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EMERGENCY RESPONSE REPORT

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April 2025 marks 19 consecutive months of escalating violence, mass displacement, and systematic dehumanization endured by Palestinians in Gaza and the West Bank. According to OCHA and UNRWA Situation Reports, life expectancy in Gaza has plummeted by nearly 46.3%, dropping from a pre-war average of 75.5 years to approximately 40.5 years, due to relentless bombardment, starvation, and the collapse of essential life systems. By the end of April, Israel's complete blockade of humanitarian aid and food into Gaza will have persisted for 65 consecutive days. According to the Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC) by the World Food Program, 470,000 residents are now facing catastrophic hunger (IPC Phase 5), and the entire population of 2.1 million people is experiencing acute food insecurity, as starvation is being used deliberately as a weapon of war. In the West Bank, the same architecture of violence and forced displacement continues, although more slowly, but with the same intent. In Tulkarem, Israeli forces razed over 1.5 kilometres of roads and essential infrastructure with no warning, cutting off communities living in 6 surrounding neighbourhoods. And in just the second week of April, Israeli bulldozers demolished 41 homes in Jenin and Nablus, displacing 82 Palestinians.

IN GAZA: Palestinians are entering their 18th consecutive month of systematic bombardment by Israeli forces from air, land, and sea. According to the Health Cluster's Unified Dashboard, between 7 April and 7 May 2025, 2,008 people were killed and 3,789 injured in Gaza. On April 16, a single Israeli strike incinerated 70 tents, killing 20 civilians and wiping out entire families. The Ministry of Health in Gaza, via OCHA, reports that the overall death toll has surpassed 52,400, with over 118,000 wounded—figures considered conservative due to the increasing difficulty of accurate reporting, as journalists and humanitarian workers remain among the primary targets. The blockade on humanitarian aid into Gaza, now exceeding 50 days, has led to extreme food shortages and soaring prices—up to 1,400% higher than during the ceasefire, according to OCHA. Key items like dairy, eggs, and meat have disappeared, while prices of onions and potatoes have surged over 1,000%. The WFP warns that “hundreds of thousands” are at risk of hunger. Meanwhile, nutrition cluster partners report a sharp rise in child malnutrition, with thousands diagnosed and access to treatment sites increasingly disrupted due to the ongoing aggression. Major cities, including Rafah, Gaza City, and Khan Younis, have become militarized chokeholds, facing relentless attacks aimed at forcibly displacing residents into so-called “safe zones,” which often turn into deadly traps. In Rafah alone, more than 420,000 people were newly displaced in April - the largest single displacement since the start of the year, according to UN estimates. At the same time, Israeli forces continue to block or destroy any attempt to sustain life. Food trucks are bombed or turned away, while medical and media workers are systematically targeted. This month, in just one instance, three journalists and five medical aid workers were killed in Rafah and Khan Younis refugee camps for carrying out their duties.

IN WEST BANK AND JERUSLEM: In parallel, the Israeli government's campaign to make the West Bank unlivable for Palestinians is accelerating. Forced displacement continues through military invasions and settler violence. Between April 15 and 21, OCHA documented at least 23 settler attacks, many occurring under direct military protection in areas around Ramallah, Hebron, and Nablus. The aim is clear: to uproot Palestinians from their homes and erase their presence, one village at a time. In the second half of April, Israeli authorities began the process to approve over 3,400 new housing units across the occupied West Bank and East Jerusalem. This includes 2,550 units in East Jerusalem settlements (Nofey Rachel and Gilo), and hundreds more in Ramallah and Salfit governorates. Since the start of 2025 alone, Israel has advanced plans for over 15,190 new settlement units in under four months—the highest rate ever recorded. This land appropriation violates international law and drives a deeper humanitarian crisis by forcibly displacing Palestinians and fragmenting their communities.

This month marked one of the most brutal surges in aggression against Palestinians in Gaza since the war began nearly two years ago. The starvation level in Gaza is reaching every corner of the strip. People are quickly running out of food. The PCC, despite this enormous crisis, continued to act as it did last month, but its ability to deliver support was significantly hindered due to the intensifying violence and oppression across both Gaza and the West Bank. In the West Bank, severe movement restrictions and the systematic destruction of roads have paralyzed access. Fear among communities has grown, and the danger of simply attending psychosocial activities has increased dramatically.

IN GAZA

The PCC's 20 MHPSS workers and 60 psychosocial support volunteers continued to work in their area, 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 9,421 beneficiaries including 5,282 children - as well as distributing family kits and food parcels to 41 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

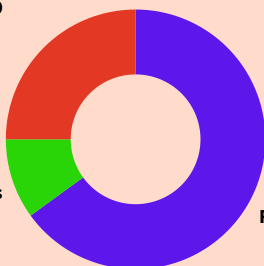


Site coordinators in the North and South

MHPSS Youth Volunteers:

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

Cash Assistance
10

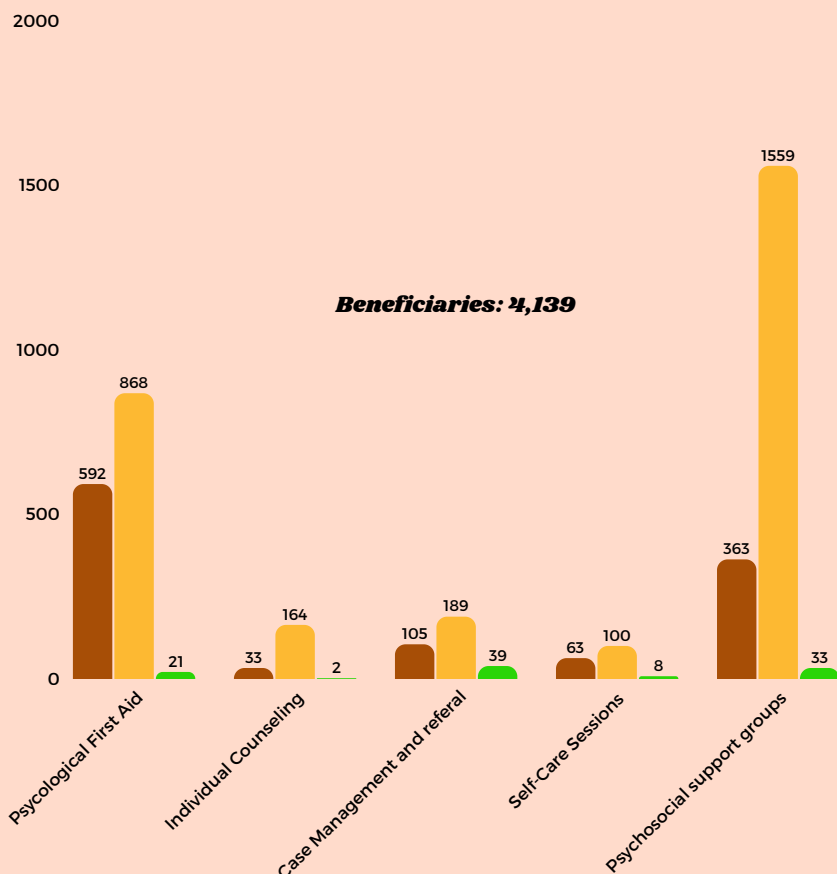


Distribution of aid including Family kits, Food Parcels and cash to Families averagely consisting of 5 people.

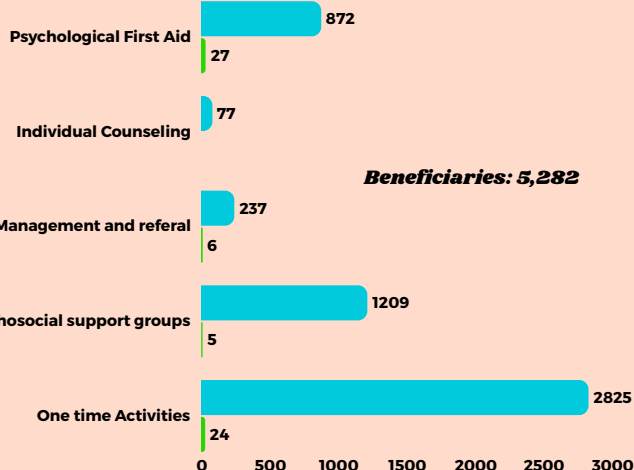
Beneficiaries: 162

Aid, Assistance and Psychological Support

● Males ● Females ● people with disabilities



● Children ● Children with disabilities



PCC AND PARTNER CBOS IN WEST BANK INCLUDING JERUSALEM



NORTH & JORDAN VALLEY:

- 335 PFA interventions; 1,297 beneficiaries including 635 children
- 360 phone & face-to-face consultations; 360 beneficiaries including 187 children

CENTER:

- 32 PFA interventions; 143 beneficiaries including 57 children
- 52 phone & face-to-face consultations 52 beneficiaries including 12 children

SOUTH:

- 322 PFA interventions; 1,173 beneficiaries including 630 children
- 99 phone & face-to-face consultations 99 beneficiaries including 21 children

Beneficiaries: 3,124

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

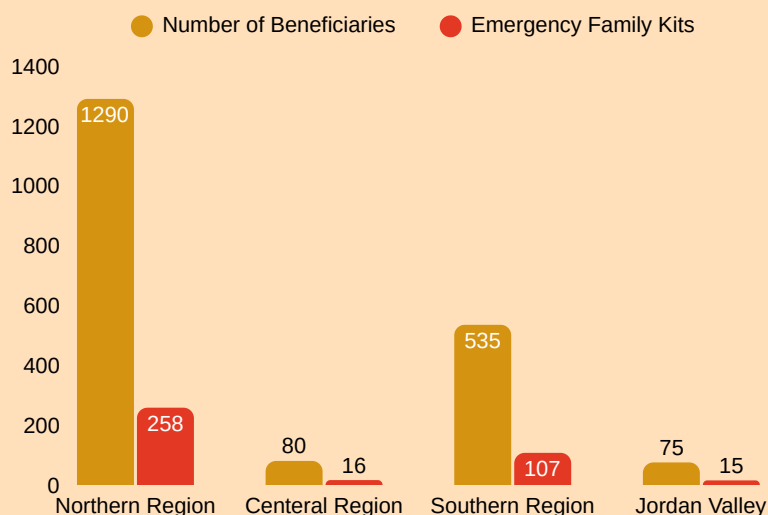
Center – Jerusalem:

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

South – Bethlehem & Hebron:

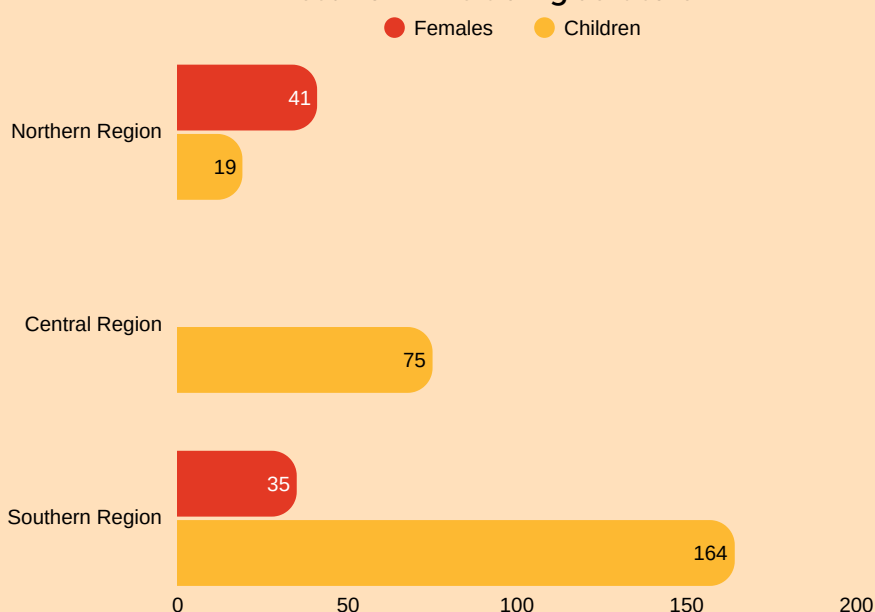
1. Human Rights Defenders Association
2. Beit Iskaria Women's Association
3. Popular Committee for Services of Al-Fawar Camp
4. Masafer Yatta Youth Center
5. Al-Arroub Women's Center

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



396 families, i.e 1,980 individuals benefited from distribution of aid

Community MHPSS support activities in West Bank including Jerusalem



- Recreational Activities
- Stress relief Activities
- Awareness raising sessions
- Open Days for Children
- PFA Group sessions

Beneficiaries: 334 including 5 people with disabilities

Number of beneficiaries reached on the National Level

15,021

NORTH & JORDAN VALLEY

- **1,297 BENEFICIARIES FROM PFA INTERVENTIONS**
- **360 BENEFICIARIES FROM PHONE & FACE-TO-FACE CONSULTATIONS**
- **60 PARTICIPANTS IN RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES AND PSS SUPPORT**
- **1,365 BENEFICIARIES FROM EMERGENCY AND FOOD KITS**

TOTAL BENEFICIARIES: 3,082

CENTER

- **143 BENEFICIARIES FROM PFA INTERVENTIONS**
- **52 BENEFICIARIES FROM PHONE & FACE-TO-FACE CONSULTATIONS**
- **75 PARTICIPANTS IN RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES AND PSS SUPPORT**
- **80 BENEFICIARIES FROM EMERGENCY AND FOOD KITS**

TOTAL BENEFICIARIES: 350

SOUTH

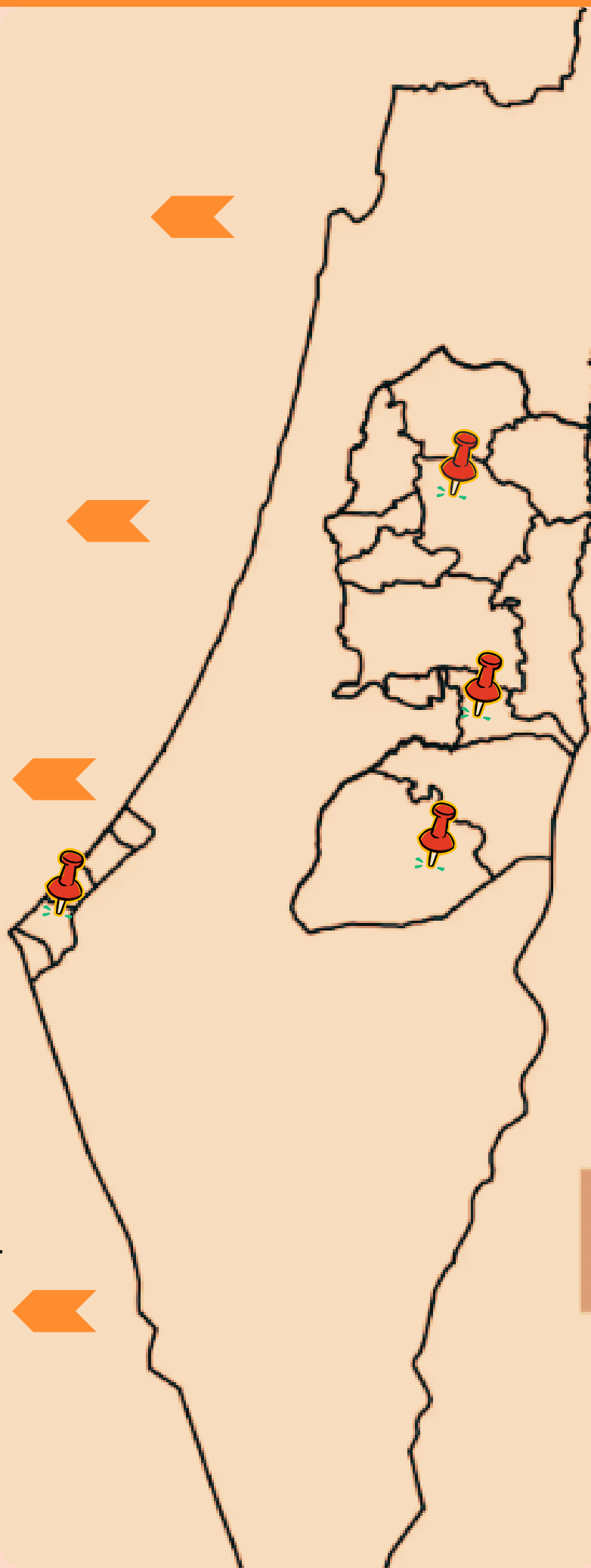
- **1,173 BENEFICIARIES FROM PFA INTERVENTIONS**
- **99 BENEFICIARIES FROM PHONE & FACE-TO-FACE CONSULTATIONS**
- **199 PARTICIPANTS IN RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES AND PSS SUPPORT**
- **535 BENEFICIARIES FROM EMERGENCY AND FOOD KITS**

TOTAL BENEFICIARIES: 2,006

GAZA

- **2,380 BENEFICIARIES FROM PFA INTERVENTIONS**
- **276 BENEFICIARIES FROM INDIVIDUAL COUNSELING**
- **6,765 PARTICIPANTS IN RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES AND PSS SUPPORT**
- **162 BENEFICIARIES FROM EMERGENCY AND FOOD KITS**

TOTAL BENEFICIARIES: 9,583



Call to Action: GAZA IS STARVING

Starvation is not a byproduct of war, It is
being used as a weapon

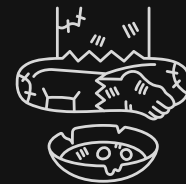
After more than **65 days** of total blockade, not a single
truck of food or humanitarian aid is allowed into Gaza. The
Siege is not easing - it is tightening

500,000

GAZANS are now on the
brink of Famine

100%

of Gaza's Population (2.1
million people) is suffering
from acute food insecurity



22%

of Gazans - of which half are
children - face catastrophic
hunger and cannot find food

Life Expectancy has
dropped almost **50%** and
the average age in Gaza
is now **40** years

Sources: WFP & OCHA

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People come to the clinic not for medicine, but
to ask for bread."

- A local health worker in Gaza City

"Only two bags of flour that we managed to store for
these dark days, both spoiled and infested with worms
and insects."

-Resident in Tal al Hawa in Gaza City

THEIR

"By God, I have been searching in the
garbage for two days."

-Displaced siblings in Khan Younis

"We eat once every 2 days. My son is 6 and he
weighs as much a 3 year old."

-Displaced mother from North Gaza

OWN

"She cried loudly, cried out loud and burst into tears. By God,
the children are sleeping all the time and I do not find
anything to feed them. I gave her what I had."

-PCC Counselor in Gaza City

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