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Situation

- In the last 24hrs, a significant number of military strikes resulted in damage to the main water lines in Jabalia Camp and key road infrastructure around Gaza City
- According to UNDSS, between 06:00 – 22:00 today (20 May), there were in excess of 160 rockets and 221 mortar shells launched from Gaza as well as 1 anti-tank missile. IAF responded with 50 raids and the firing of 64 missiles. IDF fired 206 shells and IL Navy launched 69 shells
- 230 people have been killed in Gaza, 65 of whom are children
- 19 confirmed fatalities of UNRWA schoolchildren. 6 have suffered minor injuries and 3 are severely injured due to shrapnel.
- Erez crossing and Kerem Shalom were completely closed today

UNRWA Specific

- Confirmation that as of 19:00 today, there are 59 schools occupied by up to 71,232 IDPs in Gaza – a daily increase of just under 15,000 persons
- The specific coordinates of the places currently hosting IDPs are being provided on a daily basis to CLA/COGAT by email in addition to all installations.
- Over 65,000 bottles of water were distributed today between Bank of Palestine (BOP) and UNRWA with BOP providing almost 90,000 litres of potable water to 29 schools in Gaza
- DUA visited Mamounia Prep Girls School (800 IDPs) and multi-agency/partner (WHO, MSF, UNRWA) joint assessments conducted at Beach Camp Prep 'A' (600 IDPs) and Beach Camp Prep 'B' (550 IDPs)
- 15 Health Centres out of 22 were operational today.
- MoH epidemiological survey for Covid infection sampling took place at four schools, taking almost 600 samples against a population of 5650 IDPs (results will be available within 48hrs)
- The protection focal points were distributed and almost 50% of health points were finalised with MoH, MSF, and PMRS (Palestine Medical Relief Society) to support access to healthcare in the remaining DES
- Tablet distribution and software testing completed including the setup of in-kind data donation from Jawwal
- Almost all schools have now received doubling of fire extinguishers and verification of their existing stock.
- Emergency operations have mobilised almost 800 staff and personnel to support DESs
- The entry to Gaza of the CG and DSRM was denied for a third day in succession

Planned Activities

- Ceasefire to take place commencing 02:00 tomorrow
- 13 trucks to be coordinated through Kerem Shalom which opens until 3pm tomorrow
- In-kind food distribution in partnership with WFP commences tomorrow
- Project proposals being developed from the Flash Appeal framework with ERD forecasting almost \$20m in soft and hard pledges -
https://www.unrwa.org/sites/default/files/content/resources/gazawb_flashappeal-eng-final.pdf

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