

HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE PLAN 2021



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2020 has been a tumultuous year for the occupied Palestinian territory-oPt which is suffering the economic and health fallouts of the COVID-19 outbreak, as well as a political standoff that has put additional pressure on the already fragile economy. In 2020, the humanitarian situation in the occupied Palestinian territory has further deteriorated due to two major developments. Firstly, the outbreak of COVID-19 and the measures imposed to contain the pandemic including; travel restrictions, school closures, recurrent lockdowns, reduction of commercial activities; which in turn has resulted in an increase in the unmet need for primary healthcare (PHC), sexual and reproductive health (SRH) as well as other services among the most vulnerable. Secondly, the Palestinian Authority's decision to halt all bilateral contacts with Israel as of May 19 in response to Israel's decision to annex additional parts of the west bank. Despite the fact that the PA resumed security coordination with Israel in November, this decision coupled with the economic slowdown due to COVID-19, has reduced the PA's capacity to deliver services, pay salaries and maintain social safety nets.

In light of the current situation, **protection concerns** continue to be the main driver of humanitarian needs in the oPt. Palestinians are continuously facing a number of protection threats that hamper access to livelihoods and essential services and result in a continued erosion of resilience and preparedness.

SITUATION OVERVIEW

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As estimated by the Humanitarian Country Team (HCT), approximately **2.45 million** Palestinians across the oPt will require some sort of humanitarian assistance in 2021, with a sharp increase in the number of people suffering from severe as opposed to moderate need reaching around 346,000.

Amid this challenging situation, UNFPA and through its humanitarian response plan for 2021 will leverage its resources and responsibilities to address these urgent protection needs. UNFPA will implement a number of interventions that aim to mitigate the COVID-19 outbreak impact on the sustainability and quality of service provision,

support the overburdened health system to address the additional challenges generated by the ongoing pandemic; including through the provision of supplies and capacity building, enhance the health system's preparedness to address and respond to gaps in SRH services, provide access to legal aid and mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) services to the most vulnerable and empower women exposed to gender based violence (GBV) through the provision of a number of multi-sectoral GBV services.

PROTECTION CLUSTER





Strengthening GBV services through enhanced GBV Sub-Cluster lead and coordination



Gaza Strip
West Bank
East Jerusalem



12 months
Jan-Dec 2021



250,000
US Dollars

TARGETS

60+ members of the GBV Sub-Cluster including:

More than **40** national and international NGOs

8 line ministries

11 UN agencies

OBJECTIVE

The project aims at strengthening the leadership of the GBV Sub-Cluster in the Occupied Palestinian Territory in order to tackle increasing GBV levels in light of COVID-19 through the effective coordination of GBV prevention, mitigation and response interventions. More specifically, the project aims at enabling the GBV Sub-Cluster members to identify and respond to GBV emerging concerns and gaps, building their capacity with a view to improving the quality of services, as well as mainstreaming GBV across other clusters. Moreover, the project seeks to facilitate joint GBV advocacy, strengthen GBV data collection and management and more broadly, to respond to the prolonged humanitarian crisis in the occupied Palestinian territory by contributing to the protection of rights and dignity of the Palestinian population, especially the most vulnerable.



Preventing and Responding to Gender-Based Violence within COVID-19 impact on women and girls in Gaza Strip:



Gaza Strip



12 months
Jan-Dec 2021



860,000
US Dollars

TARGETS

100 humanitarian actors “non-GBV specialist” and **120** GBV service providers through capacity building activities

7,000 persons at risk including women, girls, boys and men (2000-to be reached in person, 5000-to be reached remotely) with awareness raising sessions

11,150 GBV survivors through the provision of shelter services, voucher/cash assistance, economic enablement training , legal consultation and representation, emergency healthcare, and MHPSS services both in person and virtually

OBJECTIVE

The project aims at providing a number of multi-sectoral services to women and girls affected by the pandemic COVID-19, including women and girls with disabilities and the elderly. The services include; health, psychosocial, legal, cash assistance, support to small businesses of GBV survivors in addition to awareness raising and support for special-need survivors. Service providers within NGO's and line ministries will be targeted with awareness raising sessions around GBV topics. Special focus will be directed at the importance of maintaining PSEA (Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse) during service delivery and in the dealings with beneficiaries.

IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS

Red Crescent Society (RCS)

Culture and Free Thought Association (CFTA)

Women's Affairs Center (WAC)



Responding to Humanitarian Needs of GBV in East Jerusalem and Area C:



East Jerusalem
and Area C



12 months
Jan-Dec 2021



716,900
US Dollars

TARGETS

150 frontline GBV staff (women and men) through training in remote service delivery and contingency planning

8,000 persons (women, girls, men and boys) through GBV awareness raising sessions (3,000 to participate in person, 5,000 remotely)

10,550 GBV survivors including men, women, boys and girls through provision of dignity kits, shelter services, economic enablement training or support, cash/voucher assistance, emergency healthcare and MHPSS services both in person and remotely

OBJECTIVE

The project aims at strengthening and empowering women exposed to GBV through the provision of a number of multi-sectoral GBV services. The project will also enhance the approach of remote service provision through the use of hotlines and other virtual means in case the current situation of COVID 19 persists. In this regard, UNFPA is eager to capitalize upon its successful experience in building the capacity of service providers both in governmental and non-governmental settings in the area of remote service provision. Additionally, the project will target GBV survivors along with service providers to achieve a proper match between the scaling-up of emergency GBV services and the capacity building of GBV service providers efforts to ensure provision of quality GBV services.

IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS

PFPPA - Jerusalem

PWWSD, PCC - Qalqilya

PWWSD, PCC, PMRS - Jordan Valley

HEALTH CLUSTER





Providing critical MHPSS for young people affected by conflict and COVID-19 pandemic:



Gaza Strip
East Jerusalem
Area C, H2



12 months
Jan-Dec 2021



226,800
US Dollars

TARGETS

70 healthcare providers and community workers through training sessions

62,000 patients through access to MHPSS services

7,000 young people are targeted through awareness sessions and mental health promotion activities

OBJECTIVE

In emergencies, young people are particularly vulnerable to the risk of mental health and psychosocial consequences and destructive behaviours therefore this project aims to mitigate and respond to the critical mental health crisis faced by young people in oPt which results in increasing high-risk coping mechanisms. UNFPA plans to respond to the growing need for MHPSS among young people during COVID-19, covering communities in Gaza, Area C, H2 and EJ. Interventions will cover the following key areas; provision of physical and virtual adolescent and youth-sensitive mental health services through university youth-friendly health centres, NGO fixed and mobile health clinics in addition to home visits , provision of mentoring and in-service training for health providers (NGO and university clinics) to increase capacity building in managing and providing adolescent and youth sensitive MHPSS services, delivery of critical community-based support awareness and education sessions (physical and virtual) on adolescent and youth's mental health, MH, stigma, negative/positive coping mechanisms and misconceptions around depression, suicide, violence, SRHR, GBV.

IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS

Palestinian Medical Relief Society (PMRS)
Sharek Youth Forum
Save Youth Future Society (SYFS)



Sustaining life-saving sexual and reproductive health services, by supporting response, preparedness and resilience of Gaza community and health system to crises including COVID-19



Gaza Strip



12 months
Jan-Dec 2021



1,566,000
US Dollars

TARGETS

35,000 women in reproductive age, pregnant and lactating through provision of quality maternal and nutrition services, safe childbirth, emergency obstetric care, preconception care, early detection of breast cancer, antenatal care with focus on high-risk pregnancies

50,000 beneficiaries reached through awareness and health education sessions

40 healthcare facilities through provision of essential SRH medical supplies, such as drugs, disposables, infection prevention and control items, contraceptives, lab supplies, capacity building, in addition to enhanced coordination and communication

300 healthcare workers through provision of PPE

250 healthcare workers through training sessions on neonatal interventions, safe births, preconception care, infection prevention and management of malnutrition

OBJECTIVE

As Women's and girls' access to resources including life-saving SRH services and information is being restricted, this project aims to complement previous and ongoing UNFPA interventions under CERF and HRP 2020 to increase access of vulnerable women, men and girls to SRH services, support networks of community activists and implement community mobilization campaigns including health education/awareness component. Through this project, UNFPA will support Gaza health system and enhance its preparedness to address and respond to urgent needs and gaps in SRH services.

IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS

Ministry of Health- MoH
PMRS and other NGOs



Sustaining the continuation of essential lifesaving sexual and reproductive health services for women, girls, boys and men in Area C, East Jerusalem, and H2 area in the West Bank during emergencies



East Jerusalem
Area C
Hebron H2



12 months
Jan-Dec 2021



500,000
US Dollars

TARGETS

37,499 people targeted through provision of level 2 primary health care services, awareness and health nutrition education

6,000 women through access to SRH services

100 healthcare workers through training sessions on SRH topics

4,000 women in reproductive age, pregnant and lactating women through provision of quality maternal and nutrition services

100 health cluster partners through training sessions on key priority themes

100 healthcare workers are protected through provision of PPE

OBJECTIVE

This project aims to mitigate the COVID 19 outbreak impact on the sustainability and quality of primary health care services in general and the integrated Sexual and Reproductive Health services (SRH) in particular. Therefore, the project will increase access to SRH services and MoH primary health care services to the most vulnerable through: the provision of health services, community outreach on essential SRH and COVID19 information and improved coordination of SRH humanitarian partners through the establishment of emergency committees on governmental level throughout the targeted areas in close collaboration with MoH.

IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS

Ministry of Health- MoH

Palestinian Medical Relief Society - PMRS

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PREGNANCY IS WANTED, EVERY
CHILDBIRTH IS SAFE, AND EVERY YOUNG
PERSON'S POTENTIAL IS FULLFIELD.**

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