

State of Palestine

Humanitarian Situation Report
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Reporting Period: 01 December – 31December

Highlights

- The wave of attacks and clashes continued across the State of Palestine during the month of December, resulting in 34 Palestinians and one Israeli killed, and another 2,116 Palestinian and 47 Israeli injuries.
- In December, nine Palestinian children were reported killed aged between 15 and 17 years and more than 205 injured. The incidents occurred in the West Bank and East Jerusalem. There were no Israeli child fatalities or injuries reported in December.
- During the reporting period, 77 children were arrested in the West Bank by the Israeli security Forces (ISF). Since the beginning of the clashes and escalation of violence in September, a total of 391 children have been arrested or detained.
- UNICEF provided legal assistance and counselling to 69 arrested children during the reporting period. Since the beginning of the violent clashes UNICEF has provided legal assistance and counseling to 217 children in detention.
- In December, in the West Bank, UNICEF continued water distribution to the most vulnerable communities. More than 27,000 people (50% children) benefitted from improved access to drinking water.
- UNICEF continued to reach young mothers through the Postnatal Home visit Programme. In November, 760 mothers and new-born were supported during post-natal period. From January 2015, more than 5,900 mothers and their new born babies were reached through the programme.
- UNICEF also supported NGO partners in ensuring protective presence on the way to and around schools, especially in Hebron and East Jerusalem. More than 4,000 children and 300 teachers, who go through checkpoints on a daily basis, are benefiting from the

SITUATION IN NUMBERS

2.3 million
# of affected population

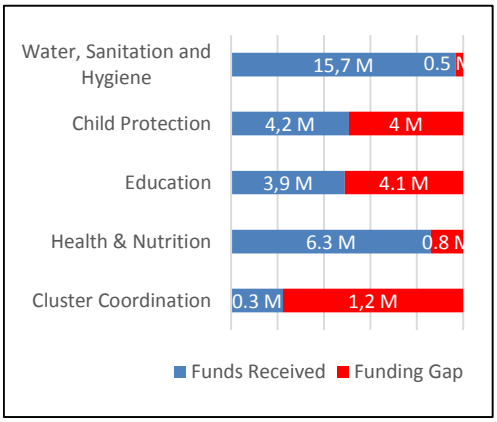
1 million
# of affected children under 18

450,000
# of people targeted in 2015

250,000
# of children targeted in 2015
(Source: UNICEF Humanitarian Action for Children 2015)

UNICEF State of Palestine Funding Appeal for 2015
USD 39.8 million
January – December 2015

Funds Received *
USD 29.1 million
*as of 31 December, 2015



Situation Overview

During the month of December, the situation in the State of Palestine has remained tense, with violent attacks and clashes across the West Bank, and particularly in East Jerusalem. There have been 26 attacks and incidents resulting in multiple Palestinian and Israeli deaths and injuries, as well as property damage and large numbers of arrests.

During the past month, a total of 34 Palestinians have been killed, including nine children and a woman, and 2,116 were injured, including 225 children, the vast majority in protests and confrontations with Israeli forces. During the same period there was one Israeli killed, and 47 injured. In December, there have been a total of 26 alleged attacks perpetrated by Palestinians, targeting military personnel and civilians in the West Bank.

On 3 and 4 December, the Egyptian-controlled Rafah Crossing was opened in both directions, allowing a 1,526 people to exit and 860 to enter Gaza. The Crossing has been closed in 2015, including for humanitarian assistance, except for 39 days of partial openings.

On 4 and 7 December in Gaza, Israeli forces fired a number of shells towards Fukhari area east of Khan Younis and at a military training site south-east of Gaza city, causing damage to a few adjacent houses. No injuries were reported.

On 10 December, the Israeli authorities destroyed with explosives two apartments in Shu'fat Refugee Camp (East Jerusalem) and Nablus city, home to the families of two Palestinians (one killed and another in custody) suspected of attacks against Israelis in 2014 and 2015. A total of 37 people including 18 children were displaced, including the two targeted families along with the residents of adjacent homes, which were severely damaged. Also six residential structures, including donor-funded tents, and one commercial structure were demolished in Area C and East Jerusalem on the grounds of lack of building permits. The East Jerusalem demolitions occurred in Beit Hanina area and resulted in the displacement 16 people including 10 children.

During the reporting period, the Hebron governorate remained the area most affected by movement restrictions, resulting in long delays and disruptions in the access of large segments of the population to services and livelihoods. In the Jerusalem governorate, around 20,000 Palestinians including more than 7,000 children continue to be affected by the closure of the main entrance to Ar Ram town, and a permanent checkpoint placed at one of the entrances to Hizma village. In East Jerusalem, seven of the new checkpoints and roadblocks deployed in October 2015 were removed during the reporting period, leaving a total of eight obstacles in place.

On 23 December, three Israelis were injured in a stabbing attack at the Old City's Jaffa Gate in Jerusalem. The stabbing attack was carried by two men, one of them was killed and the other seriously wounded at the scene.

From January to December 2015, there have been more than 500 demolitions in West Bank and East Jerusalem affecting over 650 people, including more than 250 children.

Humanitarian leadership and coordination

UNICEF, as part of the UN Country Team, coordinates with the Palestinian Government to support its role in humanitarian response, early recovery and reconstruction. UNICEF leads the WASH cluster in close collaboration with the Palestinian Water Authority and co-leads the Education Cluster with Save the Children, both in Gaza and at the national level. UNICEF also leads the Child Protection Working Group and affiliated groups on Mental Health and Psychosocial Services (MHPSS), and on monitoring and reporting of grave violations against children (Children and Armed Conflict reporting mechanism). UNICEF co-leads the Nutrition Working Group under the Health Cluster, in close cooperation with the Ministry of Health and WFP, in Gaza and at the national level. UNICEF is leading the cluster transitioning in WASH and Education sectors, in the West Bank through capacity building, towards increased Government ownership and more effective coordination.
The Humanitarian Response Plan for 2016 has been finalized and will be published in January. UNICEF provided technical support and information through the clusters and working groups.

Summary Analysis of Programme Response per Sector

Education and Adolescents

During the reporting period, throughout the West Bank and East Jerusalem, access to schools and education has continued to be impeded, particularly in schools and communities near the barrier, settlements, military areas, and

isolated communities. Palestinian school-aged children continue to experience harassment on their way to and from school, as well as in school yards and classrooms.

Data collected by the Working Group on Grave Violations shows that the escalation of violence since October has led to increasing attacks against schools. From the beginning of clashes in October, a total of 252 attacks on education have been recorded, 134 attacks on schools and 118 denials of humanitarian access to education.

The protective presence and accompaniment of children and teachers continued throughout the West Bank, in partnership with the INGOs Ecumenical Accompaniment Programme in Palestine (EAPPI) and Christian Peacemaker Teams (CPT). During the month of December, UNICEF continued to provide protective presence for over 4,334 children and 333 teachers in the West Bank in cooperation with partners.



In December, school repairs were completed in 10 additional schools in Gaza, benefitting 10,145 students (29% girls). The repair includes: painting, provision of furniture and educational aid materials, fixing damages and rehabilitation of WASH facilities.

In December, 10,164 students (42% are females), grades 3 to 6 from 131 schools in Gaza completed the remedial education programme, which includes additional lesson periods, additional Arabic and Math classes weekly over a three month period.

In Gaza, during the reporting period, UNICEF's Adolescent Development and Participation programme (ADAP) reached 884 adolescents with skills development and civic engagement projects through its partners Al Nayzak, INJAZ, PalVision, Tamer, Save Youth Future Society and Ma'an Development Center. Since January 2015 a total of 43,737 adolescents (56% female) have benefited from the programme.

Child Protection

In December, the high level of violence against children across the West Bank, including East Jerusalem, continued. Nine children were killed and 215 children were injured.

During the reporting period, 77 children were arrested in the West Bank and East Jerusalem, bringing the total to 391 children arrested since the beginning of the clashes.

UNICEF, through its partners War Child and the Wadi Hilweh, continued to provide legal assistance and counselling to arrested children. Since the beginning of September, a total of 217 children who were arrested by ISF have received legal assistance and counselling.



In December, 31,783 children were reached with structured psychosocial support, including individual and group counselling. In addition 1,011 children (395 girls and 618 boys) benefited from the 'Gaza Community Mental Health Program' which provides specialized mental health support services. Since January 2015, UNICEF's implementing partners were able to reach 85,881 children.

During the reporting period, UNICEF supported the distribution of winter items including warm children clothing, blankets and plastic mats. The distributions were facilitated by MOSA across the five governorates of the Gaza Strip and targeted 24,852 children from 9,640 vulnerable families affected by the 2014 escalation of conflict in Gaza.

During the reporting period, 5,057 children and 2,044 caregivers received Explosive Remnants of War (ERW) risk education messages through radio spots and awareness raising in the Family Centers. Since January 2015, a total of 201,121 people have received ERW awareness and risk education messages, including 95,004 children as part of their school curriculum.

Water, Sanitation and Hygiene

In Gaza, during the reporting period, UNICEF in partnership with the Coastal Municipality Water Utility (CMWU) has been rehabilitating and upgrading the wastewater networks in Khan Younis and Rafah. In the reporting period, 1550 meter of UPVC pipes were installed resulting in 147 households being connected to the wastewater networks in Al-Amal Area in Khan Younis. In Rafah, UNICEF also supported the instalment of 1000 m of UPVC pipes in December.

The reconstruction of Abu Hamam water well that was damaged during the last years conflict is ongoing and will result in increased access to piped water for around 10,000 people.

UNICEF and its partners distributed 2,990 Family Hygiene Kits providing a total of 20,930 people with access to basic hygiene supplies. In addition, the distribution of 3,800 hygiene kits is ongoing.



Also, in cooperation with WFP, UNICEF has started the distribution of 9,000 e-vouchers for redeeming hygiene items in about 70 local shops in Gaza.

In the West Bank, in December, UNICEF in cooperation with the NGO Gruppo di Volontariato Civile (GVC) continued water distribution in the most vulnerable communities. More than 26,850 people (50% children) benefitted from access to drinking water through repairs, upgrades of water networks and water distribution.

UNICEF continued to provide assistance through the WASH Cluster for the overall coordination of WASH interventions and provision of fuel to critical WASH facilities as a result of the frequent and extensive power cuts, particularly in Rafah and Eastern villages of the Gaza Strip.

Child Health & Nutrition

In Gaza, during the reporting period 760 mothers and their new-born babies received counselling and medical care through home visits. Since January 2015, 5,902 women and their new born babies have benefited from the post-natal home visits programme.

In December, UNICEF provided 15,600 sachets of plumpy nut and supplementary food for treatment of children with moderate and severe malnutrition.

During the same period, 13,091 women increased their knowledge related to breast feeding and complementary feeding of young children, bringing the total number for the year to 74,215.



In the West Bank and Gaza, in December UNICEF and the Ministry of Health organised workshops on Nutrition Emergency Preparedness and Response for members of the Nutrition Working Group and partners. As a result, the participants gained new knowledge related to international standards, defined roles and responsibilities of each member, and prepared the Nutrition Working Group Contingency Plan.

Summary of Programme Results

	Overall needs at SitRep date	UNICEF target	UNICEF total results	Progress towards targets %
WATER, SANITATION & HYGIENE	1,400,000			
# of people in humanitarian situation benefited from improved access to water	552,000	107,000	76,030	71%
# of people in humanitarian situation benefited from improved access to sanitation services	540,000	80,000	59,880	75%
# of beneficiaries provided with sanitation /hygiene items (hygiene kits / vouchers)	270,000	200,000	58,971[1]	30%
# of people in water-scarce areas in the West Bank benefited from access to safe drinking water	60,000	45,260[2]	26,860	69%
CHILD PROTECTION	1,650,000			
# of children / adolescents benefited from psychosocial support services.	n/a	170,000	85,881	51%
# of children / caregivers receiving protection services through community based family centres and Government led CPN	n/a	120,000	71,490	60%
# / % of incidents of grave violations against children monitored and documented	n/a	2,000[3]	2,766	138%
# of children / caregivers reached through ERW/UXO risk education messages	n/a	450,000	201,121	45%
EDUCATION	760,000			
# of children enrolled in schools supported through rehabilitation and improved educational facilities	n/a	30,000	28,181	94%
# of children benefited from distribution of supplies and materials	n/a	15,000	27,675	184%[4]
# of adolescents participating in extracurricular activities	271,190	40,000	43,737	110%
# of children and teachers benefiting from protective presence / accompaniment to school	9,120	3,805	4,667	122%[5]
HEALTH and NUTRITION	1,600,000			
# of children and women benefiting from emergency health care services / supplies	n/a	420,000[6]	403,000	96%
# of children and women who have received micronutrient supplements	n/a	350,000	0	0%[7]

[1] Delays have been incurred due to an unforeseen vetting process of the CBO partners' responsible for distributing the kits.

[2] Target was updated to reflect the revision of WASH SRP project sheet during the mid-year review.

[3] The indicator was changed to reflect the number of cases documented. Previously it was the number of children affected.

[4] The voucher programme for school supplies and materials was expanded resulting in more beneficiaries than the target.

[5] Protective presence activities are ongoing since the beginning of school year and 300 teachers were added to the target.

[6] Target was updated to reflect the revision of Health & Nutrition SRP project sheet during the mid-year review.

[7] Offshore procurement of micronutrients was completed (sales orders were raised and released since 11 August 2015). Approval from COGAT and Israeli Ministry of Health has been taking longer than the usual period. Awaiting customs clearance.

Funding

Meeting the humanitarian and development needs of affected children and families in the State of Palestine will contribute to reducing the suffering of the affected population and increasing stability. The lack of funding received compared to the amount requested by Education and Child Protection is impacting negatively on the achievement of targets/results. Additional funds are required to expand existing programmes that are being successfully implemented on the ground. Funding is particularly needed in the following sectors: Education / Adolescents, Child Protection / Social Protection, and Information Management / Cluster Coordination.

UNICEF wishes to express its deep gratitude to all public and private sector donors for the contributions and pledges received, which have made the current response possible. Continued donor support is critical to continue meeting the basic needs of affected children and families, strengthening systems, preventing violence and contributing to stability.

Section	UNICEF HAC 2015			
	Requirements (USD)	Received* (USD)	Funding Gap	
			USD	%
WASH	15,705,565[8]	15,202,766	502,799	3%
Education	8,069,771	3,959,825	4,109,946	51%
Child Protection	8,225,280	4,222,395	4,002,885	49%
Health and Nutrition	6,293,624[9]	5,413,548	880,076	14%
Cluster Coordination	1,533,222	343,127	1,190,095	78%
Total	**39,827,462[10]**	**29,141,661**	**10,685,801**	**27%**

Note: Total funding available is **$34,498,149** of which **$29,141,661** is funding received against the appeal for this year, and **$5,356,488** is budget carried forward from prior year.

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[8] Funding requirement was updated to reflect the revision of one WASH SRP project sheet during the mid-year review.
[9] Funding requirement was updated to reflect the revision of one H&N SRP project sheet during the mid-year review.
[10] Funding requirements have increased to US$39,827,462 as of 01 November 2015, due to changes to the interagency Humanitarian Response Plan, see link attached: UNICEF – Humanitarian Action for Children - State of Palestine