2.1 Presence in the Area :

Describe your presence in the area (countries and/or sectors), for instance: number of years, type of intervention, type of presence (either with an established office or through a local partner), the existing infrastructure in place. (Bytes limit: 4000)

Médecins du Monde (MdM) has been working in the Occupied Palestinian Territory (oPt) since 1996. MdM-F has developed a significant understanding of the Palestinian context and a strong field experience thanks to 22 years of projects implementation directly and through partners. This presence in Palestine has allowed MdM to develop a trust relationship with the community, local authorities, national and international organizations present in the area. Moreover, MdM is an active member of the Cluster system at both Health and Protection clusters and its sub-working groups. Nowadays MdM is present in the oPt through its three offcies located in East Jerusalem, Nablus and Gaza with a team of 48 staff composed by a coordination team, a support team and a program team with medical professionals (psychologists, doctors, etc.) and psychosocial, advocacy and protection specialists.

In Gaza:

In North West Bank:

During the Second Intifada (2002-2006) MdM set up a 24/7 clinic to provide primary health care services, in 2004 MDM started to provide psychological first aid to victims of the violence related with Israeli-Palestinian conflict in Nablus Public Hospitals.

Between 2008 and 2011, facing a general gap in the provision of mental health issues, MdM partnered with the MoH to establish Community Mental Health Centres (CMHC) in Nablus and Jenin and to build the mental health referral system. As a complementary intervention, MDM set up a pilot program to integrate mental health services in Primary Health Care Centres “PHCCs) in Nablus Governorate. The success of this pilot program led MDM and MoH to extend this mental health integration approach until 2016 to all Nablus Governorate, in partnership with a local partner specialized in mental health (the Arab Centre for Counselling and Education – ACCE known as the Palestinian Counselling Centre(PCC)).

Since 2012, facing an increase in violent critical incidents related to the Occupation, MDM started, in coordination with the Protection Cluster, to provide a Psychosocial Emergency Response in NWB after potentially traumatic events. This intervention also involves a protection component through the protection referrals and Case management, in addition to advocacy. In complement to this immediate psychological response, MdM promotes the resilience of the vulnerable communities through Psychoeducation. Since 2017, MDM is covering 4 governorates of the NWB (Nablus, Salfit, Qalqilya and the Northern Jordan valley located in Tubas governorate) with MHPSS emergency response following demolitions, settlers related violence and Israeli Security Forces excessive use of force incidents.

In Jerusalem:

MdM initially worked in Jerusalem on harm reduction for drug users in 1996, since then MDM is present in east Jerusalem through its coordination and is keeping an active presence in different clusters and forms. For this project, MdM will partner with ACCE, who is present in east Jerusalem since 1983 providing MHPSS emergency and developmental interventions. ACCE headquarters in Beit Hanina - Jerusalem with branches in the old city of Jerusalem, Ramallah, Qalqilya, and Nablus. The PCC employs 45 staff members and serves over 12000 direct beneficiaries.