

Fourteenth Emergency Response Report

07th November - 07th December 2024

In November 2024, as winter descends upon Gaza for the second time since Israel's devastating campaign, the suffering of its besieged population grows ever more acute. Israel continues its relentless bombardment and starvation of Gaza while intensifying raids and invasions in the West Bank. Entire neighborhoods lie in ruins, and hundreds of thousands of displaced Palestinians face the bitter cold without adequate shelter, heating, or winter clothing. The harsh winter starkly highlights the inhumanity of Israel's policies, which deliberately exacerbate the suffering of a population already enduring relentless violence and deprivation.

In the West Bank, Israeli forces have escalated their oppressive tactics, carrying out near-daily raids on Palestinian towns and villages. These incursions frequently result in mass arrests, destruction of property, and killings. Backed by the Israeli Occupation Forces (IOF), settlers have launched a wave of violent attacks on Palestinian homes, displacing families from their land. Around 45 such incidents have been recorded this month alone. When Palestinians attempt to defend their homes, Israel often responds by demolishing them, leaving entire families homeless and forcing them into further displacement.

This surge in home demolitions, combined with ongoing raids, arrests, and settler violence, has left countless Palestinians unable to rebuild their lives or prepare for the harsh winter. As temperatures drop, the deliberate destruction of homes and infrastructure compounds the suffering of an already vulnerable population, making survival even more precarious during the coldest months of the year.

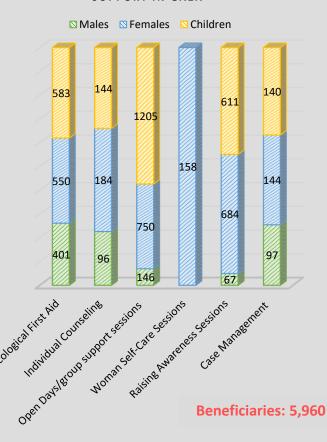
IN GAZA: up to 07/12/2024, Israel has killed 44,502, in which almost half are children, injured over 105,454, and forcibly displaced 1.9 million Palestinians (92% of Gaza's population) according to OCHA. Israel's brutal and bloodthirsty conduct since October 7th 2023 has killed, injured and maimed more than 5% of the entire population of Gaza (~150,000 Palestinians). In Beit Layha, the IOF have forcibly displaced around 5,500 Palestinians taking refuge in 3 schools through assaults and targeted attacks on civilians. To exacerbate the situation further, Israel makes it harder for people to receive aid from any source: for more than 60 days today, Israel has totally denied any form of aid for Beit Lahya, Beit Hanoun and Jabaliyeh, leaving more than 75,000 Palestinians at risk of starvation - even bakeries have been bombed as only 4 of them are left across the Gaza strip. This deliberate strategy is forcing Gaza's population into increasingly dire conditions, heightening their vulnerability to starvation and further displacement. Moreover, the 2.2 million Palestinians in the Gaza Strip continue to face massive shortages of medical supplies, medicines, fuel, water, food, and electricity.

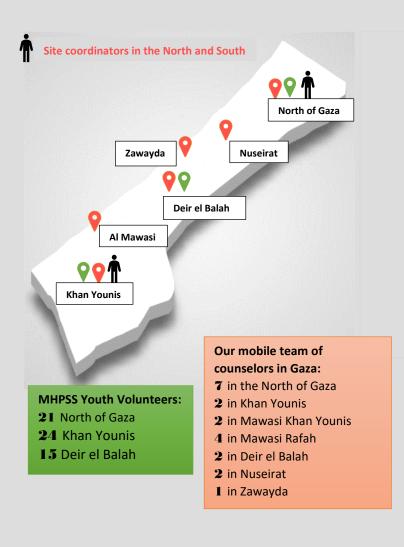
West Bank and Jerusalem: up to 07/12/2024, Israel killed over 807, including 170 children, injured over 6,350 (including 910 children), and detained over 6,500 Palestinians according to OCHA. In this month alone, the Israeli military has issued widespread demolition orders, targeting structures essential for Palestinian communities, including homes, water reservoirs, and schools – leaving more than 100 Palestinians including 30 children across Hebron and East Jerusalem. Neighborhoods such as Jabal Mukabbir, Al-Isawiya, and Silwan are under intense pressure, with over 45 demolition orders issued in November alone, according to OCHA. These demolitions, facilitated by Israeli legislation, constitute a form of collective punishment that is illegal under international law. Despite this, Israel persistently disregards international legal standards, systematically violating Palestinian rights and devaluing their lives in an effort to render their existence untenable.

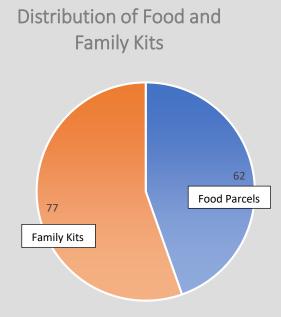
In Gaza

The team of the Palestinian Counseling Center, comprising 20 counselors, 2 site coordinators, and 60 psychosocial support volunteers in the Gaza Strip, has been providing critical interventions in this field. These include psychological first aid, individual counseling, and group support sessions for children, women, youth, and men. The team also offers case management services, including intake, referral, and follow-up, as well as self-care support for survivors of Israeli aggression. These services have benefited 6,655 individuals. Additionally, supervision sessions were conducted for counselors at both the individual and group levels, along with group supervision sessions for volunteers.

AID, ASSISTANCE AND PSYCHOLOGICAL SUPPORT IN GAZA







Beneficiaries: 695

PCC and Partner CBOs in West Bank including Jerusalem



North & Jordan Valley:

- > 177 PFA interventions; 920 beneficiaries including 286 children
- 71 phone consultations; 106 beneficiaries

Center:

➤ 19 PFA interventions; 71 beneficiaries including 31 children

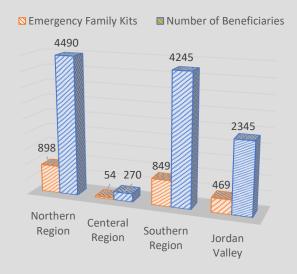
South:

- 115 PFA interventions; 235 beneficiaries including 54 children
- 102 phone consultations; 104 beneficiaries

1,436 Beneficiaries

2,270 emergency Family Kits disturbed including Medical First Aid Kit, Food Parcels, and Stationery - benefiting **11,350**

EMERGENCY KITS DISTRIBUTED THROUGHOUT 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

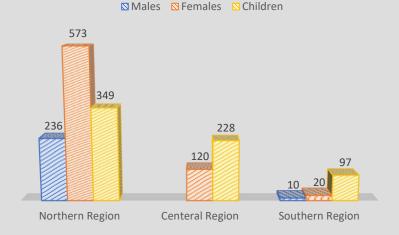
Center – Jerusalem:

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

COMMUNITY MHPSS SUPPORT ACTIVIT WEST BANK INCLUDING JERUSALEM



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

1,633 Beneficiaries

Number of beneficiaries reached on the National Level **21,074**

Central Region

71 beneficiaries from PFA interventions

348 participants in recreational activities and PSS support

270 beneficiaries from emergency and food kits

TOTAL BENFICIARIES: **689**

North & Jordan Valley

920 beneficiaries from PFA interventions

106 beneficiaries from Phone Consultations

1,158 participants in recreational activities and PSS support

6,835 beneficiaries from emergency and food kits

TOTAL BENEFICIARIES: 9,019

Gaza – Mobile Team Presence:

1,534 beneficiaries from PFA interventions

424 beneficiaries from individual Counseling

4,002 participants in recreational activities and PSS support

695 beneficiaries from emergency and food kits

TOTAL BENEFICIARIES: **6,655**

Southern Region (Hebron and Bethlehem)

235 beneficiaries from PFA interventions

104 beneficiaries from Phone Consultations

127 participants in recreational activities and PSS support

4,425 beneficiaries from emergency and food kits

TOTAL BENEFICIARIES: 4,711

Story of the Month

Building protection communities - Our intervention in Susya

Masafer Yatta consists of 19 Palestinian villages in Hebron, within the municipality of Yatta and faces the threat of confiscation to be converted into a military training zone (referred to as a "firing zone"). For years, the residents have struggled against home demolitions, family displacements, and property seizures. Most Palestinian villagers rely on agriculture and livestock herding under extremely harsh living conditions, surrounded by settlements and settlers' incursions.

Since October 7, many men in Masafer Yatta's villages lost their jobs; farmers were prevented from accessing their lands, more than one home and two schools were demolished, and there has been an alarming escalation in settler attacks on residents. Since the war began, the PCC focused the work towards organizing Protection Committee in Masafer Yatta to mitigate the risks posed by settler attacks. Residents have faced numerous incidents of violence, vandalism, and particularly night raids and assaults, including home arsons and thefts. The committee has coordinated with residents and identified active members in each area and compiled lists of affected families that will be prioritized those most in need due.

The committee formed and trained youth groups on psychological first aid and civil defense with the Red Crescent and the Red Cross. The formed teams of young men and women provided support to residents. night patrol shifts were organized to protect communities. Over the past months, youth intervention efforts have successfully extinguished fires and prevented three attempted home arsons.

Additionally, the committee organized first aid training sessions for children, with 67 children participating as well as coordinated the provision of fire extinguishing equipment and first aid kits to the villagers.

In October the villages of Khirbet Al-Dabba, Susya, and Al-Tuwani faced settler attacks and the youth group formed by the committees managed to prevent a few house fires, halted further destruction, and provided first aid to affected residents.

The committees have carried out more than 15 psychological first aid visits, serving over 75 individuals from Masafer Yatta victims of Israeli violence. In November, the committee members conducted two activities for 140 children as part of MHPSS in emergency support efforts. Currently, the committee is distributing 200 dignity kits for women and 200 emergency kits for the most affected and vulnerable families in the region.