

State of Palestine

Humanitarian Situation Report
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Highlights

- During the month of January the situation in Palestine remained tense with 21 recorded incidents, resulting in 17 Palestinians and two Israelis killed. Since the start of 2016 more than 600 Palestinians have been injured in clashes with Israeli forces in West Bank and Gaza.
- In January, six Palestinian children aged between 13 and 17 years were reported killed, and more than 130 injured in the West Bank and East Jerusalem. There were two Israeli women killed and two others injured in January.
- During the reporting period, 73 children were arrested in the West Bank by Israeli Security Forces (ISF). Since the beginning of the clashes and escalation of violence in September, a total of 464 children have been arrested or detained.
- In January, UNICEF, through its NGO partners, provided legal assistance and counselling to 56 arrested children. Since the beginning of the violent clashes UNICEF has provided legal assistance and counseling to 273 children in detention.
- During the reporting period, UNICEF continued to support NGO partners in ensuring protective presence on the way and around schools, especially in Hebron and East Jerusalem. More than 4,100 children and 300 teachers, who cross checkpoints daily are benefiting from the programme.
- In January, UNICEF continued water distribution to the most vulnerable communities in water scarce areas in West Bank. More than 28,500 people (50% children) benefitted from improved access to drinking water.
- UNICEF continued to support young mothers through the Postnatal Home visit Programme. In January, 804 mothers and newborns were supported during the post-natal period. A total of 6,702 mothers and their newborn babies have benefited since the beginning of the programme.

SITUATION IN NUMBERS

2.3 million
# of affected population

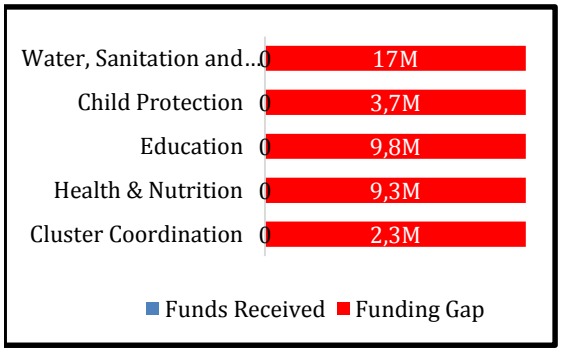
1 million
# of affected children under 18

450,000
# of people targeted in 2016

250,000
# of children targeted in 2016
(Source: UNICEF Humanitarian Action for Children 2016)

UNICEF State of Palestine Funding Appeal for 2016
USD 41.9 million
January – December 2016

Funds Received *
USD 00.00
*as of 31 January, 2016



Situation Overview

During January 2016, the situation in the State of Palestine has remained tense, with violent incidents and clashes across the West Bank, East Jerusalem and Gaza. There have been multiple attacks and incidents resulting in deaths and injuries of Palestinians and Israelis, including children and women.

During the past month, a total of 17 Palestinians have been killed, including six children aged between 13-17 years, and more than 600 were injured, including 130 children, the vast majority in protests and confrontations with Israeli security forces. During the same period there were two Israeli woman killed, and two injured.

On 3 January, three rockets were fired from the Gaza Strip hitting southern Israel, without causing casualties or damage. Israeli forces responded with a series of air strikes on 4 January, targeting several locations across the Gaza Strip, which caused no casualties but extensive damage to properties.

On 12 January, Israeli forces shot dead two Palestinians during an attempted stabbing attack in the occupied West Bank while a third was killed in unrelated clashes. Two of the victims were young Palestinians, 17 and 21 years old killed after one of them attempted to stab an Israeli soldier near the southern West Bank city of Hebron.

On 15 January, Israeli soldiers shot and killed two Palestinians in a stone-throwing clash near the Gaza border. The two young men, 18 and 26 years old, were shot across the dividing fence while throwing stones along with dozens of others near the border.

On 27 January, the second semester of the 2015/2016 school year started in government and UNRWA supported schools across the Gaza Strip. The start of the semester was delayed for two days due to the stormy weather conditions, including heavy rain and flooding.

During the reporting period, Israeli forces have deployed hundreds of ad hoc 'flying' checkpoints across the West Bank, affecting movement of Palestinians in West Bank. New road blocks were erected in villages around Bethlehem and Nablus. Access for Palestinians to the settlement area (H2) within Hebron City has remained severely restricted, including a ban on the entry of males between 15 and 25 years of age to some areas, except for residents whose names are registered with Israeli forces.

In January, electricity supply in the Gaza Strip saw further deterioration, due to repeated breakdowns in the Israeli and Egyptian feeder lines. Blackouts reached up 20 hours per day, in harsh winter weather conditions and heavy rainfall. The longstanding energy crisis continues to heavily disrupt the provision of basic services and affect children and the most vulnerable population across Gaza. In addition to creating hardship, the lack of regular electricity is life-threatening particularly in regards to the Gaza Strip's health infrastructure, where the lack of light in emergency rooms can have dire consequences for patients.

From the beginning of 2016, there have been a total of 79 Palestinian-owned structures demolished in Area C and East Jerusalem, resulting on 65 people being displaced including 22 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 2016 Humanitarian Response Plan (HRP) which is part of the Global Humanitarian Overview was launched in December in Geneva. The local launch of the HRP is scheduled for 10 February in Ramallah. The HRP requests US$ 571 million, of which 32 million requested from UNICEF, for a range of interventions from legal assistance and protective presence for students and teachers to the provision of health care and water and sanitation services.

Summary Analysis of Programme Response per Sector

Education and Adolescents

In January, 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. 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 January, UNICEF continued to provide protective presence for over 4,667 children and teachers.

During the reporting period, UNICEF in cooperation with WFP has continued to work on the e-voucher programme scheduled to distribute school uniforms and winter clothes to 8,093 children in Gaza.



An EAPPI volunteer walks Palestinian students past barbed wire outside the Cordoba school in the Old City of Hebron, as part of UNICEF's protective presence and accompaniment programme.

In January, the Adolescent Development and Participation programme (ADAP) supported 1,302 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 the beginning of the project in January 2015 a total of 45,039 adolescents (56% female) have benefited from the programme.

Child Protection

In January, the situation remained unstable with high level of violence against children in the West Bank, particularly in East Jerusalem and Gaza. During the reporting period, six children were killed and more than 130 were injured.

In addition 73 children were arrested during the same period by Israeli Security Forces (ISF), bringing the total to 464 children arrested since the start of the escalation of violence last year.

In January 2016, UNICEF provided legal assistance to 56 arrested and detained children through its partners War Child and the Wadi Hilweh Information Centre.

During the reporting period, 12,301 children (50% females) received psychosocial support including group and individual counseling across the Gaza Strip. Additionally, 560 children (47% boys) received child protection services through 13 family centers.



East Jerusalem – Children in in Silwan neighborhood who receive psychosocial support services through UNICEF programmes. Many children have been arrested in this neighborhood during continuous clashes around checkpoints.

In January, the Working group on Grave Violations against Children provided inputs for the Secretary-General's Annual Report on Children and Armed Conflict for 2015. In the past year, the Working Group on Grave Violations documented 2,247 violations, affecting over 39,712 children.

In the second half of the year, increasing levels of violence, and daily clashes between Palestinians and Israeli Security Forces (ISF), resulted in the death of 30 and injury of 1,734 Palestinian children.
With regard to education related violations, 286 incidents were reported last year, including raids, closure of schools as a result of direct attacks, delays at check points on the way to and from schools, interruption of classes and, in some instances, injury of children. In the West Bank, there was an increase in incidents, with 283 documented in 2015 compared to the 264 incidents in 2014.

Water, Sanitation and Hygiene

In January, in Gaza, UNICEF in partnership with the Coastal Municipality Water Utility (CMWU) has continued the rehabilitation and upgrading of the wastewater networks in Khan Younis and Rafah. In the reporting period, more than 4,000 meters of UPVC pipes were installed resulting in 32 households being connected to the wastewater networks.

In Rafah, the rehabilitation of Jumaizat AlSabeel sewage pumping station is ongoing with 700m of HDPE pipes already installed.

In January, UNICEF and its partner Action Contre le Faim (ACF) have distribued 3,200 family hygiene kits to households in Shajaeya, Beit Lahia, Rafah and Beit Hanoun.A total of 21,440 people in these areas have benefited from the hygiene items included in the family kits.



A Palestinian father carries his children through a flooded street during the winter storm in Rafah, Gaza, on 25 January 2016. Seven mobile water pumps, donated by UNICEF, are being used by Gaza's Coastal Municipalities Water Utility (CMWU) to clear the flooded areas.

During the reporting period, UNICEF in cooperation with WFP, UNICEF started the distribution of 8,856 e-vouchers of hygiene items to marginalized households accross Gaza. The distribution is carried out through the e-voucher system.

In January, UNICEF was able to facilitate the entry of seven mobile pumps into Gaza. The Costal Municipality Water Utility used these as part of the response to the winter floods.

In the West Bank, in January, UNICEF in cooperation with the NGO Gruppo di Volontariato Civile (GVC) continued water distribution in the most vulnerable communities in Area C. More than 28,500 people (50% children) benefitted from access to drinking water through repairs, upgrades of water networks and water distribution.

UNICEF in coordination with OCHA and UNRWA provided assistance through the WASH Cluster in distributing of 55,000 litres of fuel to critical WASH facilities , particularly in Rafah and Eastern villages of the Gaza Strip.

Child Health & Nutrition

In Gaza, during the reporting period 804 mothers and their new-born babies received counselling and medical care through home visits. Since the beginning of the project, 6,702 women and their new born babies have benefited from the post-natal home visits programme. Also UNICEF delivered 23 pallets of essential drugs to Ministry of Health in order to respond to winter related diseases, benefiting more than 50,000 people.

In January, UNICEF continued to provide plumpy nut sachets and supplementary food for treatment of 1,490 children with moderate and severe malnutrition.

During the month of January, 8,456 women increased their knowledge related to breast feeding and complementary feeding of young children, through breast feeding and awareness raising sessions.



Gaza - A Palestinian family around the heater in their temporary housing in Khuzaa' village. UNICEF provided Gaza hospitals with the essential drugs needed to manage winter-related diseases.

In January, in West Bank, UNICEF completed the delivery of micronutrient supplements including iron drops for children and vitamin A for postpartum women to the Ministry of Health benefiting 38,250 children and women.
During the reporting period, in the West Bank UNICEF delivered DPT and Hepatitis B vaccines benefiting a total of 80,000 children and 70,000 adults.

Summary of Programme Results

	# of people in need (HRP 2016)	UNICEF targets	UNICEF total results	Cluster target	Cluster total results[1]
WATER, SANITATION & HYGIENE	1,700,000				
# of people in humanitarian situation benefited from improved access to water	732,000	123,669	0	518,000	
# of people in humanitarian situation benefited from improved access to sanitation services	600,000	57,430	0	358,000	
# of beneficiaries provided with sanitation /hygiene items (hygiene kits / vouchers)	200,000	53,600	21,440	120,000	
# of people in water-scarce areas in the West Bank benefited from access to safe drinking water	307,340	162,700	1,608	114,408	
CHILD PROTECTION	**1,800,000**				
# of children / adolescents benefited from psychosocial support services.	n/a	60,000	12,301	94,542	
# of children / caregivers receiving protection services through community based family centres and Government led CPN	n/a	100,075	5,696	200,000	
# of incidents of grave violations against children monitored and documented	n/a	2,500	0	2,500	
# of children / caregivers reached through ERW/UXO risk education messages	550,000	212,852	12,071	266,162	
EDUCATION	**600,000**				
# of children benefited from provision of supplies and materials	n/a	90,000	0	121,025	
# of children and teachers benefiting from protective presence / accompaniment to school	n/a	4,700	4,667	4,700	
# of adolescents participating in life-skills building and community based activities	n/a	30,000	1,302	30,000	
# of children benefited from remedial education	n/a	20,000	0	254,136	
HEALTH and NUTRITION	1,400,000				
# of children and women benefiting from emergency health care services / supplies	n/a	240,000	40,800	272,263	
# of children and women who have received micronutrient supplements	n/a	250,000	38,250	250,000	
# of children provided with life –saving neonate care services	n/a	10,000	804	50,000	

[1] The Cluster results will be updated quarterly as agreed with the respective Clusters/Sections

Funding

Meeting the humanitarian and development needs of affected children and families in the State of Palestine will contribute to saving lives, reducing the suffering of the affected population and increasing resilience. The 2016 Humanitarian Response Plan (HRP) which is part of the Global Humanitarian Overview was officially launched on 10 February 2016 in Ramallah. During the reporting period no funds were received against UNICEF's approved project sheets in the HRP.

The 2016 Humanitarian Action for Children (HAC) document was finalized and includes four projects (WASH and Education) which were not included in the HRP. For this reason UNICEF's total required funding in the HAC is higher than the total amount required through the HRP project sheets.

Section	UNICEF HAC 2016			
	Requirements (USD)	Funds Received 2016 Appeal (USD)	Funding Gap	
			USD	%
WASH	16,994,402	0.00	16,994,402	100%
Education	9,763,664	0,00	9,763,664	100%
Child Protection	3,569,000	0,00	3,569,000	100%
Health and Nutrition	9,317,700	0,00	9317,700	100%
Cluster Coordination	2,280,105	0,00	2,280,105	100%
Sub-Total	**41,924,871**	**0,00**	**41,924,871**	100%
Carry-forward		**5,192,362**		
Total funding available		**5,192,362**		
Grand Total	**41,924,871**	**5,192,362**	**36,732,509**	88%

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