

HEALTH CLUSTER PARTNERS UPDATE

17th November 2023









Response Activities

Gaza

- 8,400 individual clean delivery kits delivered to pregnant women in the second and third trimesters in Gaza.
- 87 reproductive health kits delivered to hospitals to enable safe deliveries including provision of basic and comprehensive emergency obstetric and newborn care.
- 724 women in Gaza received cash transfers to support addressing their health needs, these include pregnant and lactating women, breast cancer patients, GBV survivors.
- 600 postpartum kits were delivered to women who have recently given birth, these include basic hygiene and care items for the new mothers.
- 900 family hygiene kits were distributed in Al-Nusseirat DES and 120 host community shelters.
- 1,070 dignity kits were distributed to women living in shelters.
- Almost 600,000 IDPs in shelters have access to mobile primary healthcare services and disease surveillance system.
- 2,925 children were vaccinated since vaccination service was resumed in November.
- Ten hospitals and the ambulance services received some medical supplies from partners.
- Partners are working together to strengthen disease surveillance, early warning systems and public health measures especially in the IDP shelters where living conditions are dire.
- Ongoing work to improve cold chain capacity on both sides of Rafah Crossing.
- Limited MHPSS services are being provided by partners in and out of shelters.

West Bank

- Partners supporting with supplies and human resources as part of trauma and emergency care response in hospitals in North West Bank, where there has been intensification of military operations.
- Emergency medical services and referrals continue to be provided in response to casualties of military operations and settler violence.
- Ongoing work of prepositioning supplies in north, central and south West Bank.
- Mobilizing local volunteers in hotspot locations in Jenin to be Community First Responders (CFRs) who are well-trained and equipped to be mobilized during emergencies in their communities.
- 70 people benefitted from access to early rehabilitation services for individuals with conflict-related injuries.
- Partners continue to provide MHPSS services across the West Bank.

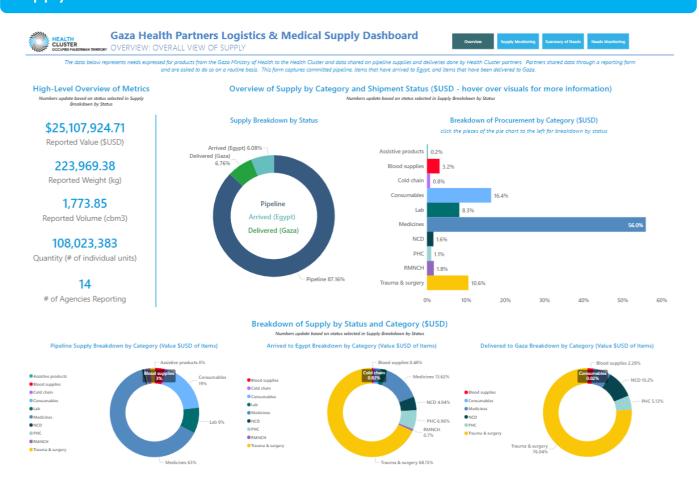


Funding

Flash Appeal Funding Requirement	Funding Committed	Pledged funds
\$204.2 Million	\$38.5 Million	\$30 Million

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Gaza	2.2M	2.0M
West Bank	0.6M	0.5M
Total	2.8M	2.5M

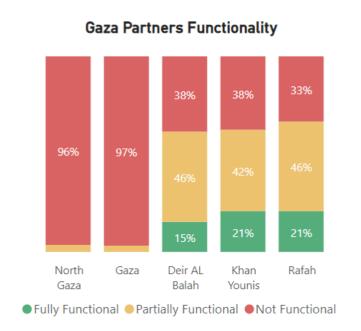
Supply Chain

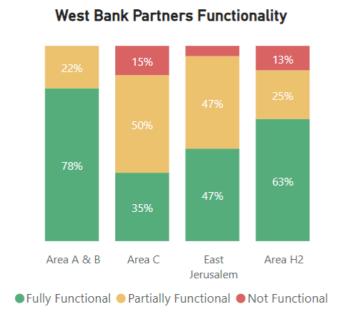


For more details on health supplies, please visit the interactive online dashboard.



Operational Challenges





Gaza

- Insecurity in Gaza has forced partners to stop operations and/or preventing them from reaching certain locations especially the north.
- Lack of fuel, medical supplies, water, food, and other essential supplies in Gaza.
- Displacement of partners, their staff and families are also affecting operational capacity.
- Overcrowding in the shelters is complicating health service delivery and increasing risk of communicable disease including outbreak-prone diseases.
- NGO partners are experiencing major issues signing MoU with Egyptian Red Crescent which is impacting their logistics capacity in Egypt.
- Only 19% of funding required to respond has been committed.

West Bank

- Insecurity and targeting of health workers continue to present challenges to emergency responses.
- 29 communities in the West Bank have been left without access to mobile clinic services due to closures.
- Reluctance of injured individuals to seek critical healthcare services and/or engage with rehabilitation program due to fears of arrest, given the extensive reach of IF in the West Bank.
- Only 14% of funding required to respond has been committed.



Preconditions to support partners response activities

Gaza

- Immediate ceasefire and protection of Palestinian population in the Gaza Strip
- Sustained humanitarian access for adequate quantities of supplies (including urgently needed fuel supplies) and people (humanitarian workers, health workers, and patients) to, from and around the Gaza Strip.
- Establish a humanitarian corridor to the north of Wadi Gaza to facilitate the immediate entry of urgently needed humanitarian and health supplies and evacuation of those who want to move south but are unable to due to immobility because of disability or old age.
- Ensure respect and the protection of health care at all times.
- Sufficient road/transportation infrastructure in the Gaza Strip to allow ambulance and logistical access and transportation.
- Mitigation measures to reduce risk to staff, such as armoured vehicles, personal protective equipment (ballistic), and communications equipment.

West Bank

- De-escalation of military violence and protection from settler violence for the Palestinian population living under occupation in the West Bank.
- Respect for medical missions and their protection from violence and attacks.
- End arbitrary restrictions on movement to allow health staff, ambulances, and patients to move throughout the West Bank and into east Jerusalem, where health access is needed.
- End to discriminatory planning policies and settlement expansion resulting in the displacement of Palestinians in the West Bank, particularly those in Area C, east Jerusalem, and area H2 of Hebron, and restricting the development of permanent or semi-permanent health facilities.

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