

Twelfth Emergency Response Report

07th September - 07th October 2024

A Year after...

One year has passed since the beginning of Israel's genocide against our people in Gaza and the West Bank. The situation in Gaza has plunged into unprecedented devastation as Gazans have been facing atrocious conditions for more than 365 days. The Israeli oppressive regime has targeted all aspects of Palestinian life as part of a systematic plan to render Gaza totally unlivable; killing and displacing as many Palestinians as possible, as well as destroying the physical, medical, social cultural, historical and educational infrastructures to prevent any kind of future for Palestinians in Gaza.

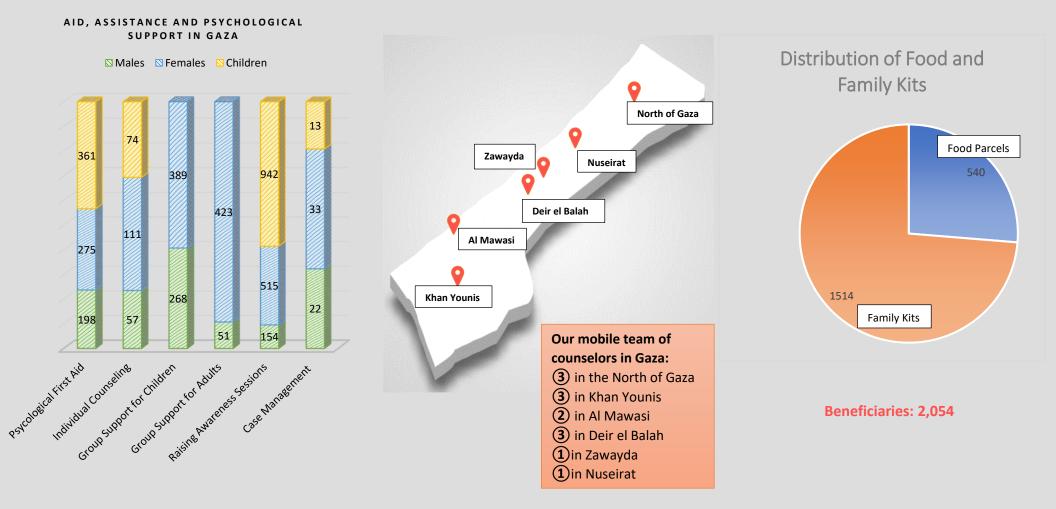
This month, as the school year begins worldwide, Gaza faces a different reality. Over 90% of the schools in the Gaza Strip have been destroyed, severely disrupting children's access to education. So far, over 10,000 pupils and 430 teachers have been killed and all 12 Gaza's universities have been bombed, leaving 88,000 students unable to continue their studies. Israel's ongoing ethnic cleansing campaign has not only devastated vital infrastructure but also violated the fundamental right to education. What little remains of the schools is now being used as shelters for survivors, leaving the future of Gaza's children in jeopardy. In the West Bank, Israel's continuous military incursions and restriction of movement have hindered the education of nearly 800,000 students. This widespread destruction and systematic targeting of educational institutions across both Gaza and the West Bank represents a deliberate assault on the future of an entire generation.

IN GAZA: up to 07/10/2024, Israel has killed 41,615, in which almost half are children, injured over 96,359, and forcibly displaced 1.98 million Palestinians (90% of Gaza's population) according to OCHA. For the majority of Palestinians living in Gaza, nowhere is safe and hardly anywhere is habitable. Water is scarce as Israeli forces continue their relentless assault, wiping out over 70% of the water supply networks and deliberately target essential lifeline channels leaving families struggling to survive without one of the most basic human needs, deepening the suffering in an already desperate situation. The IOF significantly hinders external aid to reach Gazans by destroying most of the roads in Gaza. Today, only three roads in the entire strip are reserved for little humanitarian aid to go through. All other civil roads are wiped out. Not to forget the unceasing bombing campaign that Israel carries out to render the strip unlivable. More than half of the entire Gazan population are left without 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 07/10/2024, Israel killed over 652, including 160 children, injured over 5,700 (including 865 children), and detained over 6,220 Palestinians according to OCHA. The number of attacks by Israeli settlers on Palestinians increased as 1,300 attacks have been recorded by UNICEF since the 07th October 2023. The IOF has massively upscaled its operations of displacement of Palestinians this month especially in Tubas, where the community of Ein El Hilwa has been completely displaced. These actions are inflicting further damage and loss of life among Palestinians, increasingly targeting journalists and aid workers.

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 **3,886 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:

- 181 PFA interventions; 871 beneficiaries including 337 children
- \geq 91 phone consultations; 96 beneficiaries

Center:

- 11 PFA interventions; 28 beneficiaries \triangleright including 12 children
- \geq 4 phone consultations; 25 beneficiaries

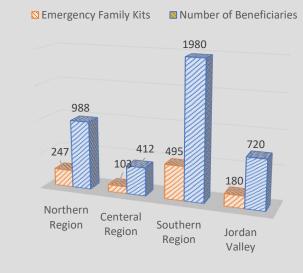
South:

- 98 PFA interventions; 233 beneficiaries \geq including 69 children
- 46 phone consultations; 47 \triangleright beneficiaries

1,300 Beneficiaries

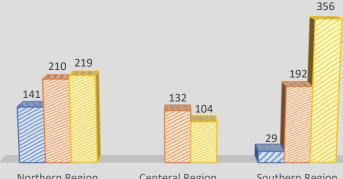


EMERGENCY KITS DISTRIBUTED THROUGHOUT WEST BANK INCLUDING JERUSALEM



COMMUNITY MHPSS SUPPORT ACTIVIT WEST BANK INCLUDING JERUSALEM

☑ Males ☑ Females ☑ Children



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

1,383 Beneficiaries

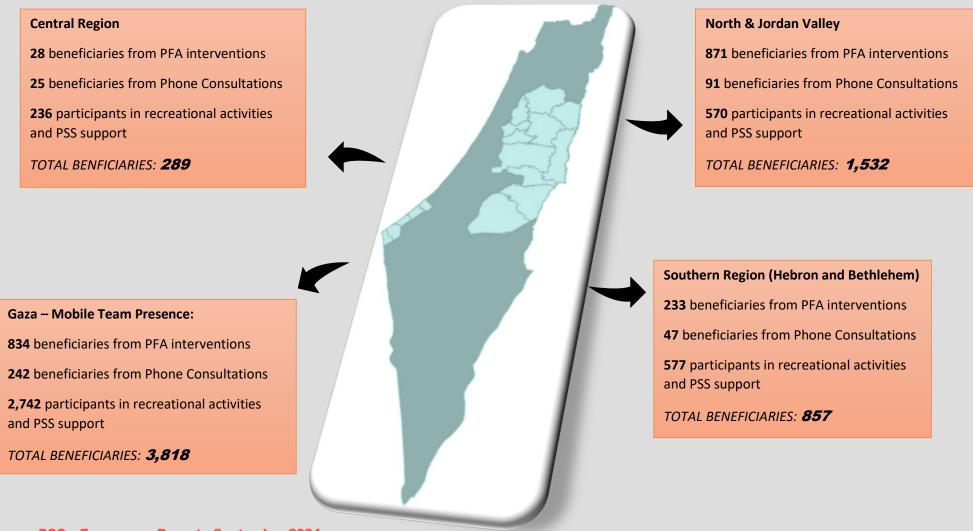
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Northern Region

Centeral Region

Southern Region

Number of beneficiaries reached on the National Level 6,496



Story of the Month - Gaza

"This is the best thing that has happened to me during the war... Praise be to God, I was able to stand on my own again without needing anyone, and thank God, I will be the reason for saving the children from everything they've seen and experienced. I am very, very happy," said R.S.

Ms. R.S., a 44-year-old woman from Gaza, was one of the many individuals our counselors met while providing Psychological First Aid (PFA) in Khan Younis in September 2024. R.S. had been displaced from her home in Gaza City due to the ongoing conflict, forced to leave behind all her belongings—objects that once held the details of her daily life. She fled with nothing but memories. The challenges she faced during her displacement, including relentless bombings, soaring costs, and severe shortages of even the most basic necessities, left her feeling overwhelmed with helplessness and despair. She struggled to meet her family's needs, consumed by feelings of inadequacy, which weighed heavily on her mental health. Negative thoughts overwhelmed her, leading to irritability and anxiety, as she feared loss while surrounded by stories of tragedy.

Recognizing her distress, our counsellor provided immediate support through PFA sessions. These sessions became a lifeline for R.S., offering a space where she could finally unburden her fears and speak openly without judgment. In this safe and confidential environment, R.S. began to feel acknowledged, and her sense of dignity was gradually restored. She allowed herself, for the first time since the war began, to release the pain, fear, and frustration that had suffocated her. With each session, she became more aware of her inner resilience and strength.

R.S. rediscovered her passion for education—a field to which she had devoted herself before the war. Realizing that this passion had not been extinguished, she began to envision a small project that would allow her to use her skills to nurture not only her own children but also the displaced children around her.

With our support, R.S.'s dream began to take shape. We provided essential school supplies and, more importantly, accompanied her as she started her project. What started as a small project quickly became the main source of strength for R.S. The psychological support she received empowered her not just to survive but to become productive again and re-find the purpose she once thought was lost forever