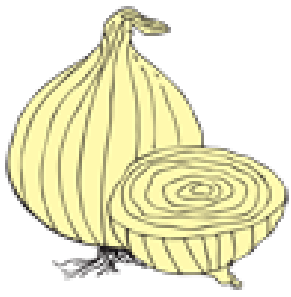




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EMERGENCY RESPONSE REPORT

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Since the beginning of Ramadan in March 2025, Palestinians in Gaza and the West Bank have been unable to experience a single moment of peace, nor properly observe the holy month, due to Israel's relentless aggression. The complete blockade on humanitarian aid entering Gaza since February 20 has pushed the population to the brink of starvation, compounding the daily suffering during a time that should embody reflection, community, and spiritual resilience. The unbearable hardships faced by Palestinians—most of whom have been fasting throughout Ramadan—have intensified with each passing day. The so-called ceasefire was shattered on March 18, when Israeli forces resumed large-scale military assaults, launching airstrikes on Gaza City, Rafah, and Khan Younis. In a single day, over 400 Palestinians were killed, including 243 women and children. Just days later, on March 23, Israeli forces carried out another massacre, ambushing and killing 15 first responders, including medics and rescue workers from the Palestine Red Crescent Society, Gaza's Civil Defense, and UNRWA, as they attempted to reach the wounded in Rafah. In the occupied West Bank, the Israeli army and settlers continued their campaign of terror, intensifying raids, mass arrests, and home demolitions. In Tulkarm alone, over 850 Palestinians were forcibly displaced in the second half of March. Israeli bulldozers demolished 106 structures since the start of Ramadan, leaving more than 230 people, including 90 children, homeless in Jenin and Tulkarm. Meanwhile, military operations have led to the closure of nearly 20% of schools, depriving thousands of Palestinian children of their right to education, according to OCHA.

This Ramadan, instead of gathering with loved ones or breaking their fasts in safety, Palestinians are enduring hunger, fear, and profound loss. The level of oppression and displacement has reached an unbearable threshold, as systematic efforts to erase and uproot Palestinians from their land escalate under the shadow of continued violence.

IN GAZA: With Israel's complete disregard for the ceasefire agreement, the massacre of Palestinians has intensified even further this month. From March 18, an average of 300 Palestinians have been killed or wounded daily as Israel relentlessly escalates its genocidal campaign against Gaza. The death toll has now surpassed 51,000 since October 7, 2023, with over 114,000 injured—numbers that continue to rise as Israel expands its assault. For a month now, Palestinians have been deliberately starved, with Israel maintaining a total blockade on humanitarian aid and commercial supplies. Israeli ground forces have encircled Gaza's perimeter and advanced toward Gaza City, transforming these areas into open killing fields. Forced displacement orders have driven more than 250,000 Palestinians from their homes once again—100,000 from Rafah alone in just the past two weeks. This has shattered the fragile sense of stability among those who had only recently attempted to return to their homes following the temporary ceasefire in late January 2025. Across the Strip, Israel has intensified its bombardment with absolute disregard for Palestinian life, striking shelters, hospitals, and areas where civilians had sought refuge. Survival has become nearly impossible, as the systematic destruction leaves Palestinians with no safe place to turn and no access to the most basic means of life.

IN WEST BANK AND JERUSLEM: The death toll continued to climb, reaching more than 910 killed by Israel, including 185 children, injuring over 7,300 (including 1,052 children), and detaining over 8,000 Palestinians. Israeli forces escalated their military operations, launching near-daily raids on cities like Jenin, Tulkarem, Tubas and Nablus. Over 130 Palestinians were killed during the month alone, including 28 children, while more than 1,000 others were injured. Israeli bulldozers demolished dozens of homes, displacing entire families, and military checkpoints sealed off major roads connecting major cities, effectively strangling Palestinian movement and isolating communities in the northern West Bank region. Settler violence surged—with over 80 recorded attacks on villages, farms, and residents in the northern and southern areas—often under the protection of Israeli soldiers. Moreover, the massive number of Palestinians displaced remain displaced from their homes, not being allowed to return because of Israeli military siege and raids all over Jenin, Tulkarem and surrounding villages.

As Israel resumed its aggression across Gaza and the West Bank this month, the PCC team of counselors and volunteers swiftly scaled up their response, focusing much of their efforts on supporting displaced Gazans from Rafah. As the month of Ramadan is meant to be a time of peace and celebration, and with Palestinian Child Day approaching on April 5, the PCC team organized numerous activities dedicated to children in both Gaza and the West Bank—particularly open day events. Meanwhile, in the West Bank, Psychological First Aid (PFA) interventions remained consistent, while the distribution of dignity kits, children's essential kits, and food parcels more than tripled compared to the previous month. Overall, the number of beneficiaries reached in March 2025 doubled compared to February, marking the highest outreach achieved by PCC since the start of the emergency response on October 7, 2023.

IN GAZA

The PCC's 20 MHPSS workers and 59 psychosocial support volunteers shifted their areas of work, mainly working in north of and Gaza city, as they worked to address the acute psychological distress and trauma experienced by communities facing relentless devastation. They continued providing critical mental health and psychosocial support, including psychological first aid, individual counselling, and group support to 10,419 beneficiaries including 6,535 children - as well as distributing 2,061 children essentials kits and food parcels to families.



The PCC's team in Gaza:

- 10 in Gaza City & the North of Gaza
- 3 in Khan Younis
- 3 in Mawasi Khan Younis
- 1 in Deir el Balah
- 1 in Nuseirat
- 2 in Zawayda



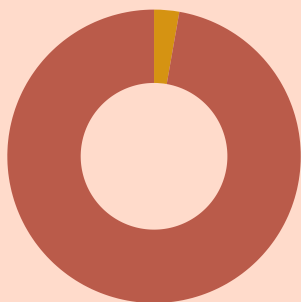
Site coordinators in the North and South

MHPSS Youth Volunteers:

- 27 North of Gaza
- 18 Khan Younis
- 14 Deir el Balah

Family Kits & Food Parcels

57

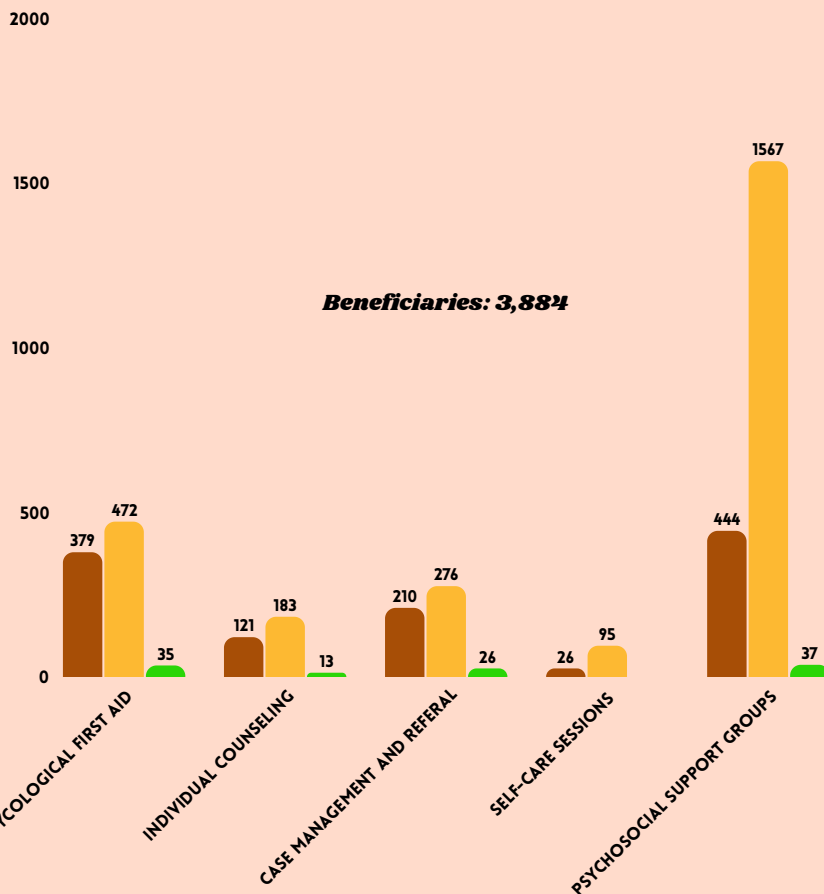


Most of the distribution consisted of **Children essentials kits** such as clothes and educational material. Some Family and food kits were also distributed.

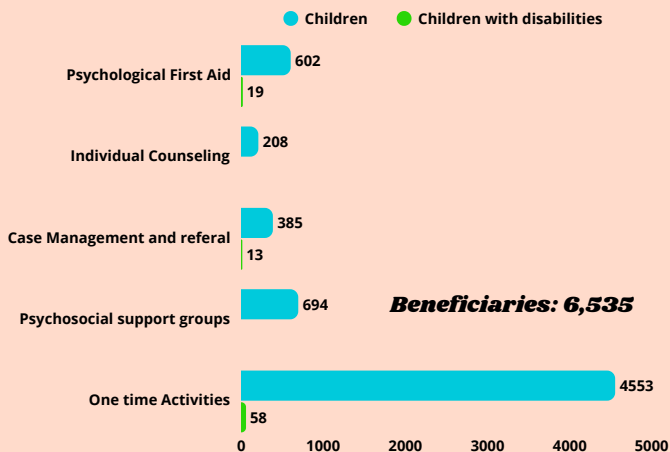
Beneficiaries: 4,186

Aid, Assistance and Psychological Support

MALES FEMALES PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES



Children's Essentials Kits 2004



PCC AND PARTNER CBOS IN WEST BANK INCLUDING JERUSALEM



NORTH & JORDAN VALLEY:

- 243 PFA interventions; 1,104 beneficiaries including 391 children
- 467 phone & face-to-face consultations; 467 beneficiaries including 80 children

CENTER:

- 20 PFA interventions; 70 beneficiaries including 22 children
- 28 phone & face-to-face consultations 28 beneficiaries including 11 children

SOUTH:

- 246 PFA interventions; 963 beneficiaries including 417 children
- 88 phone & face-to-face consultations 88 beneficiaries including 27 children

Beneficiaries: 2,720

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

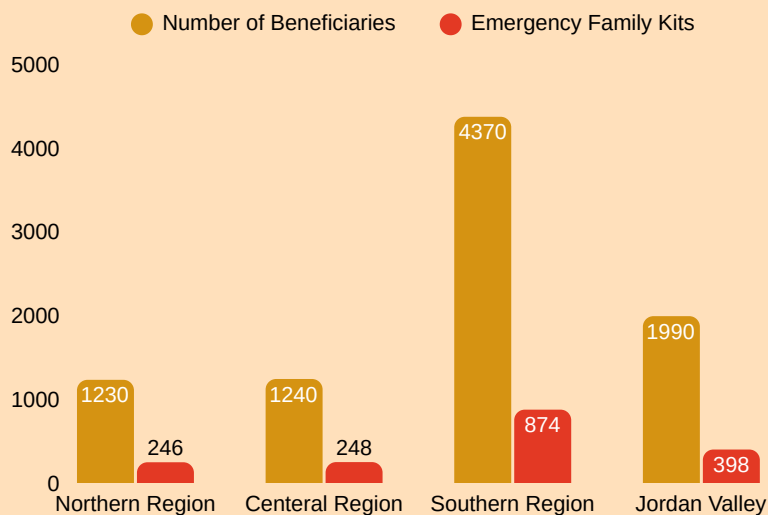
Center – Jerusalem:

1. Teachers Village Association – Al Tur
2. Beit Iskaria Women's Association
3. Abad Al Shams Association
4. Mada Creative Center - Silwan

South – Bethlehem & Hebron:

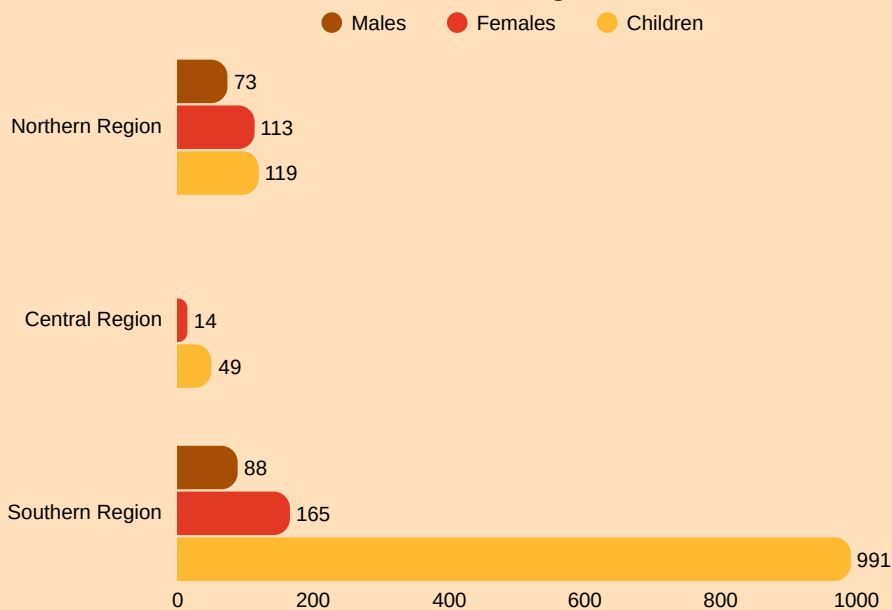
1. Human Rights Defenders Association
2. Beit Iskaria Women's Association
3. Popular Committee for Services of Al-Fawar Camp
4. Masafer Yatta Youth Center
5. Al-Arroub Women's Center

1,766 emergency Family Kits disturbed including Medical First Aid Kit, Food Parcels, and Stationery



1,766 families, i.e 8,830 individuals benefited from distribution of aid

Community MHPSS support activities in West Bank including Jerusalem



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

Beneficiaries: 1,612 including 32 people with disabilities

Number of beneficiaries reached on the National Level

27,767

NORTH & JORDAN VALLEY

- 1,104 BENEFICIARIES FROM PFA INTERVENTIONS
- 467 BENEFICIARIES FROM PHONE & FACE-TO-FACE CONSULTATIONS
- 305 PARTICIPANTS IN RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES AND PSS SUPPORT
- 3,220 BENEFICIARIES FROM EMERGENCY AND FOOD KITS

TOTAL BENEFICIARIES: 5,096

CENTER

- 70 BENEFICIARIES FROM PFA INTERVENTIONS
- 28 BENEFICIARIES FROM PHONE & FACE-TO-FACE CONSULTATIONS
- 63 PARTICIPANTS IN RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES AND PSS SUPPORT
- 1,240 BENEFICIARIES FROM EMERGENCY AND FOOD KITS

TOTAL BENEFICIARIES: 1,401

SOUTH

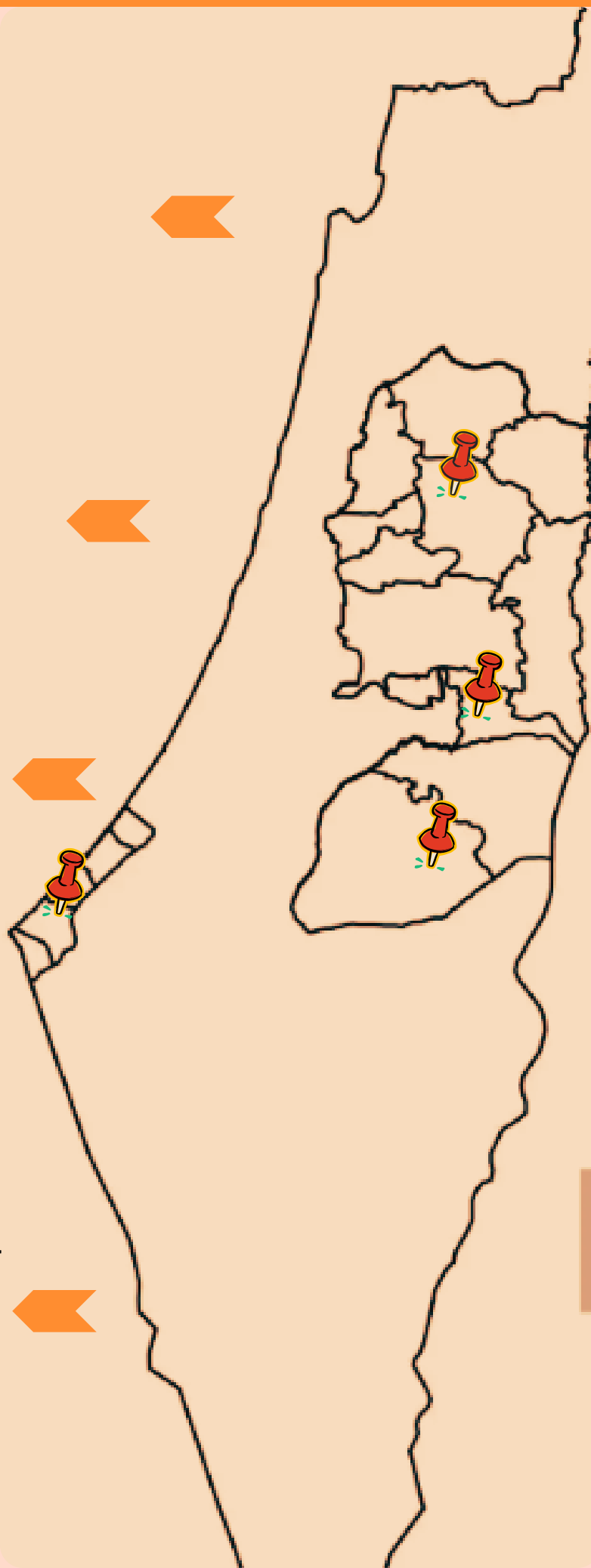
- 963 BENEFICIARIES FROM PFA INTERVENTIONS
- 88 BENEFICIARIES FROM PHONE & FACE-TO-FACE CONSULTATIONS
- 1,244 PARTICIPANTS IN RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES AND PSS SUPPORT
- 4,370 BENEFICIARIES FROM EMERGENCY AND FOOD KITS

TOTAL BENEFICIARIES: 6,665

GAZA

- 1,507 BENEFICIARIES FROM PFA INTERVENTIONS
- 525 BENEFICIARIES FROM INDIVIDUAL COUNSELING
- 8,387 PARTICIPANTS IN RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES AND PSS SUPPORT
- 4,186 BENEFICIARIES FROM EMERGENCY AND FOOD KITS

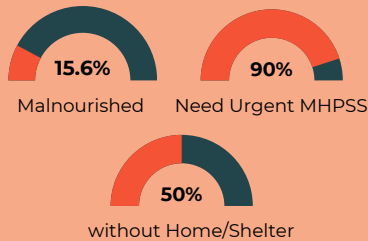
TOTAL BENEFICIARIES: 14,605



Focus on Children commemorating Palestinian Child Day - 5th April

Nearly **3.5 million Palestinian children** live across Gaza, the West Bank, and Jerusalem. Every one of them has been profoundly impacted — both physically and psychologically — by the ongoing aggression directed at them by the Israeli military. The following highlights the harsh realities that children endure under these devastating conditions.

Over 13,000 children killed since 7th October 2023



- 😞 **Emotional:** Sadness, fear, guilt, hopelessness
- 🧠 **Behavioral:** Outbursts, isolation, clinging to adults
- 🧠 **Cognitive:** Inability to focus, memory loss
- 🤕 **Physical:** Headaches, stomachaches, sleep issues
- 🚫 **Social:** Avoidance, distrust, disconnection

Missing or Presumed dead:

~5,600

Unaccompanied:

~17,000

Injured / per day:

~60

1 MILLION+ without access to education
1 MILLION+ internally displaced
1 MILLION+ face food insecurity every day

● Children suffering from grief and loss

● Children affected by displacement and loss of home

● Children lacking access to education

● Children who witnessed or survived violence

Data Source: OCHA

PCC INTERVENTION AND SUPPORT - REACHING **87,698** CHILDREN

As the Palestinian Child's Day approaches on April 5th, the PCC aims to highlight its impact and support for children across Gaza and the West Bank since October 7th 2023. Children are the heart of Palestine, embodying its resilience, and the PCC team remains deeply committed to reaching them. This is achieved through the provision of PFA, Open Day activities, stress relief sessions, and the distribution of aid, food, and essential items.

GAZA **36,088 reached**



Psychological First Aid (PFA) and PSS services reaching 6,997 Children



Over 700 Open day activities reaching 7,135 children



Over 602 Stress relief activities reaching 6,186 children



Over 5,200 Food Parcels and dignity kits delivered to 15,770 children

West Bank & Jerusalem **51,610 reached**



Psychological First Aid (PFA) and PSS services reaching 8,683 Children



Over 350 Open day activities reaching 3,751 children



Over 390 Stress relief activities reaching 4,123 children



Over 11,500 Food Parcels and dignity kits delivered feeding 35,053 children

Activities implemented with Children during Ramadan

In the Holy month of Ramadan, it was important to celebrate and provide joy for the children of Gaza and the West Bank, focusing on doing activities that united children from wherever the activity was held.

Large events of Open Days were held:

Al Nasr Neighborhood in Gaza City - gathering and over 700 children



Types of activities

Iftar Gatherings ✓

Stress relief activities ✓

Open days ✓

As part of the psychological support activities implemented in Al-Majd camp in Khan Yunis.

2 PCC counselors, with their volunteers, they facilitated a cake-making activity with local women.



Iftar gatherings in Jayyous that children participated in as part of Ramadan Celebration
86 boys and 58 girls attend

