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# EMERGENCY RESPONSE REPORT

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As 2024 comes to a close, Israel's genocidal campaign against Palestinians remains unrelenting in Gaza and continues incrementally in the West Bank. The brutal hardships of winter in Gaza have claimed the lives of the most vulnerable, including 7 infants under two years old, who have died of hypothermia. In northern Gaza, Israel has carried out the systematic ethnic cleansing of Beit Lahiya, Beit Hanoun, and parts of Jabalia, destroying essential infrastructure and depriving the remaining population of even the most basic means of survival. In the West Bank, the Israeli Occupation Forces (IOF) have intensified their demolition campaign, particularly targeting Jenin, Tulkarem, and Nablus. Family homes have been invaded and destroyed, often with the support of violent settlers, leaving entire families homeless and forcing them into displacement.

IN GAZA: up to 07/01/2025, Israel has killed a minimum of 45,541, the majority of whom are children, injured over 108,338, and forcibly displaced 1.95 million Palestinians (92% of Gaza's population) according to OCHA. Tragically, 6% of Gaza's population has been killed, injured, or maimed. The ongoing assault has left 16 of the region's 36 hospitals completely destroyed, with the remaining facilities only partially functional, all located in the south. Israel's deliberate and relentless bombings, including the obliteration of entire buildings, have resulted in the complete annihilation of 10 families this month alone. The Israeli regime's objective of making Gaza unlivable and forcibly displacing its inhabitants is advancing at an unprecedented pace. To worsen the crisis, the Israeli Occupation Forces (IOF) are targeting emergency aid vehicles, further preventing essential supplies from reaching Palestinians in desperate need. At the same time, the 2.2 million Palestinians in Gaza are barely surviving amid severe shortages of essential supplies like medicine, medical equipment, fuel, water, food, and electricity; pushing the region dangerously close to a complete humanitarian disaster.

West Bank and Jerusalem: up to 07/01/2025, Israel killed over 838, including 173 children, injured over 6,700 (including 1,002 children), and detained over 6,600 Palestinians according to OCHA. The year 2024 has seen the highest numbers in nearly two decades - with approximately 4,250 Palestinians displaced 1,760 structures destroyed, and about 1,400 invasions involving Israeli settlers across the West Bank, including East Jerusalem. The occupation's extensive damage to infrastructure in Nour El Shams refugee camp forced UNRWA to suspend its aid for 19 days, leaving Palestinians in a state of desperate helplessness. During this period, sewage water flooded the streets, causing severe damage to the foundations of approximately 222 homes. Despite this, Israel persistently disregards international legal standards, systematically violating Palestinian rights and devaluing their lives in an effort to render their existence untenable.

# IN GAZA

The Palestinian Counseling Center's team, comprising of 20 MHPSS workers, 2 site coordinators, and 60 psycho-social support volunteers have been providing critical MHPSS interventions such as psychological first aid, individual counseling and group support for children, women, youth, and men. The team also conducts case management for complex cases, referral and follow-up, as well as self-care for MHPSS and frontline workers.



## The PCC's team in Gaza:

- 8 in the North of Gaza
- 3 in Khan Younis
- 2 in Mawasi Khan Younis
- 4 in Mawasi Rafah
- 2 in Deir el Balah
- 2 in Nuseirat
- 1 in Zawayda

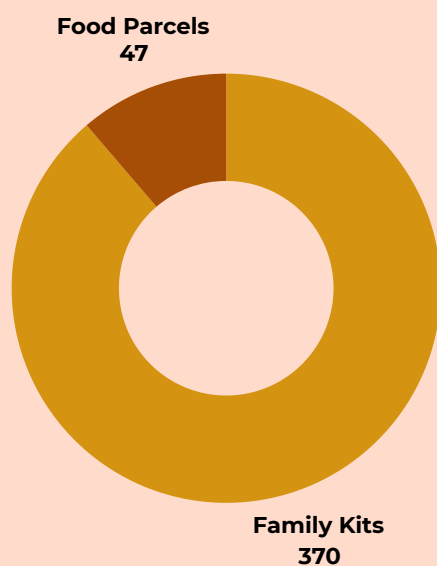


Site coordinators in the North and South

## MHPSS Youth Volunteers:

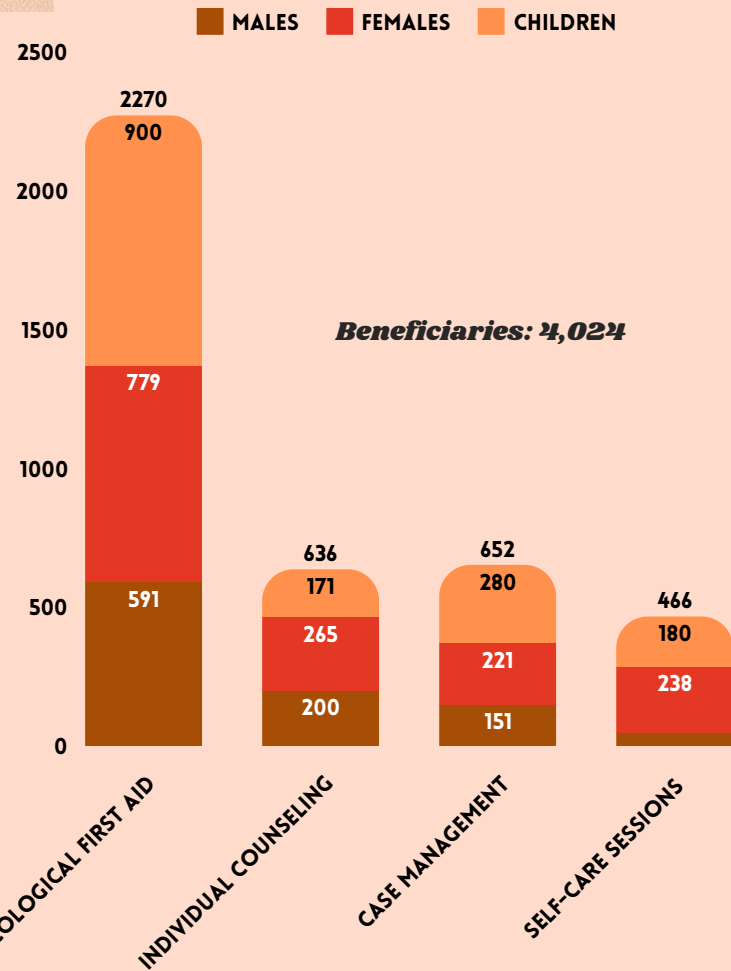
- 21 North of Gaza
- 24 Khan Younis
- 15 Deir el Balah

Aid, Assistance and Psychological Support



Distribution of Food and Family Kits to 417 families - averaging 5 family members

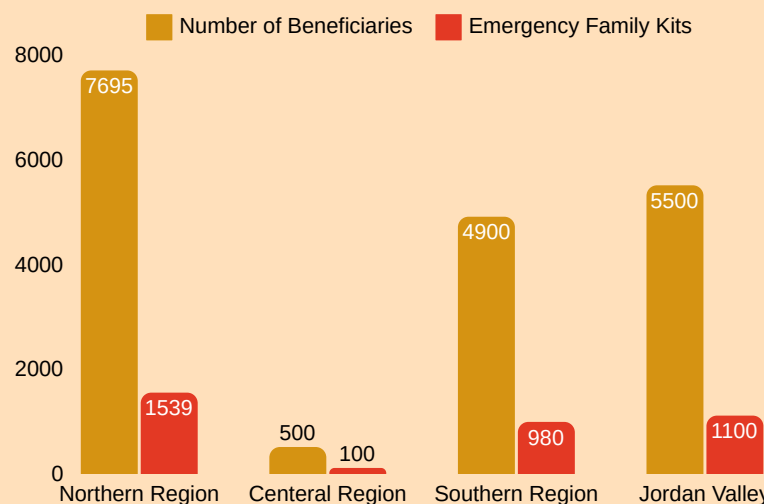
**Total Beneficiaries: 2,085**



# PCC AND PARTNER CBOS IN WEST BANK INCLUDING JERUSALEM



3,719 emergency Family Kits disturbed including Medical First Aid Kit, Food Parcels, and Stationery



3,719 families, i.e 18,595 individuals benefited from distribution of aid

## NORTH & JORDAN VALLEY:

- 200 PFA interventions; 913 beneficiaries including 359 children
- 48 phone consultations; 92 beneficiaries

## CENTER:

- 23 PFA interventions; 45 beneficiaries including 13 children

## SOUTH:

- 147 PFA interventions; 247 beneficiaries including 96 children
- 181 phone consultations; 185 beneficiaries

**1,482 Total beneficiaries**

## OUR PARTNER CBOS

### North & Jordan Valley (JV):

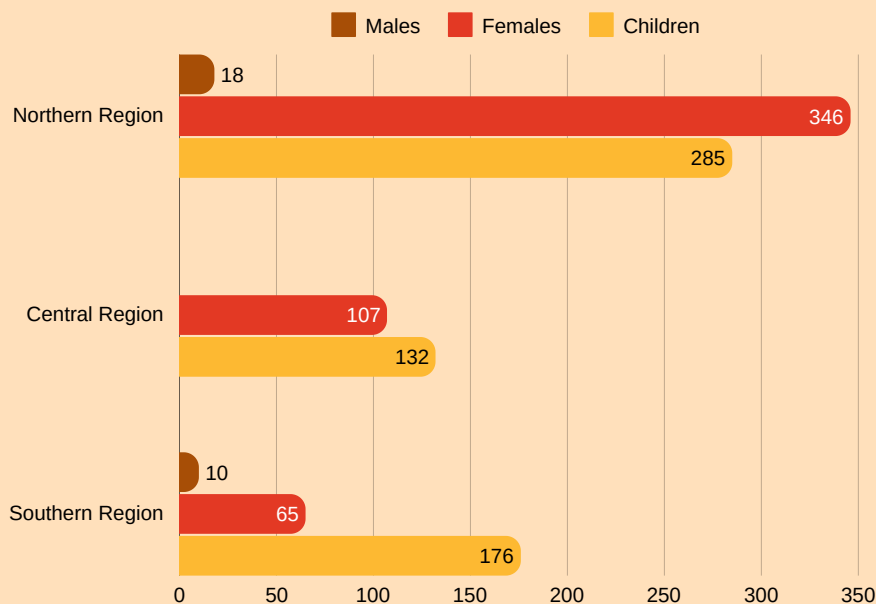
1. Bardala Association (JV)
2. Zubeidat Youth Center (JV)
3. Rural Woman's Development Association
4. Qaryut Sports Club
5. Khatwa Development Association Arabeh
6. Mothers' School Association

### Center – Jerusalem:

1. Teachers Village Association – Al Tur
2. Jabal Mukaber Club
3. Abad Al Shams Association
4. Mada Creative Center - Silwan

### South – Bethlehem & Hebron:

1. Human Rights Defenders Association
2. Beit Iskaria Women's Association
3. Popular Committee for Services of Al-Fawar Camp
4. Masafer Yatta Youth Center
5. Al-Arroub Women's Center



- Recreational Activities
- Stress relief Activities
- Awareness raising and visits to the elderly
- Open Days for Children
- PFA Group sessions

**1,139 Beneficiaries**

# ***Number of beneficiaries reached on the National Level***

**27,325**

## **NORTH & JORDAN VALLEY**

- **913 BENEFICIARIES FROM PFA INTERVENTIONS**
- **92 BENEFICIARIES FROM PHONE CONSULTATIONS**
- **649 PARTICIPANTS IN RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES AND PSS SUPPORT**
- **13,195 BENEFICIARIES FROM EMERGENCY AND FOOD KITS**

**TOTAL BENEFICIARIES: 14,849**

## **CENTER**

- **45 BENEFICIARIES FROM PFA INTERVENTIONS**
- **238 PARTICIPANTS IN RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES AND PSS SUPPORT**
- **500 BENEFICIARIES FROM EMERGENCY AND FOOD KITS**

**TOTAL BENEFICIARIES: 784**

## **SOUTH**

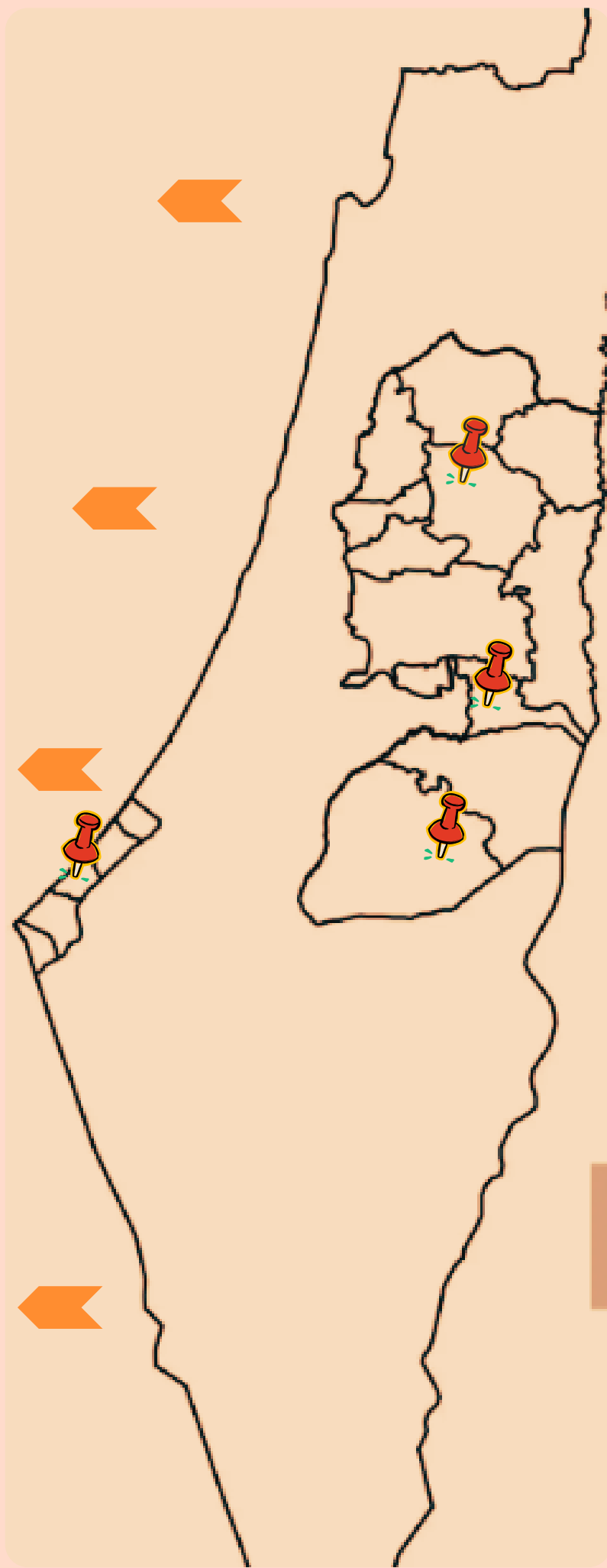
- **247 BENEFICIARIES FROM PFA INTERVENTIONS**
- **185 BENEFICIARIES FROM PHONE CONSULTATIONS**
- **251 PARTICIPANTS IN RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES AND PSS SUPPORT**
- **4,900 BENEFICIARIES FROM EMERGENCY AND FOOD KITS**

**TOTAL BENEFICIARIES: 5,583**

## **GAZA**

- **2,270 BENEFICIARIES FROM PFA INTERVENTIONS**
- **636 BENEFICIARIES FROM INDIVIDUAL COUNSELING**
- **1,118 PARTICIPANTS IN RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES AND PSS SUPPORT**
- **2,085 BENEFICIARIES FROM EMERGENCY AND FOOD KITS**

**TOTAL BENEFICIARIES: 6,109**



# ***Story of the Month***

***"We were engaged for a year, and we loved each other so much. I was waiting for him to come... but when I heard the news, everything went dark. I lost control, I couldn't believe it." - E.S from Gaza***

E.S., is a 21-year-old from Gaza, who was forced to flee her home during the endless Israeli bombing leaving behind her home, dreams and her fiancé. While displaced in a camp, she received heartbreaking news that her fiancé had been killed by the Israeli occupation forces. Overwhelmed by grief and unable to cope with the loss, her mother reached out to the Palestinian Counselling Center's camp counsellor for support. The counsellor visited E.S. in her tent, listened to E.S and began helping her process her emotions of loss, isolation, and trauma. After a number of individual sessions, E.S. began to better cope with her feelings of loss, grief, anger and despair.

In the first sessions, E.S. started to open up and shared how she had felt abandoned and broken, facing a future full of uncertainty coupled with her deep sense of loss and pain. During the following sessions, E.S. started to show some acceptance. The therapy was focused on helping E.S find her with inner strengths and the tools she used to manage her emotions and rebuild a sense of control over her life. Soon after, she started reflecting on the future beyond her loss.

Perhaps one of the most impactful shifts in E.S.'s journey came when she realized she had something to offer others who were also suffering like her. Despite the hardships she faced, she decided to take action. She initiated lessons for the children living in the same camp, offering educational support in Arabic. It became a form of healing, not just for her, but also for the children she taught—children who, like her, were struggling with the consequences of displacement. One of the children, a 7-year-old even said:

***"We're so happy learning with the E.S instead of waiting in line for water."***

Today, E.S. stands as a symbol of transformation. She like so many others in Gaza, has managed to transform her grief into positive actions such as, helping others like children to overcome their losses. She has not only regained her sense of purpose in supporting the education of children but also feels that the only way she can make any sense of her fiancé's killing is by contributing to rebuilding her community and life in Gaza.