

HEALTH CLUSTER BULLETIN September 2022

occupied Palestinian territory

Emergency Type: Complex **Reporting Period:** 1 July – 30 September 2022

Health Cluster people in need and target						
1.5 M	Need Assistance					
1.2 M	Targeted					
42	Active Cluster Members					



HIGHLIGHTS

- In the third quarter there were a total of 1,580 people treated for conflict-related injuries in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem.
- Partners supported the capacity building of 2,270 health workers on various health issues.
- Close to 19,000 people in Area C benefitted from mobile clinic services.
- A total of 22,250 patients benefited from limb reconstruction, elective surgery, and rehabilitation services.
- Around 170,000 people benefited from mental health psychosocial support (MHPSS) services.

- Medical supplies enough to cover 192,250 people with various medical needs were provided by partners.
- Close to 60,000 patients suffering from chronic diseases received treatment and consultations.
- The Health Cluster hosted its first partners exhibition in Gaza and Ramallah showcasing partner activities an event attended by around 500 people
- During the reporting period, 150 participants from Health Cluster partners met to discuss the 2023 humanitarian health needs and response activities.





Communicable Diseases

COVID-19 SITUATION IN NUMBERS (As of 2 October 2022)

	Confirmed cases		Active cases		
5	702,	977	•	439	
	West Bank 430,668	Gaza Strip 272,309	*	West Bank 19	Gaza Strip 420
	Deaths			Vaccinated populatio	n *
[⊗] †	5,7 West Bank 3704	08 Gaza Strip 2004	*	2,012,922	

*The number of tests does not include East Jerusalem

	Health workers train laboratory testing, i and control (IPC), ar ent	nfection		e in home isolation benefited w-ups and isolation kits				
226 274	500	- 404	155 59	386 861 -				
Men Women		st Bank Women	Children Elderly	PwD Gaza West Bank				
Partners:	CISP, IMC, UNRWA		Partn	ers: IMC				
10	10,261 People received hygiene and prevention kits							
4,036	5,770 455	1,452 668	9,416	845				
Men	Women Children	Elderly PwD	Gaza	West Bank				
Partners: AAH, AEI, IMC, MSF, we world-GVC								



Risk Communication and Community Engagement

	223,762	943	
Risk Communication and Community	Gaza	West Bank	
Engagement activities	Partners: AAH,	IMC, RED NOSES	

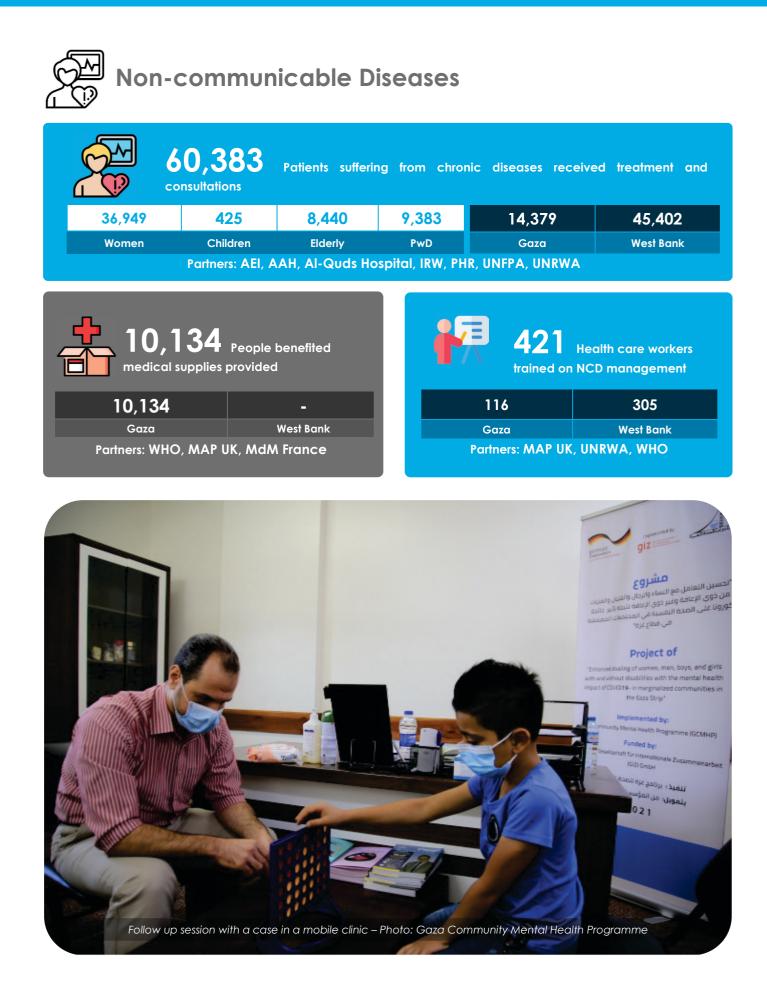


Trauma and Emergency Care

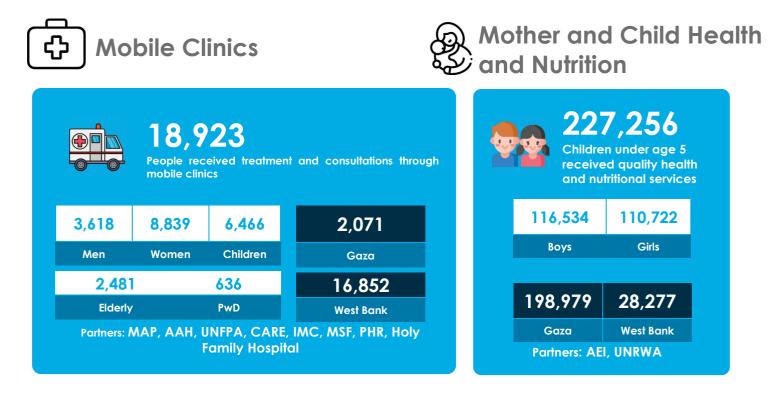
	425	atients suppo	orted with limb	reconstruction	1	
299	42	84	-	9	425	-
Men	Women	Children	Elderly	PwD IR, PUI, QRCS,	Gaza	West Bank
	8,27	4 Patients s	upported with	elective surge	ery	
3,057	4,582	635	95	•	7,646	628
Men	Women	Children	Elderly	PwD	Gaza	West Bank
Partners: QRCS,PHR, MAP UK, AAH ,UNRWA, AI Quds Hospital						
167,114 People benefited from medical supplies provided benefited						
161,3	35	5,77	9		263	121
Gaza West Bank				Gaza	West Bank	
Gaza West Bank Gaza West Bank Partners: HI, MAP UK, MedGlobal, PHR, Partners: HI, MAP UK, MedGlobal, PHR, WHO						











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Sexual and Reproductive Health & Gender-Based Violence

	50 Wome	en and girls a GBV) life-saving	trained intervent malnutrit	Health care workers on neonatal ions, SRH and ion management		
834	16	•	850	-	119	•
Women	Girls	PwD	Gaza	West Bank	Gaza	West Bank
	Partners: A	AdM France,	Partners: A	AEI, MAP UK		
he he				helters, mental MHPSS) and/or	People	58 benefited from SRH Il supplies provided

487	59	-	446	100			
Women	Girls	PwD	Gaza	West Bank			
P	Partners: MdM France, MdM Spain, UNRWA						

6,558 People benefited from SRH medical supplies provided							
-	6,558						
Gaza	West Bank						
Partners: UNFPA							



Mental Health and Psychosocial Support

	n care providers and community n MHPSS, including mhGAP
797	45
Gaza	West Bank
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169,736 People received mental health and psychosocial support services								
59,175	99,8	830	10,104					
Men	Wor	nen	Children					
46,738	6	626						
Elderly			PwD					
138,969		3	80,767					
Gaza		West Bank						
Partners: MdM France, UNRWA, MdM Suisse, MdM Spain, MSF, UNFPA, PUI								

se, MdM Spain, MSF, UNFPA, PUI, GCMHP, RED NOSES



Clowns visit to patients in the Pediatric department in the Palestine Medical Complex in Ramallah. Photo: RED NOSES International

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	6,623 Patients provided with multi-disciplinary rehabilitation services								
2,568	3,214	841	1,208	70	6,623				
Men	Women	Children	Elderly	PwD	Gaza	West Bank			
	Partners: AAH, MAP UK, HI, UNRWA, WHO								





Health access and attacks on healthcare



In the third quarter of 2022, there were 26 health attacks recorded and verified across oPt in <u>WHO's</u> <u>Surveillance System for Attacks on Health Care (SSA).</u>

Gaza Strip

3 attacks were recorded in the context of the August escalation:

- Complete closure of the Gaza Strip prevented access to essential care for 289 patients
- 1 health facility damaged
- 1 ambulance damaged

West Bank (including East Jerusalem)

23 attacks were recorded:

- 10 incidents involved ambulance prevention
- 7 incidents involved attack against ambulance
- 14 ambulances were affected
- **15** health workers injures
- 1 patient arrested

Read more in WHO's monthly Health Access reports: http://www.emro.who.int/pse/publications-who/monthly-referral-reports.html



Key priorities for the fourth quarter

Health projects in the 2022 Humanitarian Response Plan are only at 45% funded. Below are some key needs:

- Continue scaling up trauma and emergency response focusing on prepositioning and capacity
 building in West Bank including East Jerusalem.
- Continue advocating at various levels to address:
 - Severe restrictions on movement affecting delivery of and access to essential health care
 - Coercive environment affecting determinants of health
 - Excessive use of force contributing to attacks on health care

Assessments

Assessment of medical and mental health services in Hebron and Gaza, MSF (Ongoing)

Assessment of the emergency preparedness of Level 4 PHCs in Gaza, MdM-France (Completed)

Assess the readiness of the emergency department in the Level 4 PHCs to receive emergency cases and manage services during emergency periods.

The effect of humor on Health Care - A field study in Palestine, RED NOSES International (Ongoing)

his study is being implemented in the hospitals we work in, in cooperation with RED NOSES International, Vienna University of Economics and Business. The study is expected to generate important insights in the potential of complementary medical interventions for the psychosocial well-being and mental as well as physical health of vulnerable populations, with a particular focus on children. Additionally, it intends to assess the importance of trust in the health care context to achieve desirable health outcomes. It shall serve as a blueprint for future monitoring and evaluation activities of Red Noses International, which can be expanded to other activities of the organization worldwide.

For children: Strength and Difficulties Questionnaire (SDQ) For Adults: International Classification of Functioning & Disabilities (ICF) Assessment, GCMHP (Completed)

To assess the changes at wellbeing among the children and adults who received therapeutic interventions at the GCMHP community centers, GCMHP applied the SDQ and ICF assessment scales.

Trauma and Emergency Care Rapid Assessment Report Post-Conflict Escalation Gaza, WHO (Completed)

The assessment aims to identify best practices that enhanced the health system response during the last Gaza escalation, as well as weaknesses that must be addressed, to improve preparedness and response capacity for any future similar incident.

Major Gaza hospitals responsiveness during the last escalation post MCM training, WHO (Completed)

To assess the response of the major hospitals which received MCM training during the recent escalation of

hostilities.

IPC Baseline assessment in 4 health care facilities in North Gaza, CISP (Completed)

Assessment was designed and performed jointly by CISP and Juzoor for Health and Social Development, based on the most recent IPC Guidelines and the Infection Prevention and Control Assessment Framework (IPCAF) scoring system. It aimed at updating and detailing identification of capacities, gaps and needs in multiple areas concerning IPC in four target health facilities (Indonesian Hospital - including inpatient, emergency department and operation theatres; and the PHC clinics Suhadaa Jabalia, Al-Shimaa and Al-Atatra)



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