Humanitarian Response Report 01/08/2024 - 31/08/2024



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General situation in PRCS branches in the Gaza Strip

Central Governorate

The PRCS provides emergency medical services around the clock (24/7).

- It provides primary health care at the branch clinic.
- It provides medical services through (5) medical points: Al-Nuseirat Medical Point, Al-Basra Medical Point, Al-Zawaida Point, Al-Surah Point, and Al-Bureij Point.
- It runs 5 shelters for displaced persons, two of which are designated for people with disabilities and cancer patients.

Khan Younis Governorate

Various medical services are provided through the PRCS Al Amal Hospital in Khan Younis after reactivating work in all hospital departments on 4/15/2024. Medical services are also provided through the Al Quds Field Hospital and the Kuwaiti Field Hospital.

- 5/19/2024.



• Emergency medical services are provided through the main centre in Al Amal City after it resumed operation on

• It manages (9) shelters for the displaced after a number of centres went out of service due to Israeli targeting.

• It manages (3) primary health care centres: Al Amal Hospital Clinic, Al Quds Field Hospital Clinic, and Maan.

• Medical services are also provided through two medical points: Al-Qarara and Bani Suhaila.

• It continues to operate a bakery and provide bread to families in some neighborhoods of Khan Younis city.

Rafah Governorate

- The PRCS branch in Rafah and all its facilities have been out of service since mid-May following the ground military operation carried out by the occupation forces. Medical services have stopped at all the medical points previously established by the PRCS in the governorate due to the heavy shelling. These points are: (Al-Nasr, Al-Attar, Al-Muntazah, Tal Al-Sultan).
- After the displacement of families and their concentration in the Al-Mawasi area northwest of the governorate, the PRCS began providing its services in this area to meet the humanitarian needs of the displaced.
- The PRCS provides emergency medical services through two points: the first is at the International Committee of the Red Cross field hospital, and the second is at the British field hospital.
- The PRCS runs (4) shelters for the displaced in Mawasi Rafah.
- The entry of relief aid trucks into the Strip bas been denied due to the closure and control of the Rafah crossing by the occupation.



Gaza Governorate

The PRCS provides emergency medical services through 4 ambulances, 2 medics and 11 volunteers (first responders).

The PRCS provides primary health care services through (3) medical points: Al-Sabra, Al-Sahaba, and Al-Shuja'iya.

Reactivation of the PRCS branch in Jabalia on 07/02/2024 after it was out of service due to the Israeli bombing of the area for several months.

The PRCS provides emergency medical services through 3 ambulances, 3 medics and 8 volunteers (first responders).

The PRCS provides primary health care services through (3) clinics: Jabalia branch, Al-Fallujah, and Abu Rashid branches.



In cooperation with the World Health Organization, the PRCS managed in bringing in ambulances with their crews to provide first aid services in the Gaza and North Gaza governorates on 5/27/2024.

The PRCS distributes relief aid, despite the scarcity of aid trucks that the PRCS receives through the Jordanian humanitarian corridor in the northern Gaza Strip.

North Gaza Governorate

The most prominent challenges the PRCS faces in the Gaza Strip

- Disrespecting the Red Crescent emblem and targeting PRCS facilities and crews, which led to the killing and injury of a number of them, further PRCS facilities being put out of service, especially in the governorates of Gaza, North Gaza and Rafah, due to the deliberate and direct targeting of the PRCS.
- Threatening the safety and lives of crews in the absence of security and safety guarantees, even for missions coordinated in advance through international institutions.
- Preventing the entry of personal protective equipment and tools for the PRCS crews.
- The continuous depletion of the PRCS human and material resources.
- The ongoing displacement and repeated forced eviction orders for affected population increase the burden on the PRCS.
- The fuel shortage has negatively affected the movement of operating vehicles, the speed of response to cases, and the slowness of relief operations.
- Lack of medicines and medical supplies to meet the needs of affected population.
- Relief supplies stuck at the crossings are damaged and the PRCS bears the cost of transporting them.
- The great psychological pressures that the working crews are exposed to as a result of the war and the difficult economic and social conditions.
- Existing coordination procedures through international institutions are insufficient and ineffective in most cases.
- The central and only VHF radio was damaged and a number of handheld devices were confiscated in the absence of effective alternatives.
- Difficulty in moving employees and volunteers to their workplaces due to the ongoing bombing.
- Local market closure and cash shortage.
- Difficulty in sorting and distributing humanitarian aid due to the PRCS's warehouses being out of service.

Humanitarian Response In the Gaza Strip

Ambulance and emergency services:

- During the reporting period, the PRCS crews dealt with (400) fatalities and provided first aid services to approximately (6,118) cases, distributed between injuries resulting from the bombing and emergency medical cases throughout the Gaza Strip.
- There are also (16) volunteer first responder points distributed in IDPs centers in different parts of the Gaza Strip.

Cumulative number during the period (10/7/2023 - 8/31/2024):

- According to the Palestinian Ministry of Health in the Gaza Strip, the total number of fatalities has reached (40,786) fatalities, and the number of injured has reached about (94,224) injuries to date.
- PRCS EMS crews dealt with (7,947) fatalities and provided first aid services to (92,435) wounded and patients throughout the Gaza Strip.

Health and medical services:

- Emergency medical services
- Clinics and medical points
- Hospitals



Clinics and medical points:

The PRCS has established (27) clinics and medical points throughout the Gaza Strip, since the beginning of the war on Gaza on 10/7/2023. During the reporting period, (19) of them were active, with the rest out of service due to the heavy bombing by the occupation and forced evacuation orders for a number of areas in which these points and clinics are located.

Cumulative number (10/7/2023 - 8/31/2024): The number of beneficiaries reached is (567,681) people.

During the reporting period, the number of beneficiaries reached is (107,256) people.

In cooperation with the World Health Organization and UNICEF, PRCS medical teams in various medical centres, points, and hospitals participated in special training in vaccine management in preparation to participate in the polio vaccination campaign across the Gaza Strip in early September.

In the centre of Rafah Governorate, all the medical points affiliated with the PRCS were closed after the occupation ground military operation in May.



PRCS Hospitals:

Al-Amal Hospital

During the reporting period, the hospital's medical staff dealt with approximately (65,463) emergency cases and injuries resulting from the war on the Gaza Strip.

Cumulative number during the reporting period (10/7/2023 - 8/31/2024):

The hospital staff provided medical services to about (439,147) emergency cases and injuries resulting from the war on the Gaza Strip. It performed about (2,320) various surgical operations.

Since 10/7/2023, Al-Amal Hospital has suffered from Israeli targeting and bombing, the ongoing siege, evacuation, and destruction of its various departments and equipment, which led to its being out of service many times at different times. Since 4/30/2024, the PRCS has resumed work in it after carrying out rapid maintenance according to the available capabilities to provide medical services to the people of the governorate and thousands of displaced people.



PRCS Hospitals:

Al-Quds Hospital

Since 10/7/2023, Al-Quds Hospital in Gaza City has received emergency medical cases, in addition to minor and moderate cases and injuries resulting from the war on Gaza, with the aim of reducing the burden on the Al-Shifa Specialized Medical Complex, and focusing its services on critical cases. The hospital has also received about 14,000 displaced persons from the surrounding areas who fled the Israeli bombing and targeting.

The hospital, like the rest of the hospitals in the Gaza Strip and North Gaza Governorates, suffered from targeting, bombing, destruction, and forced evacuation, which led to it being completely out of service on 11/12/2023.

During the period from (10/7/2023 to 11/12/2023), the hospital departments provided their various medical services to about 7,017 patients, including medical cases, surgical operations, and injuries resulting from Israeli bombing.

Field Hospitals in Khan Younis

Al-Quds Field Hospital

During the reporting period, hospital staff provided various medical services to approximately (30,418) emergency cases and injuries resulting from Israeli bombing.

Cumulative number since its inception on 24/2/2024 until 31/8/2024: The hospital staff provided various medical services to approximately (88,500) emergency cases and injuries resulting from the Israeli bombing.

The field hospital provides all medical services except for X-ray services and specialized surgeries, which are transferred to Al Amal Hospital.

At first, this hospital was a medical point established in the Mawasi of Rafah. After the military operation in Rafah and the displacement of thousands to the Mawasi of Khan Younis, the PRCS moved the point there and enhanced its services there to become a field hospital containing 30 medical beds to provide medical services to the residents and displaced persons in the area.



Field Hospitals in Khan Younis

Kuwaiti Field Hospotal

During the reporting period, hospital staff provided various medical services to approximately (8,745) emergency cases and injuries resulting from Israeli shelling.

Cumulative number since its inception on 5/28/2024 until 8/31/2024: The hospital provided various medical services to about (18,720) emergency cases and injuries resulting from the Israeli bombing. The crews performed about (164) surgical operations. It is distinguished by the presence of an intensive care unit with a capacity of 8 beds, and a nursery unit with a capacity of 6 beds.

The hospital was established in Al-Amal neighborhood in Khan Younis city with a capacity of 51 beds and is fully equipped with support from the Kuwait Red Crescent.

About (64) volunteers supported the crews in the two field hospitals.



Community Health and Awareness Services:

During the reporting period, PRCS teams implemented various community health services and activities benefiting approximately (18,566) people.

Cumulative number during the period (10/7/2023 - 8/31/2024):

PRCS crews have implemented approximately (147,961) activities, benefiting approximately (281,238) individuals to date.

Community volunteers, numbering about (209) throughout the Gaza Strip, carry out activities that include holding awareness meetings, following up with patients with chronic diseases, pregnant women and children, providing them with first aid, distributing health packages when available, and other community health activities.



Psychosocial support services:

During the reporting period,PRCS teams provided psychosocial support services to approximately (5,583) individuals. Among them (3,701) are children.

About (94) volunteers supported the crews in implementing various activities.

Cumulative number during the period (10/7/2023 - 8/31/2024):

PRCS teams provided psychosocial support services to approximately (104,796) individuals, including (58,503) girls and boys.





About (245) volunteers support the PRCS's crews in their relief work.

- Since the beginning of the war on the Gaza Strip, the PRCS has established (27) shelters for the displaced in the southern Gaza Strip. The PRCS is redistributing its shelters in new areas due to the violent shelling and forced evacuation orders that the southern Gaza Strip is being subjected to.
- During the reporting period, the PRCS managed (17) IDPs centers, sheltering approximately (8,473) displaced families consisting of (45,083) individuals.
- The PRCS has allocated two camps for displaced persons in the central governorate for people with disabilities and cancer patients.
- During the reporting period, the PRCS began establishing two additional shelters: in Mawasi Rafah (100 tents) and Mawasi Khan Younis (50 tents).



Relief services:

- Shelters
- War remnants awareness
- Receiving and distributing relief and food supplies
- Water and sanitation
- Electricity points

IDPs Centers:

Cumulative number of tents distributed by the PRCS to displaced families during the period (10/7/2023 - 8/31/2024):

The PRCS distributed around (42,000) tents to displaced families in different areas of the Gaza Strip, in cooperation \bullet with local organizations.

Raising awareness of the dangers of war remnants:

• Since 4/10/2024, PRCS crews have implemented awareness sessions and activities on the dangers of war remnants in the areas of the Central Governorate, Khan Younis Governorate, and Rafah Governorate before its invasion, and about (15,239) people joined these activities, including (8,632) children.



Receiving and Distributing Relief and Food Supplies:

The distribution of relief supplies has been sharply reduced since 5/7/2024, due to the closure of the Rafah land crossing, which is the main humanitarian corridor for the entry of humanitarian aid into the Gaza Strip.

The PRCS faces many difficulties in receiving humanitarian aid through the Kerem Abu Salem crossing in the southern Gaza Strip due to Israeli restrictions, including delays at checkpoints, roads destroyed by shelling, unexploded ordnance and fuel shortages.

The PRCS receives a very small number of trucks of humanitarian aid in the northern Gaza Strip through the Jordanian humanitarian corridor in coordination with the Jordanian Red Crescent.



Aid trucks received after the closure of the Rafah crossing on 5/5/2024

During the reporting period, the PRCS received 5 trucks of relief aid.

Cumulative number during the period (5\5\2024 - 30\8\2024):

• The PRCS received only (51) trucks of relief aid through the Kerem Abu Salem crossing in the southern Gaza Strip and the "Zikim" and "Western Erez" crossings in the northern Gaza Strip. These trucks included relief supplies, flour, medical supplies and sacrificial meat.



Distribution of Relief Materials:

During the reporting period, the PRCS distributed approximately (349,561) relief aid items including bread, hygiene items and relief supplies.

Cumulative number during the period 7/10/2023 - 31/8/2024: The PRCS distributed about (1,664,612) relief aid items, including food, tents, blankets, mattresses, water, cleaning supplies, kitchen utensils, and others.

Foodstuffs: 1,488,963 📡

Relief materials: 143,242

Bread distribution initiative:

- During the month of July, the PRCS resumed providing bread to about (6,400) families in Khan Younis Governorate, with (12,800) bread packs, or an average of (332,800) loaves.
- The PRCS also provided bread in the first phase to about (24,577) families in the Al-Mawasi area, where (245,770) loaves of bread were distributed to them. Distribution was then stopped due to the shortage of necessary materials as a result of the closure of the Rafah crossing and the scarcity of financial liquidity.

Cleaning supplies: 32,407

Total number of relief aid trucks received by the PRCS

7\10\2023 - 5\05\2024

22,702 Aid Trucks

9,462 for the PRCS



13,240 others

Relief and food supplies



Distributed to the following institutions:

- Ministry of Social Development
- UNRWA
- Local committees
- Ministry of Health
- Red Crescent Facilities
- Global Health Organization
- Other international institutions

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- **Ministry of Health** • UNRWA • Red Crescent Facilities • Private hospitals • Jordanian field hospital

The PRCS received 148 ambulances donated by donors.

Medical supplies

Distributed to the following



Number of trucks that entered through Rafah (7\10\2023 -5\05\2024)





14,518,718 litres of fuel





1,222 Water and hygiene supplies

1,569 Medical supplies

Water and Sanitation

- PRCS provided tens of thousands of cubic meters of drinking and bathing water to the IDPs centers it manages.
- The crews established points for distributing potable water around the PRCS branch in Khan Younis Governorate by installing two water purification stations with a production capacity of 100,000 liters per day, benefiting the displaced and residents around the Al Amal Complex in Khan Younis.
- The crews established points for distributing washing and bathing water around the Al Amal complex, benefiting more than 1,000 families daily.
- The crews prepared approximately 600 toilets in the displaced persons' gatherings supervised by the PRCS, according to standards that guarantee the health and safety of the beneficiaries.
- Within the framework of community participation and cooperation with communities, the PRCS, in partnership with the International Committee of the Red Cross, distributed 500 mobile latrines in gatherings and IDPs centers in the Mawasi area of Khan Younis and Deir al-Balah.

Electricity points:

- The PRCS has set up a number of electricity distribution points around the Al-Amal complex in Khan Younis city to provide the displaced and residents with the electricity needed to charge phones and batteries. More than 1,000 families benefit from this service daily.
- The PRCS provided a number of IDPs centers around the PRCS branch in the Central governorate with electricity and lighting with the aim of reducing night accidents and enhancing protection.
- The PRCS provided a number of telecommunications company exchanges with electricity in Khan Younis Governorate and the Central Governorate with the aim of ensuring that telecommunications and internet services are not interrupted and enhancing family and community communication in light of the ongoing war on the Gaza Strip.

Humanitarian Response in the West Bank

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Challenges Faced in the West Bank including Jerusalem:

- Disrespect for the Red Crescent emblem and direct targeting of medical personnel by the occupation forces, which puts their lives at risk.
- Ambulance crews are held at multiple military checkpoints for extended periods of time.
- Difficulty in coordination and movement of medical and relief crews.
- Obstructing the movement and operation of PRCS ambulances.
- Obstructing PRCS crews at the entrances to hospitals and searching ambulances upon their entry and exit from the hospital.
- Difficulty in reaching crews and obstructing response to injuries and emergency cases due to the destruction of streets and infrastructure in the camps, which are constantly exposed to incursions by the Israeli occupation forces.

Ambulance and Emergency:

first aid services to approximately (315) wounded persons distributed as follows:



Cumulative number during the period from (10/7/2023 to 8/31/2024):

Psychosocial support:

During the reporting period, PRCS teams provided psychosocial support services to approximately (326) people in a number of areas in the West Bank that were more exposed to Israeli occupation attacks, such as Al-Far'a Camp in the Tubas Governorate, Jenin Camp, Nour Shams Camp in the Tulkarm Governorate, and Qalandia Camp in the Jerusalem Governorate.

Cumulative number during the period from (10/7/2023 to 8/31/2024):

• The teams provided psychosocial support services to approximately (8,623) people in all areas of the West Bank, including a number of Gaza Strip workers residing in the West Bank.

Distribution of relief materials:

During the reporting period, PRCS crews distributed relief aid to about (6) families comprising (33) individuals in Nour Shams Camp (Tulkarm Governorate) and Al-Fawar Camp (Hebron Governorate) as a result of the Israeli occupation forces storming the camps.

- Cumulative number during the period from (10/7/2023 to 8/31/2024):
- The total number of families to whom PRCS teams distributed relief aid was about (22,102) families, consisting of (150,851) individuals, in different areas in the West Bank that were subjected to attacks by the Israeli occupation and settlers.
- These emergency relief aids include food parcels, tents, blankets, mattresses, water, cleaning supplies, kitchen utensils, and more.



C Israeli Violations Against the PRCS and its Teams 7/10/2023 - 31/08/2024

West Bank



killed employees and volunteers

Violation against ambulances

Violation against buildings and facilities

148 Denial of access

Gaza Strip

53

- **19 Killed employees and volunteers**
- 3 Detained cadres and volunteers
- **27** Ambulances out of service

15 PRCS members were also killed outside working hours as a result of the Israeli targeting of the Gaza Strip.

34 Injured staff and volunteers

Assault on PRCS buildings and facilities



The direct targeting of PRCS medical missions constitutes a clear violation and breach of the provisions of international law, especially the Geneva Conventions, which stipulate the protection, respect and facilitation of the work and movement of medical missions, including crews, vehicles, centres and hospitals of the PRCS bearing the internationally recognised and protected Red Crescent emblem.



Emergency Appeal



Since the start of the Israeli war on the Gaza Strip, the PRCS launched the second modified version of the distress appeal on 12/12/2023, with a value of 298,736,550 US dollars for all partners and supporters in the International Red Cross and **Red Crescent Movement and outside it.**



Estimated cost of in-kind assistance:

Materials	Estimated cost
Relief Supplies	\$19,853,321
Medical Supplies	\$30,610,200
Ambulances	\$14,800.000
Equipment	\$55,000
Fuel	\$6,775,068
Kuwait Field Hospital	\$2,080,530



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