

## **Tenth Emergency Response Report**

07<sup>th</sup> JULY - 07<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2024

It has been 10 months of the ongoing Israeli aggression against our people in Gaza and the West Bank. During this month, horrific video footage of torture and rape of Palestinian detainees by the Israeli Occupation Forces were released. These shocking scenes prove the numerous testimonies released by Palestinian detainees of the systematic torture and deprivation they were subjected to and which lead to the killing of over 44 Palestinians while in detention. During this month, the Israeli government approved the largest West Bank landgrab since the Oslo accords in 1993, by approving the construction of around 6,000 new settlement units and the confiscation of over 2,965 acres of land. In Gaza, the humanitarian suffering as a result of Israel's aggressions continues unabated, with thousands killed, injured and hundreds of thousands forced to displace several times. The amount of destruction caused to houses and buildings by the Israeli army is meant to make the return of those displaced to their homes almost impossible.

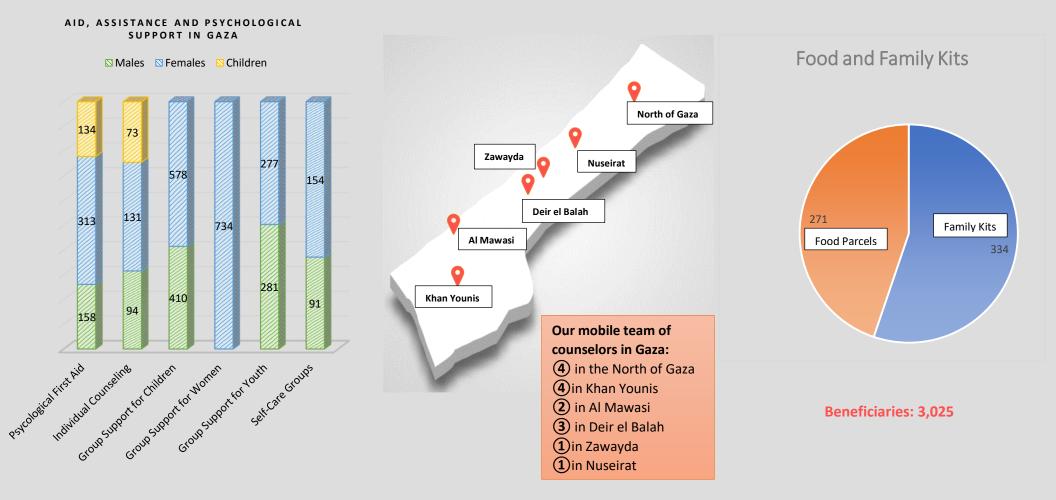
**IN GAZA:** up to 07/08/2024, Israel has killed 39,623, injured over 91,469, and forcibly displaced 1.98 million Palestinians according to OCHA. Currently, more than 60% of all housing units have been destroyed and only 16 out of 35 hospitals are partially functional. Crucial infrastructure like roads, transportation, healthcare, communication and more have all collapsed and over 65% of roads are ruined. The environmental consequences are rendering Gaza increasingly uninhabitable, with severe ecosystem and public health crises emerging from contaminated agricultural lands and aquifers, the potential infiltration of toxins into the food chain, and the spread of diseases like Polio and Hepatitis. Moreover, the 2.2 million Palestinians in the Gaza Strip continue to face a massive shortage of medical supplies, medicines, fuel, water, food, and electricity.

**West Bank and Jerusalem**: up to 07/08/2024, Israel killed over 605, including 144 children, injured over 5,452 (including 836 children), and detained over 6,132 Palestinians according to OCHA. The number of attacks by Israeli settlers on Palestinians continue to grow as 1,143 attacks have been recorded by UNICEF since the 07<sup>th</sup> October 2023. In July alone, over 60 Palestinian-owned structures were demolished in Area C and the West Bank, displacing 116 people (including 63 children) – in addition, the Israeli Minister of defense gave permission to intensify airstrikes in the West Bank, causing more damage and killings to Palestinian lives and livelihoods.

The PCC is consistently scaling up its emergency response in the West Bank and Gaza, developing and implementing a range of MHPSS interventions to support survivors in their healing and recovery. These efforts include Psychological First Aid (PFA), group debriefing and support sessions, individual consultations and counselling either in-person, online or by phone, as well as group counseling.

## In Gaza

The PCC's team of 15 MHPSS counselors continued to provide psychological first aid, individual consultations and counseling, self-care groups, group support for women, youth and children survivors of the Israeli aggression, overall benefiting **3,428 survivors**.



### PCC and Partner CBOs in West Bank including Jerusalem



#### North & Jordan Valley (JV):

Bardala Association (JV) Zubeidat Youth Center (JV) Rural Woman's Development Association Qaryut Sports Club Khatwa Development Association Arabeh Mothers' School Association

#### Center – Jerusalem:

Teachers Village Association – Al Tur Jabal Mukaber Club Abad Al Shams Association Mada Creative Center - Silwan

#### South – Bethlehem & Hebron:

Human Rights Defenders Association Beit Iskaria Women's Association Popular Committee for Services of Al-Fawar Camp Masafer Yatta Youth Center Al-Arroub Women's Center Rural Women's Association for Enhancing Developmental Capacities

#### North & Jordan Valley:

- 90 PFA interventions; 437 beneficiaries including 159 children
- 47 phone consultations; 46 beneficiaries

#### Center:

- 13 PFA interventions; 52 beneficiaries including 6 children
- 13 phone consultations; 17 beneficiaries

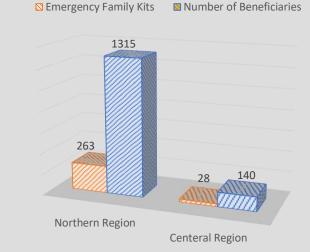
#### South:

- 77 PFA interventions; 159 beneficiaries including 71 children
- 37 phone consultations; 35 beneficiaries

#### 746 Beneficiaries

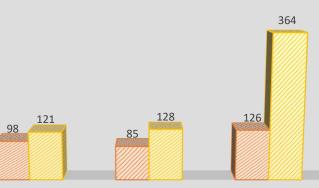


#### EMERGENCY KITS DISTRIBUTED THROUGHOUT WEST BANK INCLUDING JERUSALEM



#### COMMUNITY MHPSS SUPPORT ACTIVIT WEST BANK INCLUDING JERUSALEM

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- Recreational Activities
- Stress relief Activities
- Awareness raising and visits to the elderly
- Open Days for Children
- Volunteer activities for Youth

#### 922 Beneficiaries

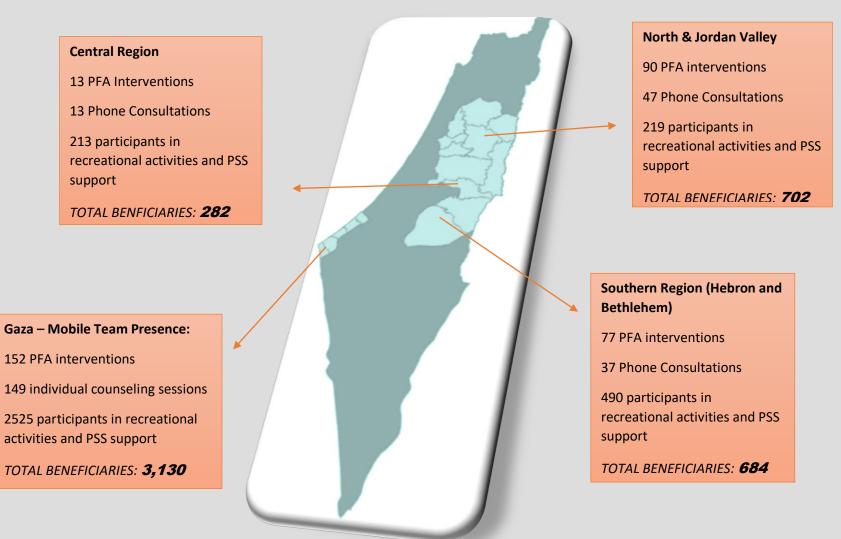
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Northern Region

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Southern Region

# Number of beneficiaries reached on the National Level 4,798



**PCC story of the month**: Milad, a beloved and cheerful 13-year-old from Al-Aroub camp, was killed by Israeli forces on the 9<sup>th</sup> of September 2023 after being shot in the abdomen. Milad loved rapping and was very well known for his talent in the camp and among his friends. Shortly before he was killed, he started writing and composing a new song, which he sadly could not finish. His friends and colleagues in the child protection group he attended at the Aroub Women Center were deeply affected by his loss and decided to continue the song he started in his memory. This song was recently released and has become well known in Aroub Camp and has reached neighboring Bethlehem and Beit Jala. His friends are planning to produce a video clip and post it on social media to keep his memory alive.

#### Song Title: Milad

The first part of the song is about the shock, anger, disbelief and frustration his friends felt when they heard about his killing, the second part talks about the need to continue, to be strong, determined and hopeful about the future and the last part is in Milad's voice, in which he says: "Despite the pain, despite the wounds - Despite everything that happens - I am greater than all the hardships - I am the one who dreams - Maybe I'm right, maybe I live with great hope and love - I live in the camp, patient and enduring - That's why I dream of flying, I dream of singing, I dream of competing - I am not insignificant, and I am not an enemy - I am a person with goodness in my heart - My hope is for goodness and liberation - The sky is mine, the sea is mine - Ask my mother, ask my father - That's what they told me when I was young - In the sea, I am the biggest whale - And in the sky, I am an eagle that soars".

Audio Link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BIYUKtpVph8