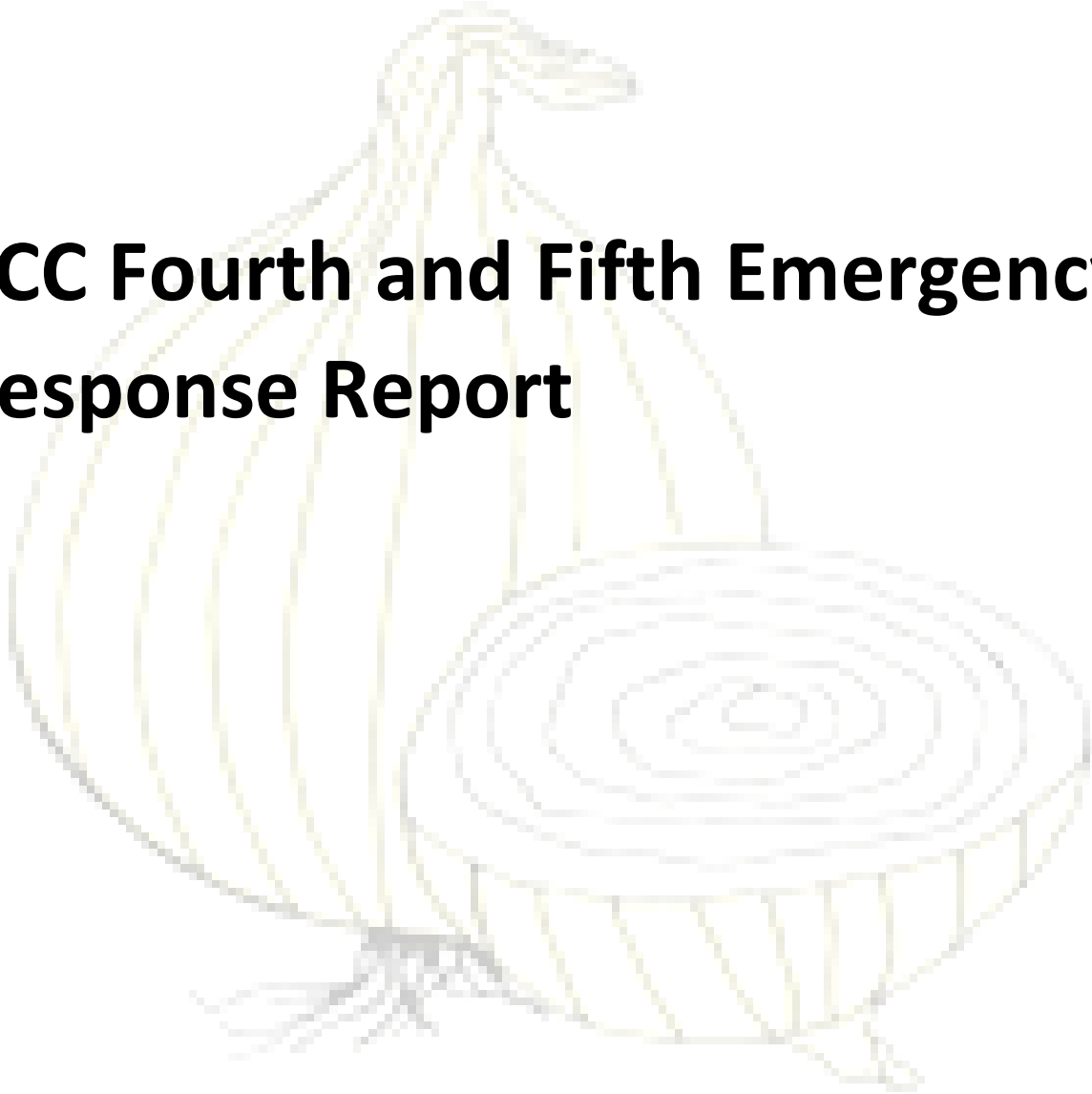




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PCC Fourth and Fifth Emergency Response Report



07th January to 7th March 2024

Introduction

This report covers the emergency response work of the PCC in the fourth and fifth months since the start of the attack on Gaza and West Bank, from 7/01/2023 – 7/03/2024. The Israeli Occupation Forces (IOF) intensified their killing and destruction and attacks against civilians in Gaza and the WB throughout this period, causing more loss of innocent lives more devastation and emotional distress amongst Palestinians in both the West Bank and Gaza.

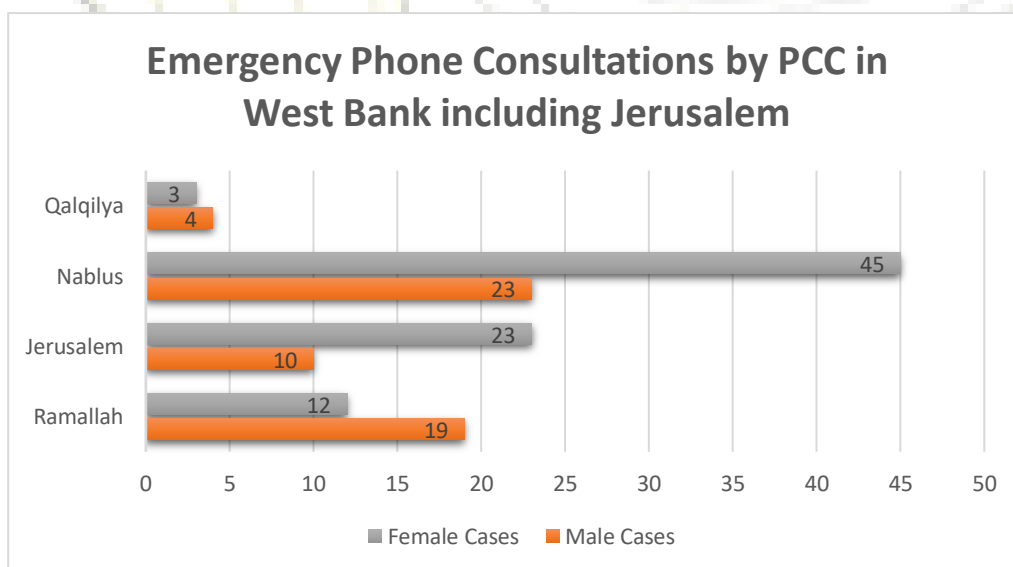
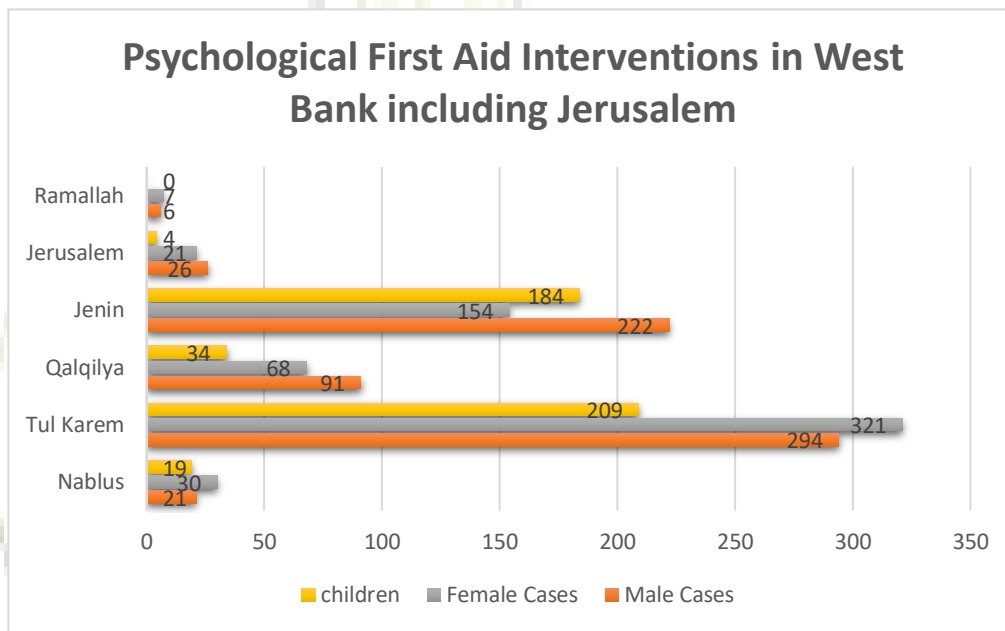
In total, and up to 07/03/2024, Israel killed over 31,272, injured 73,024, forcibly displaced 1.93 million Palestinians, demolished over 70,000 housing units and damaged 292,000 housing units in Gaza alone. Furthermore, in the North of Gaza the people are living in famine with the entire population in the Gaza Strip now classified being in food crisis which is the “highest share of people facing high levels of acute food insecurity”. Over 15 children died due to malnutrition and dehydration. The unfolding genocide is the deadliest for children, and UNICEF (since the beginning of 2024) states that more than 1800 children lost one or both legs and that the entire child population of Gaza are denied access to adequate humanitarian assistance. Moreover, the 2.2 million Palestinians in the Gaza Strip are facing a massive shortage of medical supplies, medicines, fuel, water, food, and electricity – An ongoing catastrophe with no light at the end of the tunnel.

In the West Bank and Jerusalem, and up to 07/03/2024, Israel has killed over 412, injured over 4,623 (including 710 children), and detained over 5,730 Palestinians. The demolitions of homes continue as 599 Palestinians, including 285 children have been displaced in Area C and East Jerusalem due to lack of building permits, which are provided by Israel only, but are impossible to obtain. The Israeli war waged on the Palestinians is also causing serious and severe psycho-social implications.

In response and to mitigate the short- and long-term effects of trauma, the PCC planned and implemented several MHPSS interventions to help survivors in the process of healing and recovery. These interventions included Psychological First Aid (PFA), group support debriefing sessions, face to face consultations, and phone counseling and consultations, in addition to individual and group counseling. Moreover, the PCC in collaboration with the civil defense conducted training sessions for PCC and partner organizations staff on safety and security during emergencies. **PCC employed 6 MHPSS counselors in Gaza** for direct and immediate on-the-ground support in the south of Gaza.

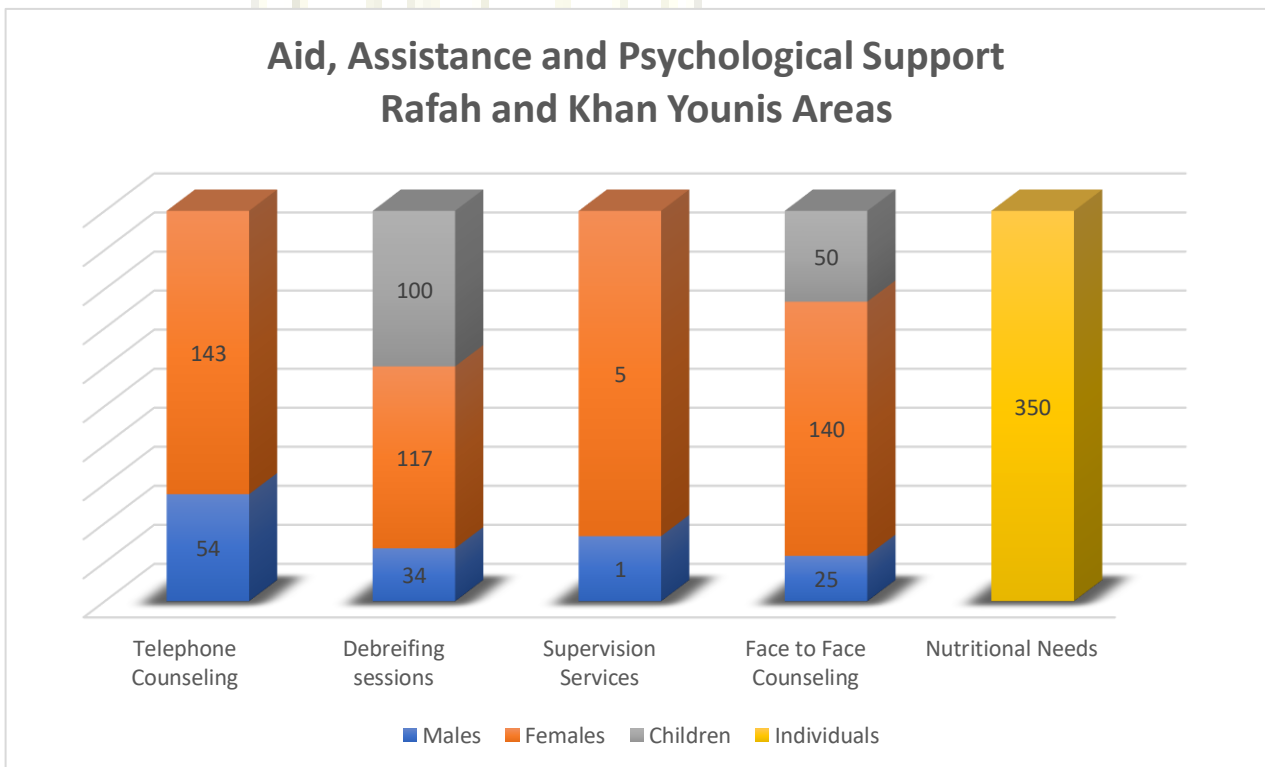
PCC Intervention Nationally

PCC counselors provided 247 PFAs and 117 Emergency Phone Consultations to survivors in need in the West Bank and East Jerusalem Areas, benefiting 1850 individuals. Overall, the need of MHPSS has surged in all governates, in which the PCC responded by providing more aid and interventions. The following tables detail this geographically and demographically.



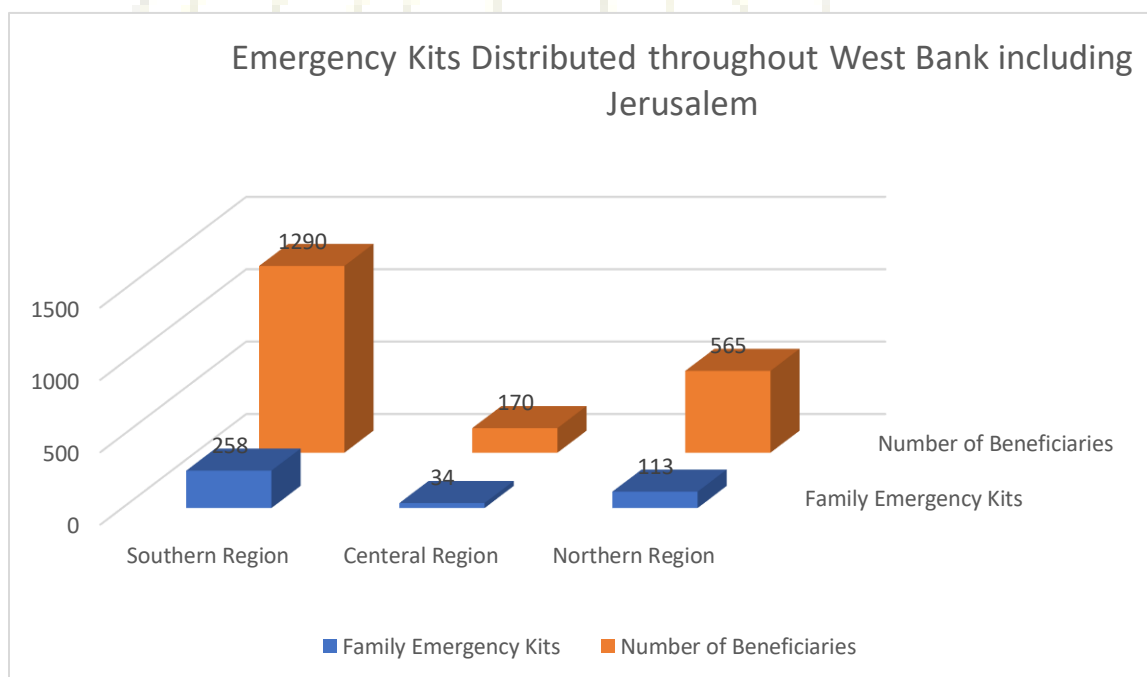
PCC intervention in Gaza

The PCC upscaled its operations in Gaza by hiring 6 MHPSS counselors in Khan Younis and Rafah, providing supportive psychological services. The PCC provides regular professional supervision to our staff workers in the following areas, who provide debriefing sessions and direct on-ground support to survivors of Israeli aggression. They also conducted telephone counseling, PFAs and Face-to-Face Counseling.

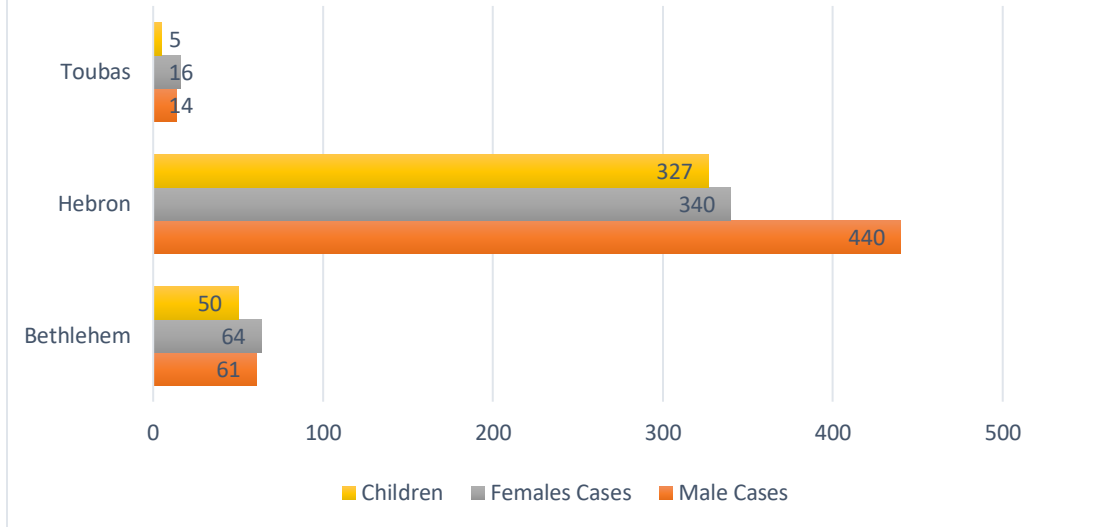


PCC and Partner CBOs response in the West Bank including Jerusalem

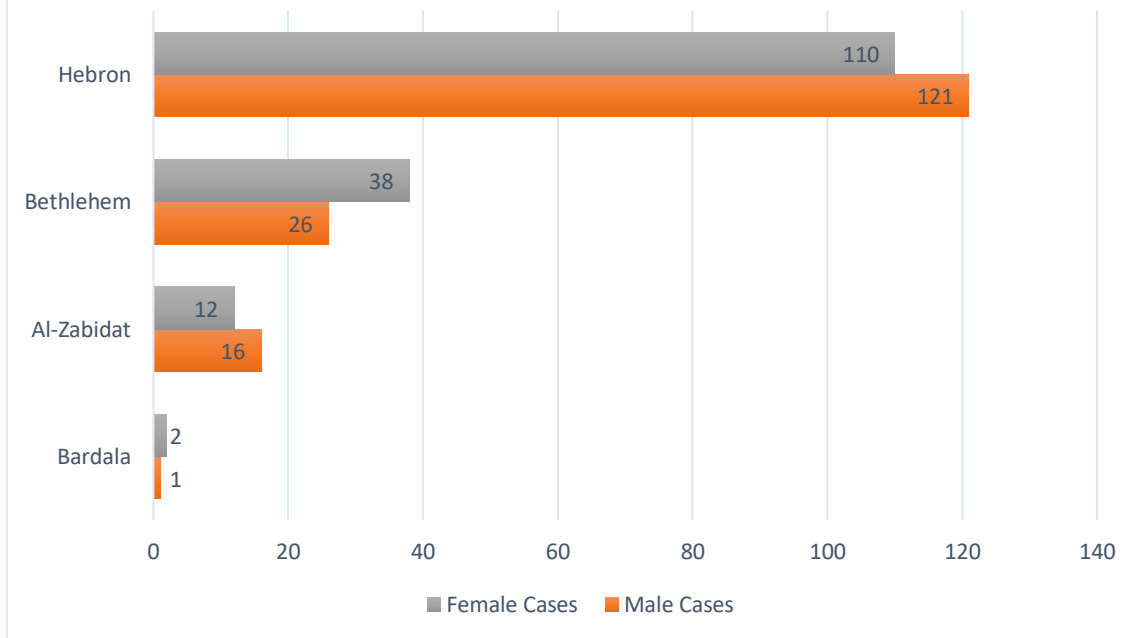
The PCC and partner CBOs (Community Based Organizations) distributed 405 emergency Family Kits which included a Medical First Aid Kit, Food Parcels, and Stationery, throughout the West Bank including Jerusalem, benefiting 2,025 individuals. Moreover, CBOs conducted a total of 223 PFA interventions and 164 Phone Consultations, benefiting 1,643 individuals.



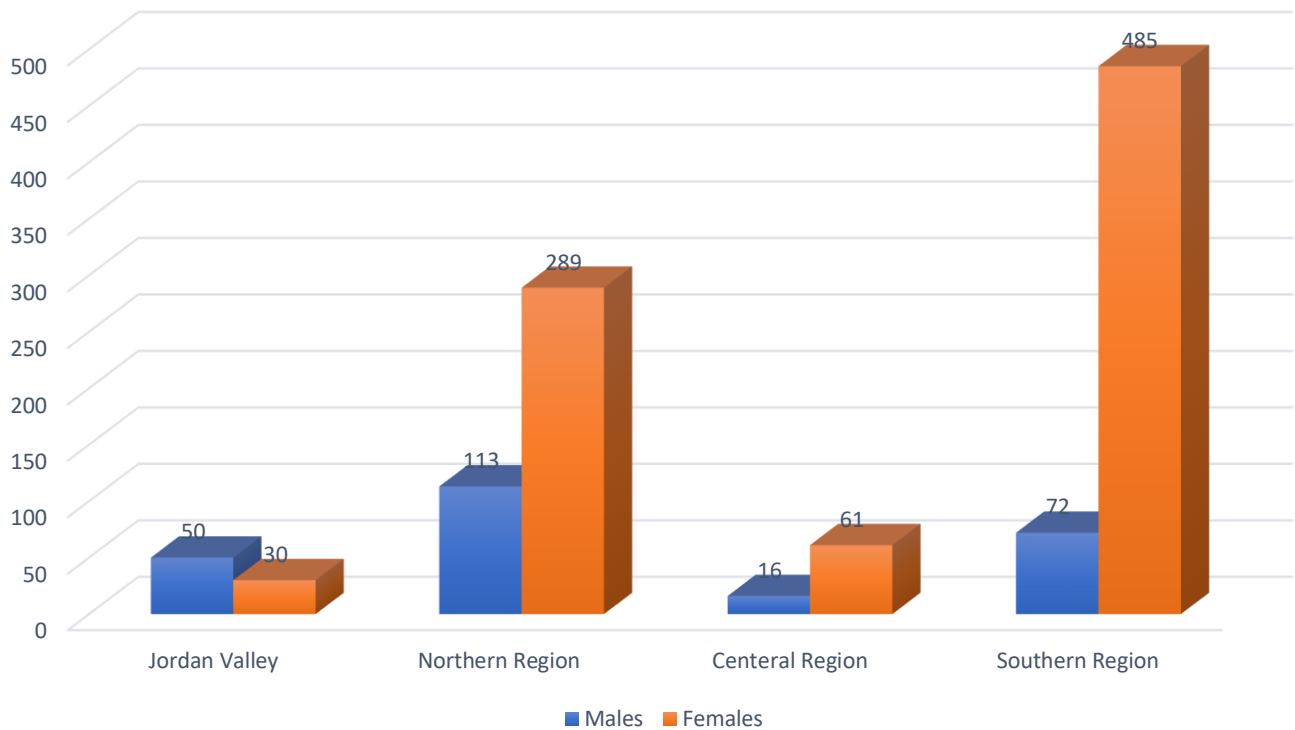
Psychological First Aid Interventions



Emergency Phone Consultations



Community support activities and PSS support - West Bank including Jerusalem



The support activities carried out by CBOs in the West Bank and Jerusalem revolved around organizing open and recreational days for children. The CBO volunteers attended to the needs of the beneficiaries, visited the elderly and hospital patients, conducted awareness-raising training, and community-based initiatives on dealing with emergencies. 1,116 individuals participated and were involved in these community support activities.

Total Number and geographical distributions of intervention

The PCC with partner CBOs conducted 470 PFA interventions, benefiting 3,028 individuals, 1,175 males, 1,021 females, and 832 children, rounding up to around 600 Families in the West Bank including Jerusalem. In addition, 281 phone consultations and follow-ups that benefited 220 Males and 245 Females in East Jerusalem and West Bank.

