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## 21 May 2021 – Situation update #10

### **Situation**

- As of 02:00 this morning, a ceasefire was agreed between Israel and Palestinian militant group Hamas following 11 days of rocket and air attacks.
- Over 230 people have been killed in Gaza, 65 of whom are children
- As of today there are 19 confirmed fatalities of UNRWA schoolchildren. 6 have suffered minor injuries and 3 are severely injured due to shrapnel.
- Two UNRWA staff are severely injured with one still in a critical condition
- The central laboratory for Covid-19 testing was partially operational today
- Kerem Shalom opened for humanitarian aid as did Erez crossing for a limited period.

### **UNRWA Specific**

- Confirmation that as of 09:00 today, there are 30 schools occupied by up to 955 IDPs in Gaza
- 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.
- DUA/GFO and DUA/WBFO both participated in the UNOG Press Briefing this afternoon, as well as jointly presenting on the current situation in the oPt and UNRWA operations to donors and representatives of the diplomatic community
- CG and DSRM travelled to Gaza today
- 15 Health Centres out of 22 were operational today.
- Sanitation work continued as normal today in all areas

### **Planned Activities**

- GFO will shift from an Emergency Response to Early Recovery mode from tomorrow
- In terms of Early Recovery, the first key priority is preparing to support the 8,000 plus homeless whose homes are either unliveable or completely destroyed
- Second priority is conducting rigorous damage assessments as a basis to identify how we can best support refugees to rebuild their homes
- And the third key priority is building on our mental health work by identifying how we can best assist refugees, as well as our staff, to cope with trauma
- Health and Safety priorities include sweeping all schools to make sure they are free of UXOs (unexploded ordnances) and Covid-proofing activities involving the cleaning and sanitising of schools upon their cessation as DES to minimise the risk of it spreading
- Addressing vulnerabilities of people by providing swift access to MHPSS supports
- Restart food distribution as soon as possible
- Project proposals continuing to be developed from the Flash Appeal framework with ERD already forecasting almost \$20m in soft and hard pledges -  
[https://www.unrwa.org/sites/default/files/content/resources/gazawb\\_flashappeal-eng-final.pdf](https://www.unrwa.org/sites/default/files/content/resources/gazawb_flashappeal-eng-final.pdf)

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