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14 May 2021 – Situation update #3

Situation

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- Continued extensive targeting of residential buildings over the last 24 hours
- According to UNDSS, between 07:00 21:30 today (14 May), there were in excess of 120 rockets and 140 mortar shells launched from Gaza. IAF responded with 37 raids and the firing of 61 missiles. IDF fired approx. 60 shells and IL Navy launched 23 shells at targets in the Gaza Strip.
- Large numbers reported to be moving away from border towns, vast majority of displacement taking place in Gaza and North Governorate
- According to MOFA/G, 122 people have now been killed, a figure that includes 31 children.
- No new reported fatalities of UNRWA schoolchildren
- ACU confirms Erez crossing for vehicle and personnel movements remain closed, and Karem Shalom goods crossing also remains closed

UNRWA Specific

- Confirmation that as of 13:00 today, there are 36 schools occupied by up to 22,000 IDPs across North Governorate and Gaza City
- 13/17 (max of 14 are DES) in North Gaza and 8/19 (max of 13 are DES) in Gaza City
- Suspension of all operations continued today and will continue to do so from Saturday May 15 - Sunday May 16. Closures were also related to previous suspension of services in advance of Eid holidays
- UNDP and several non-UN internationals evacuated temporarily (2-3hrs) to UNRWA main compound due to an adjacent strike warning from CLA CIV-MIL Liaison Officer
- Limited WASH activities took place in areas that were not volatile
- Completion of readiness activities related to stocktake verification of NFIs, 'ready to eat' food items, and fuel supplies (in view of Kerem Shalom closures)

Planned Activities

- Completion of readiness activities for mobilising DES workforce, assessments of all schools with IDPs, and contingency planning to shift IDPs from non-DES to DES
- Completion of Covid-resilient SOPs for DES operations.
- Completion of UNMAS risk assessment for Headquarters Gaza, and Zaitoun School provided movement clearance obtained from CLA
- Movement cancelled and rescheduled for Sunday May 16 for 2 UNRWA staff as well as 17 other UN staff and non-UN internationals, including entry movement clearance pending for DSRM (who is currently pre-positioned in Ramallah)

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