



HEALTH CLUSTER RESPONSE UPDATE occupied Palestinian territory

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	KILLED	WOMEN	CHILDREN	INJURED	WOMEN	CHILDREN	ATTACKS ON HEALTH
GAZA STRIP	254	39	66	1,948	398	610	40
WEST BANK including East Jerusalem	29	1	4	7,251	8	85	92

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.

Response

- The Health Cluster as part of the inter-cluster mechanisms contributed to the development of the oPt inter-agency appeal that was launched by the Humanitarian Coordinator on 27 May 2021. <https://www.ochaopt.org/fa2021>
- The Health Cluster is tracking the supplies support being provided by partners to ensure better identification of needs and gaps and well as ensuring better accountability. Consequently, all partners are advised to keep the Health Cluster informed of all the support they are providing.

CARE International

- Delivered medical supplies worth USD50,000 to Al Shifa Hospital, USD5,000 to Awda Hospital and USD15,000 to Al Makassed Hospital. These supplies are expected to benefit 13,000 people.

HWC

- Teams continued to provide first aid during confrontations in the West Bank treating 56 patients at Hebron and Halhoul medical centers and Almaslamani Hospital in Beet Sahour).

ICRC

- A surgical team which arrived on 27 May and started working at Shifa hospital on the request of the MoH. The team is expected to stay for one month.

MAP

- Facilitating communication with East Jerusalem Hospital Network during civil unrest.
- In the process of procuring disposables worth USD13,000 for Al Makassed and St Joseph hospitals.

MDM-France

- Procured and delivered to Gaza MoH drugs worth USD36,500 which are expected to benefit about 1,000 patients.

MSF-France

- Procured and delivered to MoH medical supplies worth USD113,778.

PMRS

- Teams provided first aid during confrontations at Al Aqsa Mosque, Sheikh Jarrah and Bab al Amoud benefitting 563 injured. First aid was also provided in different areas of West Bank including Bethlehem, Ramallah, Hebron, Nablus, Jenin, Tulkarm, and Salfit, benefitting 2,365 injured.
- In Gaza, teams provided primary health care and humanitarian services to 60 injured and 956 IDPs. Assistance included distribution of 900 hygiene kits, assistive devices to 20 injured and PPE to 100 COVID-19 cases.

PRCF

- Procured and delivered to MoH medical supplies worth USD119,269

PRCS

- PRCS teams provided first aid services to 7,545 injured persons (6646 West Bank including East Jerusalem and 899 in Gaza). PRCS' Psychosocial Support Team offered Psychological First Aid (PFA) to more than 7,061 affected persons including 3,992 children. PRCS hospitals received and treated 95 cases at Al Quds hospital and one case at Al-Amal hospital.

UHCW

- Provided emergency services that benefitted 244 injured, 397 women in need of emergency obstetrics and gynaecological services including 105 deliveries.
- Mental health and psychosocial support services were provided benefitting 1,633 including some families who lost loved ones during the bombardment.

UNICEF

- Supporting the health system to address COVID-19 prevention and treatment measures and the provision of vaccines through the COVAX facility.
- Delivered Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) supplies, including 6,000 litres of Ethyl Alcohol (70 per cent), and Glutaraldehyde (two per cent solution) for disinfectant and sterilization of medical equipment and surfaces in Gaza health facilities for around two and a half months of use.
- On 25 May, a total of 102,960 doses of Pfizer vaccines were delivered to the State of Palestine through COVAX in partnership with WHO. Of these vaccines 46,800 doses of vaccines were delivered to the Gaza Strip.

UNRWA

- Between 11-25 May, there were a total of 54,879 consultations.
- The health programme activated the emergency mass displacement feature of the electronic health to enable refugees to receive HCs anywhere in Gaza.

WHO

- Procured and delivered to central drug stores 122 emergency medications and essential supplies valued at USD560,000.

- Procured essential supplies and consumables in support to the Emergency Medical Team (EMT) and emergency departments in a total valued at USD24,295.
- Donated to European Gaza Hospital laboratory a chemistry analyser valued at USD39,900 and which will perform 300 tests daily to check vital body functions.
- Delivered 50,000 litres of fuel to Palestine Red Crescent Society (PRCS) valued at USD30,000. This fuel will cover the needs for six days at PRCS's two hospitals and ambulances.
- The health teams continue to monitor the applied COVID-19 preventive measures, provide health education, psychosocial support and ensure availability of infection control & hygiene needs for IDPs in the two remaining DESs.

Challenges and needs

- There are limited medical supplies on Gaza market and the closed borders with Israel is hindering access to essential medical supplies, equipment, and personnel. It is also preventing referral of patients in need of specialized care outside Gaza.
- Hospital operations are being impeded by long hours of power cuts. This has resulted in increased dependency on their standby generators and higher operational costs linked to fuel procurements.
- Increased need for mental health and psychosocial support for health workers and other humanitarians. Traumatized health workers and humanitarians who must continue providing services despite their personal traumas.
- With the ceasefire continuing to hold, there is need to ensure full resumption of strengthened COVID-19 response efforts.
- Need for Health Cluster partners to remain on standby and ensure preparedness for emergency medical services as the sporadic confrontations across West Bank governorates including East Jerusalem are expected to continue.
- The access to health care services including essential health services including SRH, GBV and psychosocial support is hindered as the main roads were seriously damaged.

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