

8 August, 2018, Gaza Strip –The World Health Organization (WHO) is delivering 36 trauma kits to the Ministry of Health (MoH) that are urgently needed to ensure the wounded receive appropriate emergency treatment.

With resources from the UN Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF), WHO has mobilized 18 trauma kits, which will be used to treat up to 1,800 patients who are in need of surgical care. Each Emergency Trauma Kit consists of two parts (A and B) and contains pharmaceuticals and disposable items to treat 100 trauma patients.

“The medical supplies procured by WHO will directly support the treatment of trauma casualties, enhance trauma management in six major hospitals which respond to the casualties in the Gaza Strip and reduce the trauma-related suffering of the wounded.” said Dr Gerald Rockenschaub, WHO’s Head of Office for the occupied Palestinian territory.

As of August 6th, according to the MoH in Gaza, a cumulative total of of 165 people have been killed and 17,557 people were injured by Israeli forces, since the mass demonstrations began in Gaza on 30 th March 2018.

The current surge in humanitarian health needs is happening in a context a chronic and increasingly precarious humanitarian crisis. Drugs and disposable supplies in Gaza are continuing to deplete. There is a shortage of health staff and the fuel reserve to generate electricity, which is currently sustaining essential life-saving services through emergency generators in the 14 public hospitals, will be depleted by the middle of August.

“WHO continues to monitor the situation and to identify urgent life-saving health needs. Additional resources and funding are needed to sustain essential health services and to procure trauma and surgical supplies. WHO and health cluster partners urgently require US$ 17 million to respond to immediate priority needs in Gaza until the end of the year. Further funding will be needed for emergency preparedness and response over the comings weeks as the demonstrations and clashes continue,” said Dr Rockenschaub.



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