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Palestine Red Crescent Society: Response Report

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To Saturday , 04/11/2023, 11:00 AM

According to PRCS's president announcement, PRCS declared a state of emergency at the highest level in both Gaza Strip and the West Bank where the national society operates to the fullest of its humanitarian and resource capacity 24/7, For the 29th day in a row.

Latest Updates:

Gaza Strip:

- The Israeli violations against PRCS's premises and personal are continues, where the Israeli aircrafts targeted an ambulance while responding to the distress calls from Al-Rasheed st. west Gaza city amongst a fleet of vehicles providing medical services, which resulted to the vehicle sustaining partial damage, whereas, the vehicle continued to head towards Al-Shifa hospital, where a number of ambulances were targeted, including a MoH ambulance that was directly targeted and a PRCS's ambulance, fortunately, the paramedics survived this attack.
- The Israeli aircrafts continue targeting the nearby and surrounding area of Al-Quds and PRCS's HQ in Tel Al-Hawa, which is resulting to an enormous damage and increasing the challenges that are being faced by the teams and threatening the lives of displaced persons who sought refuge at the premises.
- The Israeli occupation aircraft targeted PRCS's headquarters and Al-Quds Hospital in Tel Al-Hawa neighborhood in western Gaza with several intense airstrikes in the early hours of this morning. This resulted in shattering the interior glass over the heads of the displaced individuals who sought refuge at the headquarters. The emergency Room teams at the hospital dealt with 21 cases with various injuries, and dozens were treated in the field. All the displaced individuals also suffered from severe fear and panic. Such targeted bombardments and shillings pose significant challenges for the humanitarian assistance provided by the working teams.
- The Ministry of Health announced that the Turkish- Palestinian Friendship Hospital (dedicated to cancer patients) has been heavily targeted by the Israeli Occupation forces, as a result it has been taken out of service and evacuated due to being significantly damaged beyond operation.
- The Israeli occupation forces have obstructed the evacuation of the injured from hospitals in Gaza and North Gaza to the Arab Republic of Egypt by blocking the roads between the north and south, despite the issued approval for the exit of 30 injured individuals on this day.
- Israeli violations against PRCS emergency teams continued, as this afternoon, PRCS emergency medical teams were targeted while carrying out their humanitarian duties west of the city of Gaza. This resulted in wounding two paramedics, one with a gunshot in the hand and shrapnel in the head, and the other with shrapnel in the foot and hands. Additionally, the Israeli attacks put two ambulances out of service.
- Rafah crossing boarder is specifically open for the Fourth day in a row only to allow the transport of severe cases of war-injured individuals as well as individuals with dual citizenship (holders of foreign and Palestinian/Arabian passports). PRCS ambulances are operating to serve and facilitate the transportation process.
- A large number of Israeli occupation tanks and vehicles have penetrated into several districts in Gaza governorate and Northern Gaza governorates. This is an attempt to separate the southern part of the Strip from the north, which increases the challenges faced by the teams working in the field and restrict the movement of citizens.
- The Israeli occupation forces persist in their explicit threat to evacuate Al-Quds Hospital and PRCS's main headquarters in Tel Al-Hawa Neighborhood, west of Gaza. Furthermore, these threats extend to evacuating and relocating well over 14,000 displaced persons taking shelter at the Hospital. Moreover, the Israeli occupation forces have also targeted several residential towers adjacent to the Hospital from the eastern side, causing significant damage to the Hospital's building and operations. Nevertheless, Al-Quds Hospital remains committed and dedicated to providing services to the patients, injured, and displaced people out of its national and humanitarian duty, despite the Israeli occupation's threats to evacuate the hospital, and the non-stop shelling and bombing of the area surrounding the hospital.

- 8 PRCS ambulances went out of service after being directly targeted by the Israeli occupation forces.
- The Israeli occupation targeted PCRS main warehouses in the Tel Al-Hawa Neighborhood west of Gaza, and UNRWA warehouses in both Gaza and North Gaza. This exacerbates the catastrophic humanitarian situation and deprives citizens of any relief aid.
- The Ministry of Health confirmed that targeting the healthcare system has resulted in damage to 57 healthcare facilities, the martyrdom of 130 medical staff members, 18 rescue team members, and the complete destruction of 25 ambulances; rendering the ambulances inoperable.
- The Ministry of Health also confirmed that 16 hospitals and 32 health centers are out of service as a result of Israeli targeting and the depletion of fuel and medical resources.
- According to official sources, the Israeli occupation forces directly targeted killing 46 journalists, martyred, since the beginning of the aggression.
- Incidents of the Israeli occupation forces using internationally banned white phosphorous bombs against civilians have been reported and documented in several locations in northern Gaza.
- Official authorities have received approximately 2,100 reports of missing persons under the rubble including well over 1,200 children.

Latest statistics:

Gaza Strip: PRCS's Emergency medical services centers continue to operate at full capacity in response to the ongoing aggression; where 28 ambulance are operating in the field (including the ambulances repaired after being directly targeted by the IOF). In addition to (3) specialized-task vehicles, (110) paramedic, driver, first responder, volunteer, and management personnel.

Statistics on Emergency services as of 04/11/2023, 11:00 AM						
Cases responded to by PRCS paramedics						
Martyred	Injured	Total	Al-Quds Hospital	Al-Amal Hospital	Total	
2,811	8,663	11,474	1040	873	1,913	
Official statistics until 24:00 AM						
Martyred	Injured	Total	Inhabitable	Partially damaged	Targeted schools	
9257	23516	32,061	35,000	200,000	212	
Martyrs include: 3,826 children, 2,405 women			These preliminary statistics are expected to increase due to the underreported number of persons missing under the rubble			

Total number of cases responded to since 07/10/2023 to date						
Governorate	North Gaza	Gaza City	Mid-Area	Khan Younes	Rafah	Total
Martyrs	609	566	683	537	416	2811
Injuries	3139	1627	1695	1382	820	8663
Total cases	3748	2193	2378	1919	1236	11474

West Bank and Jerusalem: PRCS emergency medical teams in the West Bank Governorates, including Jerusalem, responded to (49) martyrs and (2287) injured persons since Saturday, 7/10/2023 until Saturday 04/11/2023 at 11:00. where PRCS teams responded to (0) martyrs and (9) injuries as of Saturday 4/11/2023, until 11:00 AM.

Daily report: 04/11/2023, until 11:00 AM.

Gov.	Martyrs	Live ammunition transfer	Gaz inhalation Field	Shrapnel transfer	Shrapnel field	Fall & burn Transfer
Nablus	0	0	0	0	0	1
Hebron	0	8	0	0	0	0
Total	0	8	0	0	0	1

Consolidated report since 07/10/2023 to 4/11/2023, 11:00 AM

The number of cases PRCs responded to in the West Bank and Jerusalem since the eruption of the aggression on 7/10/2023 until 4/11/2023 only		
Injaries	Martyrs	Governrate
331	4	Ramallah
121	7	Jerusalem
153	13	Jenin
86	12	Tulkarem
94	2	Qalqilia
704	4	Nablus
29	0	Salfeet
381	2	Bethlehem
143	3	Hebron
83	1	Jericho
162	1	Tubas
2287	49	Total

Violations against PRCs:

Gaza Strip: Since Oct 07 2023, (28) violations have been documented against the PRCs's teams and premises. These violations have resulted in the martyrdom of (4) paramedics and the injury of (21) paramedics. Additionally, (14) ambulances have sustained severe damage. Moreover, PRCs's premises in northern Gaza and Khan Yunis have sustained severe destruction. **The emergency operations room, as well as the ambulance stations in northern Gaza and Gaza City, and PRCs's main warehouse have been taken out of service due to deliberate recurrent targeting of its surroundings. Furthermore, severe damage has been inflicted on the PRCs'S premises in Gaza, northern Gaza, and Khan Yunis, as well as on the emergency operations room and Al-Quds Hospital.**

West Bank: As of Saturday, October 7, 2023, the Palestine Red Crescent Society teams in the West Bank have faced numerous challenges and violations, whereas (65) incidents were reported and documented, resulting in (107) violations.

Jerusalem: As of Saturday, October 7, 2023, the Palestine Red Crescent Society teams in the West Bank have faced numerous challenges and violations, whereas (3) incidents were reported and documented, resulting in (4) violations.

Internal displacement:

- Many of the citizens from the border areas in the Gaza Strip were registered as internally displaced persons (IDPs) to the cities' centers, shelters, or host families. UNRWA announced having received over 400,000 displaced persons in its shelters. Official sources announced a rise in the number of internally displaced persons to over 1,500,000 persons in different areas.
- Since the outbreak of the aggression, PRCS headquarter in Gaza as well as its branches in Khan Younes, Al-Quds Hospital, and Al-Amal Hospital have all been receiving thousands of displaced citizens seeking refuge following ongoing Israeli occupation threats to the civil population to evacuate before bombing their homes. Both headquarters are excessively crowded way beyond full capacity; hundreds of IDPs sleep in front of the entrance of PRCS administrative offices or patients' rooms. It is estimated that the PRCS premises in Gaza and Khan Younes host currently over 20,000 IDPs distributed as follows (Main Headquarters in Gaza: 14,000 citizens – Khan Younes Branch: 6,000 citizens). The number of IDPs increases with rising Israeli threats and strikes, the latest of which displaced over 4,000 citizens due to non-stop bombing and shelling citizens' houses in Tel AlHawa Neighborhood within the vicinity of the hospital. **It should be noted that the number of IDPs increases at night compared to day time by 2000 persons.**
- The increasing number of displaced individuals and their growing presence in hospitals is putting immense pressure on the healthcare system, posing a severe health catastrophe for the immunocompromised injured and patients.
- Israeli targeting extended to schools, where the occupation rendered 45 schools out of service and inhabitable due to severe and deliberate damage, while 212 schools suffered varying degrees of damage, exacerbating the suffering of the displaced and their congestion in shelter centers.

The Disaster Risk Management interventions:

Gaza Strip: The Israeli occupation forces threats to target civilians have impeded the delivery of immediate field relief services in Gaza and North Gaza governorates. Humanitarian aid has been primarily focused on assisting displaced individuals at PRCS's locations (Al-Noor City and Al-Amal City), its hospitals, shelter centers, and those at host families. The Disaster Risk Management department distributed items such as blankets, mattresses, hygiene kits, and drinking water. As of the report's date, the intervention details were as follow:

Detailed interventions

Beneficiary		
Governorate	Beneficiary families	No. of family members
Gaza	52	293
Mid-area	32	185
Khan Younes	45	245
Rafah	42	235
Displaced in PRCS premises	3682	20251
Shelters	62865	345758
Total	64752	334944

WASH									
Governorate	Personal hygiene	Diapers	Dignity kits	Hygel	Water box	Water batch	Water carton	Water gallon	Water bucket
Gaza	7	0	40	0	0	0	0	51	0
Mid-area	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	38	0
Khan Younes	44	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	64
Rafah	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	26
Displaced in PRCS premises	2000	3	60	0	0	0	0	133	0
Shelters	2444	0	0	2750	9720	10	1051	6752	0
Total	4495	3	100	2750	9720	10	1051	6990	90

Food Items															
Governorate	Food parcel	Biscuits for infants	Milk	Past a box	Packet of sugar	Packet of rice	cerelac	Tuna box	Milk batch	Kilogram of flour	Legumes	Dates box	Big juice bottle	Small juice bottle	Small choco drink
Gaza	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mid-area	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Khan Younes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rafah	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Displaced in PRCS premises	3375	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	111	107
Shelters	79242	1760	17704	237	1100	1133	2000	100	2	86100	268170	20000	1278	571	664
Total	82617	1760	17704	237	1100	1133	2000	100	2	86100	268170	20000	1280	682	771

NFIs											
Governorate	Mattresses	Blankets	Kitchen kits	Tarpaulin	Gaz canisters	Carpet	Pillow	Clothes bundles	Clothes in a sack	Milk bottles for children	
Gaza	198	198	40	0	0	35	0	0	0	0	
Mid-area	67	126	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Khan Younes	90	140	45	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Rafah	72	136	35	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Displaced in PRCS premises	1504	2902	12	0	1	15	49	0	0	0	
Shelters	4466	70986	1000	1000	0	0	0	44	209	2000	
Total	6397	74488	1157	1000	1	50	49	44	209	2000	

West Bank and Jerusalem:

- The PRCS Disaster Risk Management dep. provided relief assistance to the Gaza workers transferred by the occupation forces from their workplaces to the Occupied Territories in the West Bank Governorates (Ramallah and Al-Bireh, Tubas, Qalqilia, Nablus, Jerusalem, and Jenin). They were offered relief items (mattresses, blankets, hygiene kits, cooking utensils, and towels serving (405) workers.
- The PRCS Intervention and Response Team in Bani Naeem carried out a rapid assessment of (3) families with (17) members, who were affected in Shaab Al-Batm-Musafer Yatta area due to settlers' attacks on their residential tents and destruction of their property

Community work department interventions:

Gaza Strip: The Community Awareness Committees continued to provide their services to the targeted groups since the beginning of the aggression to date, serving 59306 persons.

During the observation of the care team, a shortage in all resources became apparent, and the breakout of infectious diseases, such as influenza, respiratory infections, some skin diseases, and gastrointestinal illnesses is inevitable.

MHPSS Interventions:

Gaza Strip: The PSS teams continue to provide psychological and psychosocial first-aid to the teams operating during the aggression serving (12474) beneficiaries.

West Bank: PRCS MHPSS Department provided services to the Gazan workers, who were deported by the occupation forces to the West Bank Governorates. A total of (3327) workers in the shelters benefited from the service. Furthermore, a sponsored post is posted daily on social media, documenting (59,151) views.

Youth and Volunteer Departments:

Gaza Strip: Since the declaration of the state of emergency, the volunteers continued to provide services with an operational capacity of (142) volunteers mobilized to all operating departments.