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From the People of Japan

IPPF and Japan team up on another project to sustain sexual and reproductive health services in the West Bank, Palestine

IPPF and its Member Association in Palestine (PFPPA) are pleased to announce the launch of a new project financed by the Government of Japan, *"Provision of health and medical services for women and children affected by crisis in the West Bank."* This USD 0.4 million project will deliver life-saving maternal healthcare, psychosocial support, and sexual and reproductive health services, in even the hardest-to-reach areas of the West Bank, Palestine, through health centres, mobile medical teams, tele-consultations, and community outreach.

The destruction of health facilities, severe restrictions on movement, and raids and attacks on communities in the West Bank have left Palestinians with little to no access to healthcare. According to the UNFPA, over 230,000 women and girls experience difficulties in accessing reproductive health services.

Key project activities will include:

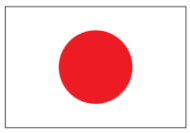
- Maintaining essential sexual and reproductive health (SRH) services, through three static clinics in Khalil, Halhoul, and Bethlehem in the West Bank. These clinics will offer services including family planning, obstetrics and gynaecology care and management of sexually transmitted infections, for over 22,000 women and children. This will include specialised support for an estimated 2,300 survivors of sexual and gender-based violence, who will receive medical care, counselling or referrals.
- Providing maternal and child health care services for 4,600 women and children in hard-to-reach and marginalised areas of the West Bank via a mobile team of doctors, midwives, paediatricians, social workers, pharmacists and lab technicians. The mobile team will also provide psychosocial support services, support for survivors of sexual and gender-based violence, and family planning services.
- Providing counselling and consultation services via telecommunications and digital channels for those unable to access clinics.

Conducting five 'preparing for birth' sessions for 90 first time mothers, providing information and support on maternal care and options for labour and delivery.

Mr. ARAIKE Katsuhiko, Ambassador of Japan for the Palestinian Affairs, says:

"As a flagbearer of Universal Health Coverage (UHC) and the "Women, Peace, and Security (WPS)" agenda, we hope that our new collaboration with IPPF facilitates Palestinian women and children, who are affected by conflicts and live outside service catchment areas, to enjoy Obstetrics and Gynaecology (OBGYN) and family planning services, improved well-being, and social participation. This project is part of Japan's 2026–2027 cooperation package for Palestine. Japan will continue to provide support for the stability and prosperity of Palestine."

Dr. Fadoua Bakhadda, Regional Director of the IPPF Arab World Regional Office adds:



“Thanks to the support of the people of Japan, we can continue delivering essential maternal and child health services to communities that have been systematically cut off from care, helping to prevent avoidable maternal and newborn deaths in the West Bank, Palestine.”

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About International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF) Arab World Office

IPPF is a global healthcare provider and a leading advocate of sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) for all. Led by a courageous and determined group of women, IPPF was founded in 1952. Today, we are a movement of over 120 autonomous member associations and 23 collaborative partners with a presence in 146 countries. Established in 1971, the IPPF Arab World Region (IPPF AWR) is one of IPPF’s six regional offices. Based in Tunis, it is the leading Sexual and Reproductive Health (SRH) service delivery organization in the North Africa and the Middle East, and the leading Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) advocacy voice in the region.