

Current Situation Update on the PRCS Response in the Gaza Strip (16 June 2025)

Introduction

The Palestine Red Crescent Society (PRCS) continues to operate under extremely difficult humanitarian conditions in the Gaza Strip, amid ongoing war and escalating daily attacks. These events have been accompanied by the complete closure of border crossings and the prevention of humanitarian aid, medical and food supplies from entering, leading to an the near-total paralysis of most vital sectors.

Chief among these is the health sector, which is facing total collapse, with numerous hospitals and clinics ceasing operations due to direct targeting or the depletion of fuel and medical supplies. Patients are also suffering from a severe shortage of medications, particularly those for chronic illnesses, antibiotics, and infant formula, putting the lives of thousands of patients and wounded individuals at risk of death.

On the nutritional front, the population is facing extreme risk of famine, with essential food supplies running out from both markets and distribution centers. Around 2 million people are living under inhumane conditions, with nearly million displaced people living in overcrowded shelter camps or out in the open, without access to clean water or adequate sanitation.

In this context, we present this updated field report to highlight the current state of **the health and relief facilities and services operated by PRCS**, assess the status of **remaining strategic stock**, and outline the **primary challenges** threatening the continuity of service delivery.

First: Field Situations of PRCS Branches and Health Centers

➤ PRCS Branches:

- **Rafah Governorate Branch:** The branch building includes the Emergency Medical Service (EMS) center and the primary care clinic; they are all completely out of service due to the ongoing military invasion.
- **North Gaza Governorate Branch:** Out of service due to its location inside an area under evacuation order.
- **Gaza Governorate Branch:** This branch manages PRCS's affairs and implements its activities and programs in the Gaza governorate, while efforts continue to rehabilitate the main headquarters in Tel Al-Hawa area which suffered extensive damage during the attacks on the area.
- **Khan Younis Governorate Branch:** Despite being located within an evacuation order area, with restricted and dangerous access and significant damage to its buildings, this branch continues to operate partially, and its teams are doing their utmost to provide services wherever possible.
- **Central Governorate Branch:** Despite limited capacity and scarce resources, teams continue to do their utmost to meet the humanitarian needs of people.

➤ **Primary Care Clinics, Medical Points & Hospitals:**

- Out of **(29)** clinics and medical points, **only (12)** are currently operating, with limited capacity.
 - Pressure has increased significantly on the PRCS hospitals and medical points **following the forced shutdown of most Ministry of Health facilities.**
 - Medical teams are working at full capacity despite severe shortages in medicines and supplies.
1. **Al-Amal Hospital in Khan Younis:** Although several departments, including emergency, intensive care, maternity, radiology, and medical rehabilitation, continue to operate partially, the hospital is unable to admit patients easily due to its location inside an area under evacuation order since the last week of May.
 2. **Al-Mawasi Field Hospital in Khan Younis:** Teams are working to set up this field hospital utilizing local resources and self-supplied equipment to provide medical care to thousands of displaced families in the Al-Mawasi area.
 3. **Al-Quds Hospital in Gaza:** It is partially operational, and some sections are out of service such as radiology and cardiac surgery and catheterization. Efforts continue to rehabilitate the other sections which suffered extensive damage.
 4. **Al-Saraya Field Hospital in Gaza (Central Gaza city -Al-Saraya area):** It continues to operate fully in the Emergency, Intensive Care, Maternity, and Outpatient clinics, within the limits of available resources.
 5. **Al-Quds Field Hospital in Rafah:** it was moved from Khan Younis to Rafah during the truce and is currently out of service due to the Israeli invasion into the governorate.

Second: Relief and Humanitarian Response

➤ **Food Supplies and Water:**

- Food stocks allocated for displaced people are completely depleted.
- Remaining quantities are only sufficient to meet the needs of teams for no more than 3 weeks.
- Since the beginning of June, the PRCS teams have been distributing approximately (1000) hot meals daily to displaced persons in Gaza, in cooperation with the Turkish Red Crescent, which operates a community kitchen there.
- Since early June, the PRCS teams have also been distributing about one million liters of potable water to displaced persons in the Central and Gaza Governorates, with support from the German Red Cross.
- The Society has activated four water purification stations at its headquarters in Gaza and Khan Younis Governorates, producing a total of 160,000 liters of potable water daily, benefiting families in the surrounding areas.

➤ **Relief Aid:**

- Most essential items have run out, such as hygiene supplies, kitchen utensils, tarpaulins, and women's dignity kits, etc.
- The stock of non-food relief items, such as tents, mattresses, blankets, and others, is also depleted.

Third: Medical Stock

At the beginning of June, the PRCS succeeded in maintaining a stable stock of certain medicines and medical supplies, thanks to contributions from partners who helped replenish the inventory. This ensured the continuity of healthcare services despite the challenging conditions. Below are the details of the current medicine and medical supplies stock:

➤ **Medicines:**

- ☐ A deficit of **48.5%** in hospital medicines.
- ☐ A deficit of **77%** in primary healthcare medicines.
- ☐ **Complete unavailability** of chronic disease medicines, infant formula, and nutritional supplements.

➤ **Medical Supplies:**

- A deficit of **61%** in general medical consumables.
- The cardiac surgery and catheterization department has stopped functioning due to a **100%** shortage of supplies.
- The orthopedic department suffers from an **87%** deficit in medical supplies.
- A **58.5%** deficit in laboratory supplies.

Fourth: Fuel and Logistics Services

➤ **Fuel:**

- **Gasoline:** Stock is completely depleted, despite receiving approximately 150 to 200 liters weekly on an irregular basis from international partners. These amounts are used to operate ambulances on coordinated missions. The daily minimum need of gasoline is approximately (500) liters.
- **Diesel:** Monthly consumption is approximately (140,000) liters, with no sufficient supplies available.

➤ Ambulance Fleet Operational Capacity:

- The PRCS ambulance fleet currently comprises (58) ambulances, following the repair of two vehicles and the activation of two new ambulances received during the ceasefire period.
- Since the beginning of the month, due to a shortage of gasoline, **(35) gasoline-powered vehicles have ceased operations completely**, while 23 diesel-powered vehicles remain operational.
- **Currently, the PRCS operates approximately (21) ambulances daily throughout the Gaza Strip.** These vehicles work around the clock under extremely dangerous conditions to transport the injured and patients, resulting in:
 1. A significant increase in fuel and spare parts consumption due to continuous and non-stop operation.
 2. An increase in technical malfunctions caused by limited maintenance capabilities and the unavailability of necessary parts due to the blockade.
 3. An urgent need to secure regular quantities of fuel (Gasoline and Diesel) to ensure the continuity of operations, especially since the currently available amount of gasoline does not meet the minimum operational requirements.

➤ Warehouses:

Amid security challenges and the vast destruction of infrastructure, the ability of PRCS to store and distribute medical and relief supplies has been affected. Below is the current status of the warehouses:

1. **Central warehouse- Tel Al-Hawa (Gaza):** Partially operational due to damage, **with stock nearly depleted.**
2. **Al-Amal warehouse (Khan Younis):** Partially operational and used to store and distribute supplies, **but stock is nearly depleted.**
3. **A leased warehouse in Hamad area (Khan Younis):** Out of service due to the Israeli military invasion and dangerous access.
4. **Community sub-warehouses in Al-Mawasi area (Khan Younis):** Serves as a temporary logistical alternative for storing medical and relief supplies **but are currently empty.**
5. **Two leased warehouses (Rafah governorate):** Completely out of service due to military invasion and dangerous access conditions.

Fifth: Current Challenges

- A sharp rise in humanitarian and medical needs of people due to the ongoing Israeli aggression on the Gaza Strip
- Complete closure of border crossings and prevention of humanitarian and medical aid entry.
- Ongoing targeting of medical mission (medical teams, ambulances, health facilities and hospitals).
- Forced evacuation orders that disrupt services and endanger teams.

- Increased pressure on PRCS medical and health services following the collapse of the public health system.
- Resource depletion without alternatives or possibility of replenishment.

Sixth: Future Response Outlook:

Given the ongoing blockade on the Gaza Strip, the ban on the entry of humanitarian aid and essential supplies, along with the severe depletion of medical, food, and fuel supplies, the PRCS estimates its ability to continue delivering **a minimum level of vital services** as follows:

- **Relief sector: Relief operations have ceased** due to the depletion of the strategic stock of food and relief materials.
- As for other sectors, **especially the health sector**, PRCS can continue delivering its services **for approximately another two months**, provided that the minimum required fuel and essential resources needed to operate medical and logistical facilities are maintained.

Seventh: Humanitarian Appeal:

The PRCS calls on all international bodies and humanitarian organizations to:

- Take immediate and urgent action to stop the war and open all crossing points and passages.
- Allow the wide and sustainable entry of medical supplies and fuel into the entire Gaza Strip. Lift restrictions on the import of specific items critical to the humanitarian response, such as specialized medical equipment, shelter items, vehicles, and VHF equipment.
- Medical evacuations from the Gaza Strip to other countries must be urgently facilitated, through accelerated approvals and the use of all possible crossing points.
- Provide effective protection for health and humanitarian personnel and facilities, and ensure the continuity of humanitarian operations in the Gaza Strip.

End.