
OCCUPIED PALESTINIAN TERRITORY

2010 CONSOLIDATED APPEAL

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Many Palestinians living under Israeli occupation continue to face a human dignity crisis, characterized by the erosion of livelihoods, the continued denial of basic human rights and forced dependence on international aid. Nearly 40% of the Palestinian population is food-insecure. Most Palestinians cannot exercise their basic human rights to free movement, employment, basic services, and self-determination. Serious violations of international humanitarian and human rights law, by all parties to the conflict, continue to take place in a disturbing climate of impunity.

In the Gaza Strip in particular, the blockade imposed by Israel in June 2007 continues. Humanitarian needs were worsened by the extensive loss of life and destruction of property and infrastructure during Israel's three-week-long "Cast Lead" military offensive starting in December 2008. The blockade, which includes heavy access restrictions for people and goods, remains the main impediment to a meaningful reconstruction and recovery effort in Gaza. The current operational environment in Gaza hampers the provision of principled and effective humanitarian assistance.

In the West Bank, Palestinian movement between major cities located to the east of the Barrier has improved significantly and the level of casualties has decreased considerably during the past months. However, Palestinian access to land and resources continues to be severely limited by a multi-layered system of restrictions. These include permit requirements, physical obstacles, settlements and settlement outposts, the construction of the Barrier, and the implementation of zoning and planning regulations that deny Palestinians the ability to expand and develop their communities. The situation in East Jerusalem continues to deteriorate: the majority of the Palestinian population of the occupied Palestinian territory (oPt) is denied access to the city and the city's Palestinian residents face poor living conditions and an inequitable distribution of the municipality's budgetary resources. Thousands are at risk of eviction, house demolition and / or displacement.

The 2010 Consolidated Appeal Process (CAP) brought together hundreds of partners from UN agencies, the Palestinian Authority (PA), and national and international NGOs to develop a focused humanitarian response. In 2010, relief agencies will continue their efforts to mitigate the impact of the ongoing crisis, address the needs of the most vulnerable Palestinians and limit further deterioration of the situation. The humanitarian community will strengthen the protective environment for civilians by advocating the respect of Palestinians' fundamental rights, as per international humanitarian and human rights law. Early recovery interventions that focus on addressing and preventing aid dependence and strengthening communities' resilience are also an integral component of this appeal. Early recovery interventions have been selected to ensure consistency across sectors and complementarity with broader recovery and development strategies. This includes those reflected in the Palestinian Reform and Development Plan and the UN Medium-Term Response Plan.

The budget for the 2010 CAP stands at **US\$664,473,688**.¹ The common humanitarian strategy is supported by 236 projects, comprising 147 from the NGO community and 89 from UN agencies. The entire population of the Gaza Strip, residents of East Jerusalem, and Area C of the West Bank – including areas near Israeli settlements and in Barrier-adjacent areas – have been identified as primary target beneficiaries for humanitarian assistance and protection.

Humanitarian assistance, however, will never be sufficient to address the needs of the Palestinian population: there is no substitute for a comprehensive political settlement of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict that would lay the ground for peace, security, stability and prosperity.

¹All dollar signs in this document denote United States dollars. Funding for this appeal should be reported to the Financial Tracking Service (FTS, fts@reliefweb.int), which will display its requirements and funding on the CAP 2010 page.