



Palestine Red Crescent Society **جمعية الهلال الاحمر الفلسطيني**

PRCS Preliminary Emergency Appeal



Aggravated Humanitarian and Protection Crisis due to the Escalation of Hostilities in Gaza Strip and the West Bank

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Situation Overview:

On October 7th, 2023, the world woke up to yet another round of deadly violence and escalation of hostilities in and around Gaza. According to the official Ministry of Health report, as of 21:30 - October 9th- a total number of (704) fatalities including (254) women and children; and approx. (4000) injuries have been recorded in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

This very serious escalation is happening in the context of the worst record in terms of the number of Palestinian fatalities, injuries and destruction of homes and properties by the Israeli Occupation Forces, as well as an unprecedented level of settler violence against the occupied Palestinian population and their properties.

According to the United Nations OCHA in the Occupied Palestinian Territory (OPT), “the number of Palestinian fatalities throughout the occupied Palestinian territory in the first nine months of 2023 (233 fatalities) is almost two times higher than the figure for the same period in 2022 (131 fatalities) and has exceeded the total number of fatalities in 2022.

With the recent escalation, it is expected that the humanitarian and protection crisis for the Palestinian people will only get worse. The compounded impact of 15 year of land, air and sea blockade of Gaza together with the recurring rounds of hostilities and attacks on Gazan civilian infrastructure, residential areas and livelihoods is quite devastating, both materially and psychologically.

In the West Bank, including East Jerusalem, Palestinian people face a vast network of military checkpoints and blockades that hamper the movement of people and goods, including restricting access to humanitarian and medical services. Currently, Israel has imposed a complete closure of almost all Palestinian cities, towns and villages. PRCS' emergency medical teams are prevented from carrying their humanitarian and lifesaving services, and they are frequently targeted by Israeli Occupation Forces and settler attacks.





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PRCS Preparedness and Response:

In the early hours of the 7th of October 2023, PRCS declared a state of emergency at the highest level (Level 3); mobilizing its staff and volunteers, and activating the Central Operations Room (HQ) and the Gaza Operations Room. The operational capacities of PRCS across Gaza and the West Bank have been mobilized to respond to the evolving emergency situation, including the two hospitals in Gaza, all EMS centers and teams, health centers, as well as raising the number of staff and volunteers on duty.

In the Gaza Strip, EMS is currently operating with 34 ambulances on duty and 6 ambulances on call, with a human capacity of 147 of PRCS Staff and volunteers per shift.

In the West Bank, EMS is operating with 50 ambulances on duty, and 37 ambulances on call, through 28 EMS centers; responding to widespread flash points across the whole of the West Bank including East Jerusalem- with a mobilized human capacity of 94 staff and 110 volunteers.

PRCS Al-Quds Hospital in Gaza has been mobilized to receive critical cases in need of ICU care from Al Shifa governmental hospital to vacate their capacity to deal with serious injuries from the field. Al-Quds hospital as well as AL-Amal hospital in Khan Younis in the southern part of Gaza Strip, have also been prepared to receive mild to moderate cases from the field as well as to operate as a triage center in coordination with the MOH.

According to UNRWA, the number of people that have evacuated their homes and sought shelter at UNRWA schools reached over 120 thousand people already on the third day of fighting. The actual number of people displaced from their homes is expected to surpass a hundred thousand in the next couple of days. People are already fleeing the border areas into the center of Gaza, also taking into consideration that people have nowhere to go as the 15-year-old blockade include the total closure of all crossings out of Gaza and the only possible route is through the southern Rafah crossing into Egypt. Furthermore, the Israeli Occupation Forces has warned the residents of many parts of Gaza to evacuate, including the center of Gaza City, without any option for civilians to flee to safe places, as Israel has denied the possibility of establishing humanitarian corridors or a safe route for people to escape.





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Priority Areas of Intervention:

- Provision of emergency medical services throughout Gaza and the West Bank, including Jerusalem. Provision of first aid and evacuation of the wounded and the sick.
- Treatment of mild to medium cases at PRCS hospitals in Al Quds and Al-Amal hospitals in Gaza city and Khan Younis.
- Support the EMS system with new 20 ambulances to improve the quality of response and response time
- Prepare Al-Quds hospital in Gaza city to operate as a triage center.
- Coordinate with the government's hospitals to support in the provision of critical care including those in need of ICU care and other treatment.
- Evacuate critical cases in coordination with the MOH and the Egyptian Red Crescent across to the Rafah crossing.
- Support the provision of shelter assistance to IDPs hosted in government's schools.
- Provision of NFI to those in need especially those who get their homes partially or completely damaged and destroyed.
- Provision of mental health and psychosocial support especially for children and women of the affected population, as well as PRCS teams.
- Coordinate with Movement partners the provision of cash and in-kind support to PRCS operations.
- Coordinate Movement support and response in country together with ICRC as co-convenor based on the needs identified.
- Provide operational updates and share information with Movement and non-Movement partners, including diplomatic missions, media and international and local organizations.





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Priority Needs:

- Mobilization of staff and volunteers to support 24/7 operational capacity.
- Re-stock hospitals in Gaza Strip and EMS centers in Gaza and the West Bank with emergency medical supplies.
- Improve quality of EMS and response time through increased capacity of the EMS fleet by adding 20 new ambulances
- Ensure strategic fuel reserve for hospitals and EMS centers, especially with the very limited electricity supply in the Gaza Strip
- Procurement of medicine and medical supplies, and support medical teams' capacity at hospitals in Gaza.
- Mobilize disaster management teams in Gaza and West Bank, as well as local committees and volunteers.
- Re-stock central warehouses and sub-warehouses with emergency supplies including NFIs, Shelter and Wash support.
- Mobilize and deploy MHPSS teams and volunteers across the Gaza Strip and the West Bank.
- Prepare and deploy as needed, Advanced Medical Posts, Field hospitals, and Community Based First Aid teams.
- Communication and information sharing
- Maintain hygiene and IPC procedures to avoid pandemic/ epidemic outbreak and communicable diseases as a result of the water shortages and sanitation services.





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Operational Plan:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Mobilization of staff and volunteers to support 24/7 operational capacity. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Immediate mobilization of 500 staff members in to support hospital and EMS operations. ➤ Immediate mobilization of 300 volunteers in support of the response operations.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Re-stock hospitals in Gaza Strip and EMS centers in Gaza and the West Bank with emergency medical supplies, disposables and medicine. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Replenish and restock the central and sub-central warehouses in the West Bank and Gaza (supplies for 6 months). ➤ Supply the 2 hospitals in Gaza (Al-Quds and Al-Amal hospitals) with immediate emergency and trauma kits as well as urgent medicine, medical supplies, personal protective equipment (PPE) and disposables. ➤ Contingency supplies of medicines, medical supplies to be secured also in West Bank hospitals.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Improve quality of EMS and response time through increase capacity of the EMS fleet by adding 20 new ambulances 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Support the EMS fleet with an additional 20 ambulances. ➤ Equip, prepare and deploy additional ambulances as needed. ➤ Provide staff and volunteer with adequate training, capacity building and operational protocols.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Ensure strategic fuel reserve for hospitals and EMS centers. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Ensure hospitals, ambulances and EMS centers have electricity to continue to function and provide services by supplying fuel reserves as the electricity is cut off as well as other supplies, including food, water and medicine (as announced by the Israeli Minister of Defense). ➤ Maintenance of generators and other critical machines and equipment, and ensure supply of spare parts.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Mobilize disaster management teams in Gaza and West Bank, as well as local committees and volunteers. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ DRM volunteers are deployed to work in different branches and sub branches ➤ Provide volunteers' uniform, first aid bags and supplies, personal emergency kits and disaster response kits. 600 Uniforms are required to ensure visibility and protection of the team. ➤ Ensure support to volunteers' incentives, as well as support of daily necessities



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	including food, accommodation when needed, as well as PSS.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Ensure emergency supplies of NFIs, shelter and WASH support is replenished and re-stocked in central warehouses and sub-warehouses. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Emergency supplies and NFI for 3300 families in Gaza and 1000 families in WB, due to the current situation the capacity of the warehouse has to increase to be 5000 families in Gaza and 2500 in WB ➤ NFI includes mattresses, blankets, racks, Hygiene kits, dignity kits, pillows, tarpaulin, heaters, kitchen sets, jerrycans, home rechargeable lights, gas bottles and cooking stove.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Mobilize and deploy MHPSS teams and volunteers across the Gaza Strip and the West Bank. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Prepare and equip MHPSS volunteers including around 200 volunteers in five governorates in Gaza, and 160 volunteers in the 8 governorates in West Bank. ➤ Each team has one psychological first aid kit that includes activity materials, stationeries and parachute, board games and first aid materials etc. ➤ MHPSS teams offer PFA, assessment, home visits, referral and coordination with other providers in the governorates. ➤ MHPSS teams work with affected families, schools, hospitals and service providers in the community and PRCS teams.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Prepare and deploy as needed, Advanced Medical Posts, Field hospitals, and Community Based First Aid teams. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 12 Advanced Medical Posts are Ready to be deployed when needed. ➤ Secure supplies, disposables and medicines for the AMPS. ➤ Prepare and support first aiders in different communities in WB and Gaza, first aid posts, disaster response teams.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Ensure communication and information sharing with Movement and non-movement partners, media as well as diplomatic missions and other international organizations. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Mobilize communication team to work with ops rooms, issue flash updates, share information, support in advocacy, share information with media, missions, and document and share IHL violations and reports.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Prepare for disease prevention and maintain hygiene and IPC procedures to avoid Pandemic/ Epidemic outbreak and communicable diseases as a result of the water shortages and sanitation services. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Ensure supported communities are provided with adequate WASH services, teams with personal protective equipment, maintain awareness of local communities and coordination with MoH.



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Budget:

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Oct-23					
No.	Item	Description	GS	WB Cost USD	OpT Total
1	Ambulances and Vehicles	20 ambulances to the EMS fleet and 2 vehicles for disaster response	1,200,000	1,320,000	2,520,000
2	Medicines and medical supplies and medical equipment	covering hospitals and ambulance services needs	250,000	500,000.00	750,000
3	Fuel for generators and vehicles	Including hospitals and ambulances	800,000	200,000.00	1,000,000
4	Electricity bill	cost of the electricity in the ops rooms, HQ and EMS tations		100,000.00	100,000
5	maintenance of vehicles & Spare parts	Vehicles maintenance and operations	70,000	75,000.00	145,000
6	Renovation of society premises	renovation of the stations, centers and buildings due to the escalations	200,000		200,000
7	Food for staff and volunteers on shifts	For three months	114,000	216,000.00	330,000
8	Communication	Sharing information , updates	15,000	15,000.00	30,000
9	Uniforms for first responders and supporting volunteers including bullet proof uniforms	uniforms that ensure visibility and protection	100,000	237,600.00	337,600
10	Emergency mobilization and deployment (Incentives for volunteers and extra shifts foe staff)	For three months	480,000	1,100,000.00	1,580,000
11	MHPSS material (20,000 PSS kits for children and 200 Psychological first aid kits) in WB and Gaza	the materiales will be used in the MHPSS intervention activities with different targets	216,000	200,000.00	416,000
12	Food parcels and NFIs for IDP families	NFIs for 3000 IDP families, and FPs for 5000 IDP families	1,500,000	2,000,000.00	3,500,000
Total			4,945,000	5,963,600	10,908,600
13	Admin Cost 7%	covering the running cost of the operations and response	346,150	417,452	763,602
Grand Total			5,291,150	6,381,052	11,672,202



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Coordination:

PRCS has a country-wide presence through branches and volunteers' networks and as an auxiliary to the public authorities is well positioned to coordinate with national and local authorities at various levels. Through its mandate, PRCS is also represented in various government-level coordination mechanisms and bodies, including at local level. Furthermore, the partnership and collaboration with MoH is a long-standing partnership that gives PRCS the mandate to support the health system in emergencies.

At the level of Movement partners and international organizations present in Palestine, PRCS works with IFRC and ICRC to coordinate support from Movement partners including the facilitation of entry of essential supplies and equipment, safe access and overall coordination of information sharing and humanitarian diplomacy. PRCS together with IFRC and ICRC continue to participate in the Humanitarian Country Team (HCT) meetings and other UN and donor coordination platforms.

Furthermore, PRCS has well established partnerships at the country level with UN agencies, donor missions and international organizations which are based on the Movement's Fundamental Principles.

Information sharing and regular updates and coordination meetings will be organized as needed, with priority given to Movement partners. Presently 13 Partner National Societies are cooperating with and supporting the PRCS in its ongoing programs (Canadian RC, Danish RC, German RC, Italian RC, Icelandic RC, Japanese RC, Kuwait RC, Netherlands RC, Qatar RC, Spanish RC, Swedish RC, Egyptian RC and Turkish RC). PRCS has also established coordination mechanisms among headquarters and branches for needs assessment and response.

However, the UN system in the OPT as well as ICRC are unable to activate with the Israeli authorities any coordination mechanism for humanitarian assistance or for the protection of civilians who are fleeing the fighting and bombardments in Gaza. Furthermore, UNRWA schools which are converted to shelters are overwhelmed and have a very limited capacity compared to the number of civilians seeking safe shelter in the Gaza Strip.

Administration and Finance:

The PRCS will be responsible for managing the funds in accordance with standard policies, procedures, guidelines, and best practices, including the preparation, revision, validation, and monitoring of budgets, bank transfers, and technical justification of expenditures, including the review and validation of invoices, and the procurement and distribution of supplies and needs.

The partners supporting this appeal will be provided with regular updates as well as reports on the agreed schedules, and fully committed to comply with back-donor requirements for quality controls.



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