobilization of USD11M to support response to the ongoing crisis.

Response

MAP

- Delivered 4 drug items, 20 disposables items, and 4 blood bank laboratory items to the MoH in Gaza with a total value of USD56,871.
- Completed the procurement process for a list of 5 drug items and medical supplies valued at USD84,000 to be prepositioned at MAP stores, ready for dispatch at MoH request.

MDM- Suisse

- Provided the MoH in Gaza with two drug items (3,000 units of Paracetamol 1gm I.V. Vial and 2,500 units of Propofol 10 mg/ml, 20 ml) with a total cost of USD9,890.
- Supporting remote mental health and psychosocial support through support to SAWA hotline.

UNFPA

- In the process of procuring SRH supplies (drugs, disposables, and equipment) and establishing up the Emergency Medical Teams (EMTs) with a total cost of USD400,000.
- Continuing to support the health system to address SRH, maternal and child health services as there are estimated 210,000 pregnant and lactating women in oPt requiring safe delivery and access to health services during and after pregnancy.

PMRS

- PMRS emergency teams and volunteers are providing first aid and humanitarian services in East Jerusalem, Gaza, and WB. As of May 15, a total of 750 injured (including 275 women and 55 children) have been assisted by the organization, 330 in East Jerusalem, 125 in Gaza, and 295 in WB.

PHRI

- PHRI is currently working on procuring medical equipment valued at ~ USD45,000 to deliver to Gaza by 20-21/05/2021, depending on the status of the crossings.
- PHRI continues to monitor reports involving denial of access for medical teams and attacks on medical teams. PHRI sent a field worker to Al-Aqsa Mosque to collect testimonies from local medical staff during the hostilities on 10/5/2021
- PHRI has sent out 3 letters in coordination with other organizations to Israeli officials and authorities advocating for cessation of hostilities and closure of crossings.
- PHRI has updated diplomats about denial of access for medical teams and attacks on medical teams and have coordinated with the International Society of Social Pediatrics and Child Health about a statement that will be published.

UNICEF

- Released pre-positioned medical supplies for 72,000 people to the Gaza health system
- Urgently procuring life-saving medical supplies to meet growing needs and more supplies are expected to be delivered as soon as security situation allows.
- Continuing to support the health system to address COVID-19 prevention and treatment measures as well as for the provision of vaccines through the COVAX facility.

WHO

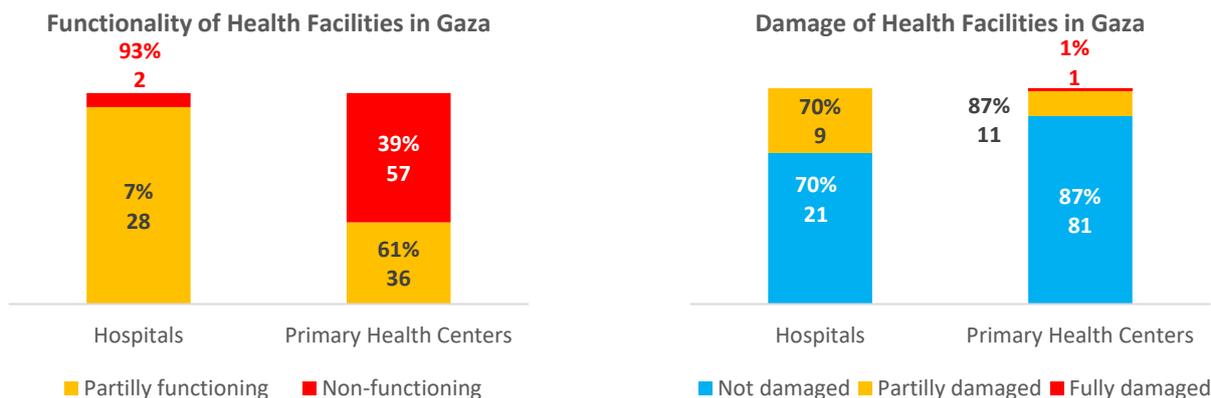
- Donated urgently needed medical supplies and drugs with a total value of USD242,225 that benefiting 1,000 injured people managed by Al Makassed Hospital and the Palestinian Red Crescent in East Jerusalem during confrontations at Al Alqsa mosque, Damascus Gate and Sheikh Jarrah neighborhood.
- Sixteen tents were delivered to Gaza that will help increase triage capacity at the emergency departments in Gaza hospitals.
- Helping the Ministry of Health strengthen its emergency preparedness
- Procured medical supplies and disposables worth USD115,343 for Gaza. More medical supplies and disposables worth over USD500,000 are in the pipeline.
- Delivered 25,000 litres of fuel to Palestine Red Crescent Society in Gaza through UNRWA. This fuel will cover the needs for six days at PRCS's two hospitals and ambulance movement.
- A joint COVID-19 infection prevention and control assessment was conducted to UNRWA schools by partners aimed at minimizing the risk of COVID-19 transmission.
- Provided technical assistance and support to MoH as they activated the Joint Emergency Operations Room for West Bank and Gaza.
- Continuing to support COVID-19 response across oPt through provision of laboratory diagnostic supplies, drugs, and disposables as well as risk communication and community engagement.



Joint IPC assessment conducted to UNRWA schools.
Credit: WHO

Challenges and needs

- In need of trauma patient support through deployment of Emergency Medical Teams.
- Inadequate resources to respond to the casualties from the ongoing conflict and civil unrest thus the need to mobilize additional resources to procure drugs, disposables, and equipment.
- Access challenges hinder the operations of humanitarian organizations: the closure of borders with Gaza and Tel Aviv airport is impeding delivery of supplies and humanitarian workers as well as limits available supplies in the local market.
- Damage to essential infrastructure in Gaza has resulted in disruption in access to basic services. Health facilities are not operating at full capacity and some remain closed due to insecurity.



- There are challenges for hospitals to meet the needs of other essential services including COVID-19 response due to the overwhelming number of casualties and trauma patients.
- Access issues in the West Bank and East Jerusalem, have been affecting emergency medical services ability to assist the injured. Movement restrictions also impede access to other essential health care services.
- Health workers are working under massive stress and high risk due to the level of insecurity because of bombardment and use of live ammunition.
- Due to the restriction of movement between oPt and Israel, some organizations have been forced to suspend some of their activities.

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