

Thirteenth Emergency Response Report

07th October - 07th November 2024

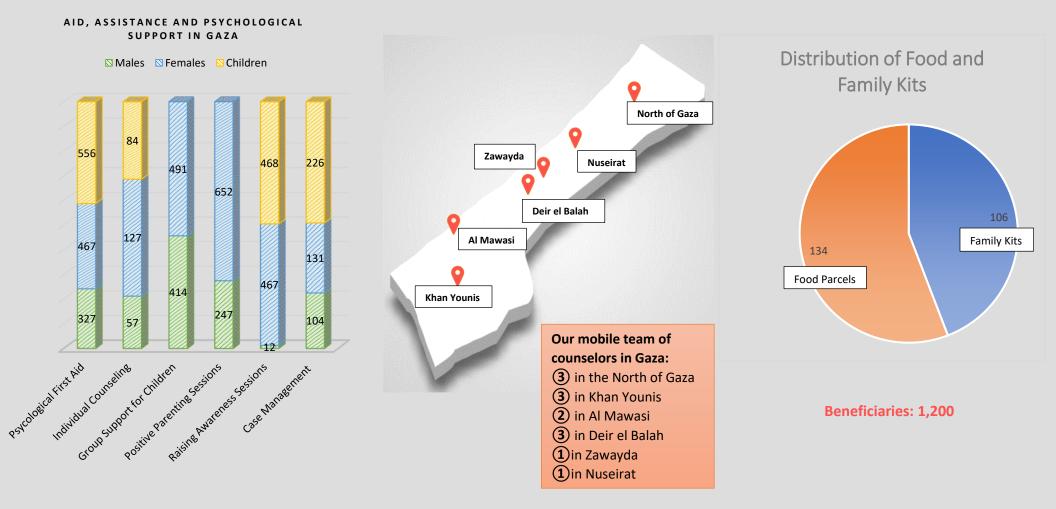
Even after 13 months of Israel's unrelenting assault on Gaza and the West Bank, the occupying state shows no intention of ending its aggression against our people. Israel continues to bombard and starve Gaza while intensifying raids and invasions in the West Bank. Now, 390 days since October 7, 2023, Israel is moving forward with the so-called "General's Plan," which aims to seize the entire northern third of the Gaza Strip. This plan involves issuing a one-week evacuation notice to over 300,000 Palestinians, with any remaining residents at risk of extermination or death by starvation. The plan also enforces a complete blockade, cutting off all essential supplies, including medicine, fuel, food, and water. It is clear that this is not about security but a relentless strategy of land seizure and the forced removal of Palestinians from their homes. In the West Bank, Israeli forces have begun implementing "flying checkpoints," wherein the military arbitrarily sets up checkpoints wherever it wants and whenever it wants around Palestinian towns and/or cities, causing traffic jams, roadblocks, and further disruptions to daily life, severely restricting Palestinian movement. The Israeli occupation targets every aspect of Palestinian existence, part of a systematic strategy to tighten its control over the West Bank while devastating Gaza. This oppressive regime has made clear its intent: to crush the livelihood of Palestinians by controlling the West Bank with an iron grip and reducing Gaza to a wasteland.

IN GAZA: up to 07/11/2024, Israel has killed 42,718, in which almost half are children, injured over 101,223, 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). For the majority of Palestinians, nowhere is safe and hardly anywhere is habitable. To make matters worse, Israel is committed to blocking what little is left of humanitarian aid going inside Gaza – 94% blocked this month alone. Throughout the entire month of October, Jabaliyeh has been heavily targeted as Israel bombarded the town and the refugee camp with no regard to civilian life – killing 72, injuring 200 and displacing 4,000. As the north of Gaza is nearing a human catastrophe, more than half of the entire Gazan population are left without homes or shelter, living in tents and what is left of hospitals, mosques and schools. Moreover, the 2.2 million Palestinians in the Gaza Strip continue to face massive shortages of medical supplies, medicines, fuel, water, food, and electricity.

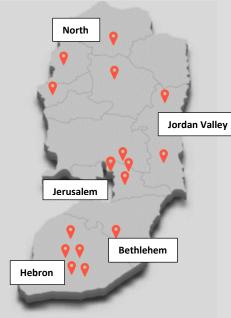
West Bank and Jerusalem: up to 07/11/2024, Israel killed over 776, including 167 children, injured over 6,250 (including 900 children), and detained over 6,500 Palestinians according to OCHA. With the start of the olive harvest season earlier this month, settler attacks in the West Bank have surged, with 180 incidents reported across 90 Palestinian communities, resulting in extensive damage to Palestinian property. As Palestinians work to protect their land, extremist settlers continue to destroy it. In areas like Masafer Yatta and Salfit, settlers have cut down and even burned olive trees. The Israeli Occupation Forces (IOF) have intensified bombings and provided support to settler attacks, all with the aim of displacing and harming Palestinians. Last month, the entire community of Ein El Hilwa in Tubas was forcibly displaced, and this month, the community of Juret Al Kheil in Hebron faced the same fate.

In Gaza

The PCC's team of 13 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 **4,830 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:

- 142 PFA interventions; 575 beneficiaries including 255 children
- 34 phone consultations; 67 beneficiaries

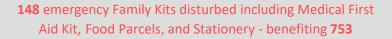
<u>Center:</u>

29 PFA interventions; 63 beneficiaries including 9 children

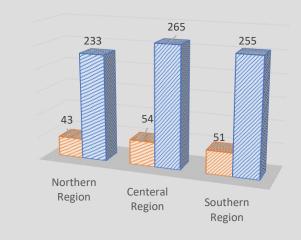
South:

- 215 PFA interventions; 444 beneficiaries including 159 children
- 60 phone consultations; 124 beneficiaries

1,273 Beneficiaries

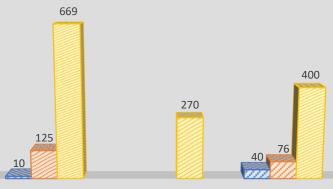


EMERGENCY KITS DISTRIBUTED THROUGHOUT WEST BANK INCLUDING JERUSALEM



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
- PFA Group sessions

1,330 Beneficiaries

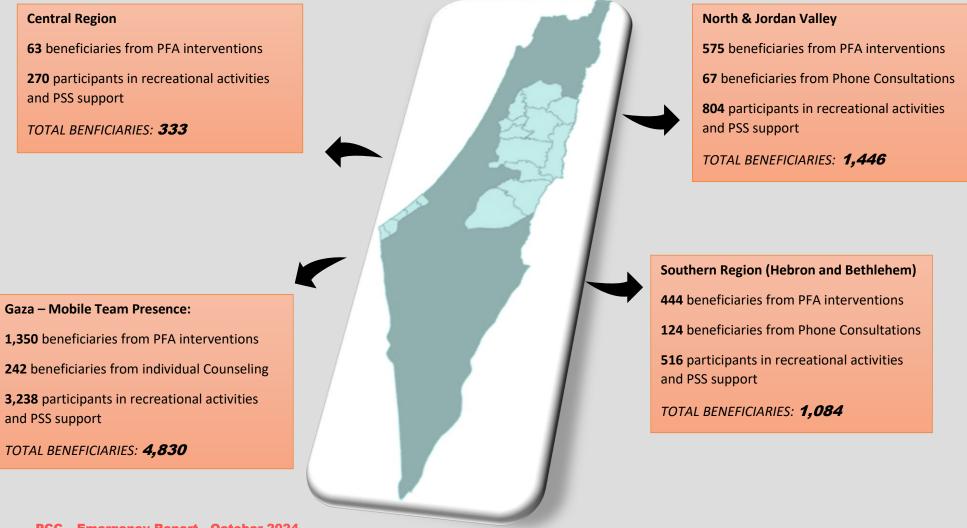
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Northern Region

Centeral Region

Southern Region

Number of beneficiaries reached on the National Level 7,693



Story of the Month

During an Israeli occupation forces raid on the Beita area south of Nablus, a 16-year-old boy was shot with live ammunition, leading to his death. The team conducted three emergency visits to the martyr's family, providing support to all family members. During the visits, the counselors noticed that the younger brother, a 10-year-old (J.A.), displayed signs of trauma, including isolation, withdrawal, and an unwillingness to interact with family members. After the second visit, the counselors, who provide psychological first aid, learned that the child had become more self-harming, screaming frequently, and reacting strongly to the call to prayer, as it reminded him of the mosque announcement of his brother's death.

The counselors provided three emergency visits to the family, focusing on interventions with the child during the second and third visits. Initially, he was unresponsive and unable to express his feelings, but by the third visit, he began to show slight engagement. The counselors suggested the child join weekly club activities, the protection program, and remedial education groups. With the family's consent, the child was enrolled in the protection and remedial education program under the supervision of a special education counselor. A tailored intervention plan was developed in collaboration with the family. The child participated in structured child protection sessions. Initially, he struggled to integrate with other children, but after receiving 20 individual emergency counseling sessions, he started attending consistently. He learned about types of violence, safe spaces, and self-protection mechanisms and began to regularly participate in remedial education groups.

Over several months of attending sessions, the child demonstrated progress, becoming more interactive with his family and peers. Following his participation in the child protection group, he continued attending extracurricular activities. His remedial education counselor noticed academic improvement, confirmed by feedback from his teachers. He began adhering to school rules and schedules, showing gradual improvement in his grades after struggling with these aspects following the traumatic event. The family also reported feeling relieved by the child's progress, which helped ease the burden they had felt after his brother's death. The child continues to visit the center regularly and has started encouraging peers, relatives, and friends from school to join. Despite subsequent raids by Israeli forces and the arrest of his other brother, the child has shown resilience, without emotional or academic setbacks.