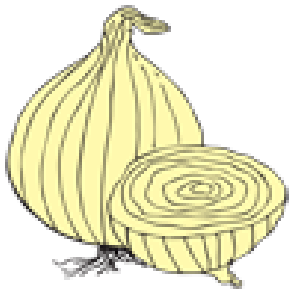




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EMERGENCY RESPONSE REPORT

07th January 2025 - 07th February 2025



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As 2025 began, Israel faced mounting pressure from the United States, Egypt and Qatar to agree to a ceasefire, which officially took effect on January 19. This moment signalled a new beginning and ignited a renewed sense of hope for Palestinians in Gaza. Structured in three phases, the ceasefire initiated a long-awaited process: the release of thousands of Palestinians who had been unlawfully imprisoned under horrific conditions in Israeli jails, in exchange for Israeli detainees. By January 31, over 2,000 Palestinian men, women, and children had been freed in exchange for 33 prisoners. The deal reunited long-separated families in the West Bank and Gaza bringing together those who have been incarcerated from 15 months to several decades of cruelty and torture in Israeli prisons. Between January 19 and 21, although more than 4,000 aid trucks entered Gaza, delivering desperately needed supplies to a population on the brink of starvation, the need remains to be much larger than what was supplied. Meanwhile, despite the widespread destruction, hundreds of thousands of displaced Gazans wasted no time returning to what remained of their homes in northern Gaza. On the same day the ceasefire was announced, Israeli forces killed 81 Palestinians in northern Gaza and launched a large-scale military operation in the north of the West Bank.

IN GAZA: Despite the ceasefire, the killing of Palestinians did not stop. The death toll continued to climb, reaching 47,161 killed by Israel—most of them children—while over 111,166 were left injured. In the days leading up to the ceasefire, between January 14th and 16th, Israeli forces unleashed a wave of violence, killing more than 95 Palestinians. Among them were 12 women, including two who were pregnant, and 15 children. Now, nearly 500,000 Palestinians are making their way back north, on foot, crossing 10 to 35 kms and walking for 5 to 10 hours to return to what is left of their homes driven by the will to live and rebuild. With the rehabilitation efforts underway, more bodies are being discovered and it's becoming increasingly clear that the true number of lives lost is far higher than what was previously known.

West Bank and Jerusalem: Contrary to the situation in Gaza, Israel has escalated its military aggression in the West Bank, especially in Jenin and Tulkarem. The death toll since October 7, continued to climb, reaching 860 killed by Israel, including 181 children, injuring over 7,000 (including 1,002 children), and detaining over 8,000 Palestinians. This month witnessed a significant increase in military raids, airstrikes, and settler violence, particularly in Jenin. This has resulted in displacing 40,000 Palestinians mostly from the Jenin, Tulkarem and Nour Shams refugee camps. Over 8,000 Palestinians have been detained in January alone. It is believed that Israel is applying the same aggressive military atrocities in the West Bank that were applied in Gaza.

This month, with increased mobility and a relatively calmer environment in Gaza, the PCC team has been able to carry out interventions more effectively, providing essential support and relief to those in need. This is especially crucial for children in Gaza, where PCC has launched psychosocial support groups, reaching four times the number of children compared to the previous month. Additionally, in the north of Gaza, PCC teams have actively contributed to preparing shelters, tents, and other necessities to accommodate the thousands of returning Palestinians whose homes have been destroyed. Meanwhile, in the West Bank, despite the ongoing daily violations against Palestinians and even harsher and more severe movement restrictions, the PCC has maintained a consistent flow of psychosocial services. However, the number of dignity kits distributed was significantly reduced compared to the previous month, mainly due to movement restriction..

IN GAZA

With the ceasefire in Gaza bringing a much-needed moment of relief, PCC's team is now better able to move across affected areas and fully implement their interventions. Comprising 20 MHPSS workers, 2 site coordinators, and 60 psychosocial support volunteers, the team has been providing critical mental health and psychosocial support, including psychological first aid, individual counseling, and group support for children, women, youth, and men.



The PCC's team in Gaza:

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



Site coordinators in the North and South

MHPSS Youth Volunteers:

- 27 North of Gaza
- 21 Khan Younis
- 12 Deir el Balah

Aid, Assistance and Psychological Support

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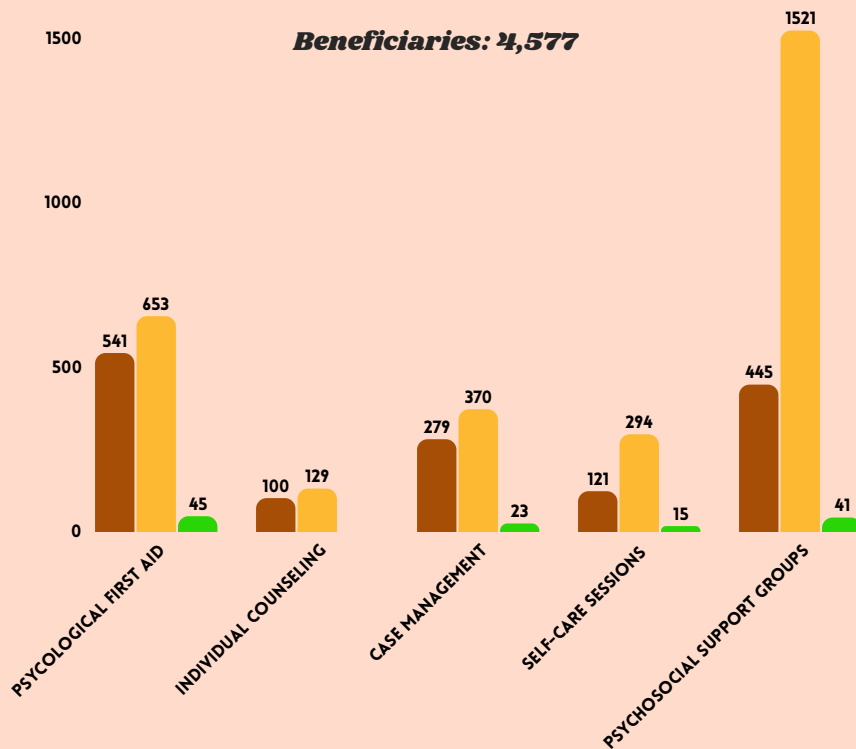
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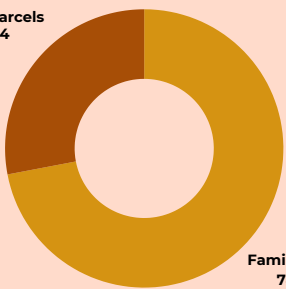
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Beneficiaries: 4,577

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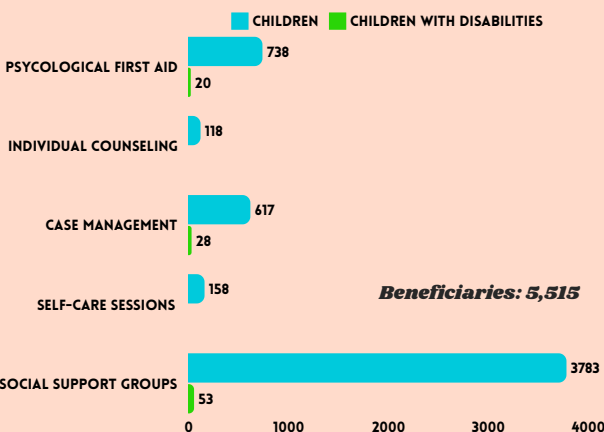
Food Parcels
304



Family Kits
782

Distribution of Food and Family Kits to 1,086 families
- averaging 4 family members

Beneficiaries: 4,344



Beneficiaries: 5,515

PCC AND PARTNER CBOS IN WEST BANK INCLUDING JERUSALEM



NORTH & JORDAN VALLEY:

- 234 PFA interventions; 1,105 beneficiaries including 453 children
- 692 phone & face-to-face consultations; 692 beneficiaries including 238 children

CENTER:

- 12 PFA interventions; 174 beneficiaries including 12 children
- 82 phone & face-to-face consultations 82 beneficiaries including 32 children

SOUTH:

- 380 PFA interventions; 955 beneficiaries including 265 children
- 171 phone & face-to-face consultations 171 beneficiaries including 74 children

Beneficiaries: 3,079

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

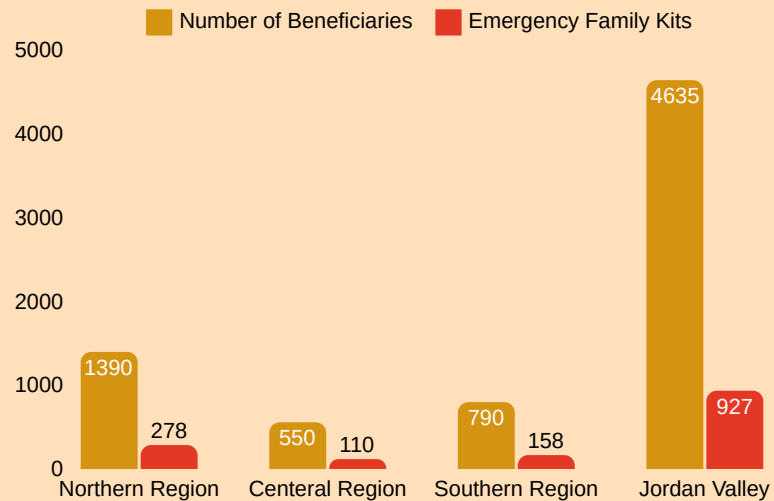
Center – Jerusalem:

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

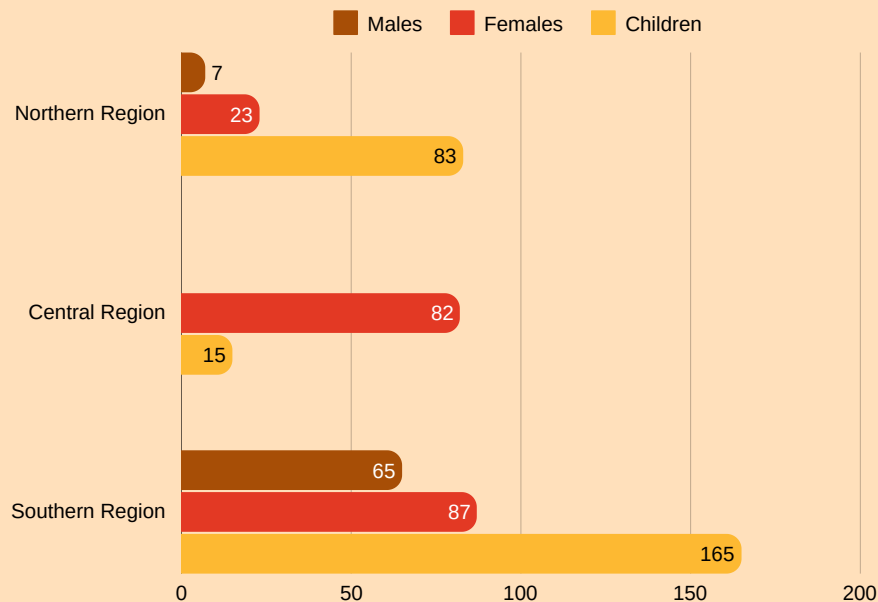
South – Bethlehem & Hebron:

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

1,473 emergency Family Kits disturbed including Medical First Aid Kit, Food Parcels, and Stationery



1,473 families, i.e 7,365 individuals benefited from distribution of aid



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

Beneficiaries: 527

Number of beneficiaries reached on the National Level

25,407

NORTH & JORDAN VALLEY

- 1,105 BENEFICIARIES FROM PFA INTERVENTIONS
- 692 BENEFICIARIES FROM PHONE & FACE-TO-FACE CONSULTATIONS
- 113 PARTICIPANTS IN RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES AND PSS SUPPORT
- 6,025 BENEFICIARIES FROM EMERGENCY AND FOOD KITS

TOTAL BENEFICIARIES: 7,935

CENTER

- 174 BENEFICIARIES FROM PFA INTERVENTIONS
- 82 BENEFICIARIES FROM PHONE & FACE-TO-FACE CONSULTATIONS
- 97 PARTICIPANTS IN RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES AND PSS SUPPORT
- 550 BENEFICIARIES FROM EMERGENCY AND FOOD KITS

TOTAL BENEFICIARIES: 903

SOUTH

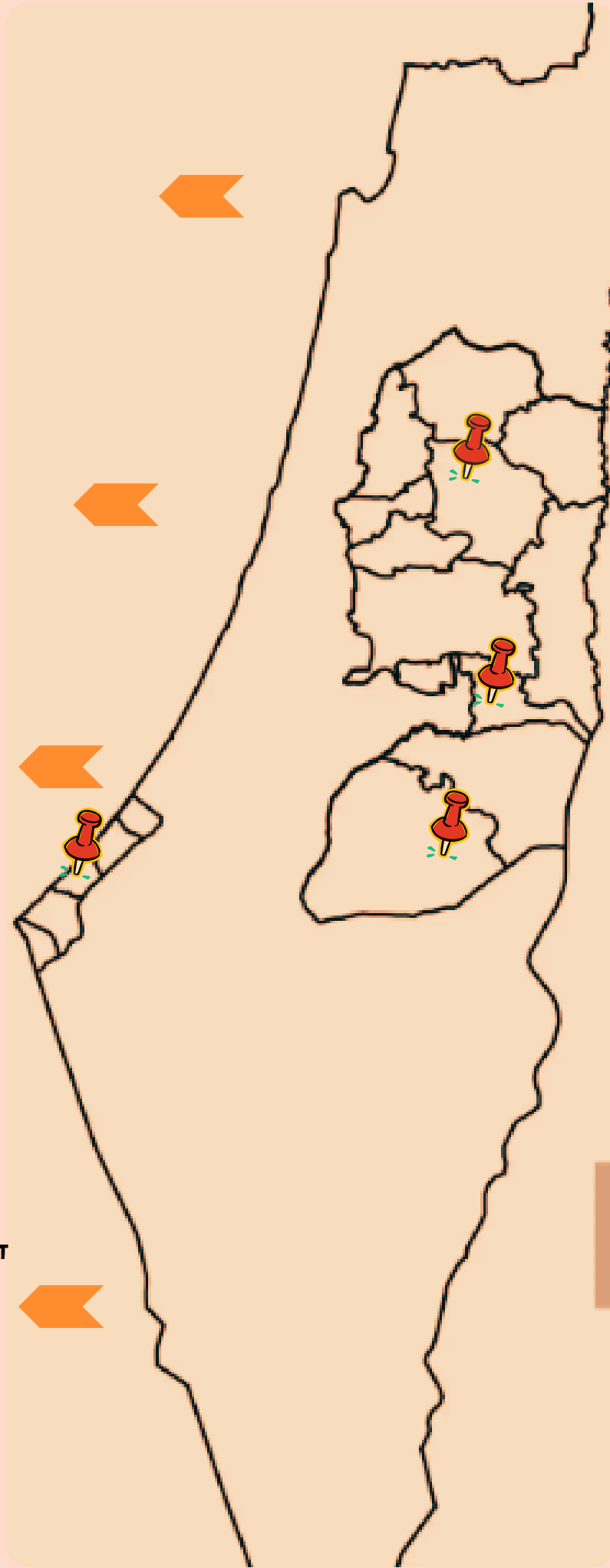
- 955 BENEFICIARIES FROM PFA INTERVENTIONS
- 171 BENEFICIARIES FROM PHONE & FACE-TO-FACE CONSULTATIONS
- 317 PARTICIPANTS IN RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES AND PSS SUPPORT
- 790 BENEFICIARIES FROM EMERGENCY AND FOOD KITS

TOTAL BENEFICIARIES: 2,233

GAZA

- 1,997 BENEFICIARIES FROM PFA INTERVENTIONS
- 347 BENEFICIARIES FROM INDIVIDUAL COUNSELING
- 7,648 PARTICIPANTS IN RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES AND PSS SUPPORT
- 4,344 BENEFICIARIES FROM EMERGENCY AND FOOD KITS

TOTAL BENEFICIARIES: 14,336



Story of the Month

After the ceasefire on January 19, 2025, hundreds of thousands of displaced Gazans began their long journey home, walking from Khan Younis, Deir al-Balah, Zawayda, and Nuseirat back to the north.

Drawing from past experiences of the many displacement waves and periods in the past 15 months, PCC recognized the urgent need to prevent children from becoming separated from their families.

The PCC received a large number of childrens' wristbands from UNICEF. These wristbands were given to the PCC team which reorganized itself for the next 3 days to put the bands on childrens' wrist in case they were separated from their parents or their guardians. On Al Rasheed street, our team of counselors and volunteers personally placed wristbands on children with their parents' or guardians' phone numbers, ensuring they could be quickly reunited if separated during the long walk home.

This initiative provided a crucial layer of security and reassurance for families returning after 15 months of displacement and relentless assaults by Israeli forces. It was a small but vital step toward protecting children and easing parents' fears as they embarked on this difficult journey back to what remained of their homes.

