



**Reporting Period: 27 August – 05 October 2015**

# State of Palestine

**Humanitarian Situation Report  
#10/ 13 October 2015**

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## SITUATION IN NUMBERS

**2.3 million**

# of affected population

**1 million**

# of affected children under 18

**450,000**

# of people targeted in 2015

**250,000**

# of children targeted in 2015

(Source: UNICEF Humanitarian Action for Children 2015)

## UNICEF State of Palestine Funding Appeal for 2015

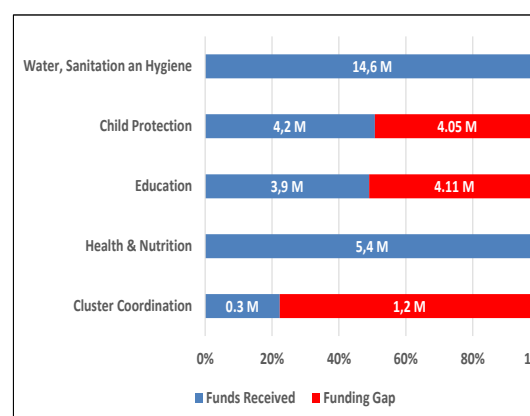
**USD 37.3 million**

January – December 2015

## Funds Received \*

**USD 28.5 million**

\*as of 30 September, 2015



## Highlights

- During the reporting period the situation in the West Bank has deteriorated with clashes and fatal incidents recorded across the West Bank and Jerusalem, including five young Palestinians and four Israelis killed. In addition 106 Palestinians, including 37 children have been injured across the West Bank. Injuries and arrest have been reported in Hebron, Bethlehem, Nablus and Ramallah.
- In Jerusalem the situation remains tense with clashes in East Jerusalem's Old City and Beit Hanina. Three out of nine deaths occurred in the city, including an injured 2 year old Israeli toddler. Several Palestinian schools in the Jerusalem area cancelled classes on 5 October, citing safety concerns.
- On 6 September, a 32-year-old Palestinian woman died of wounds sustained on 31 July during an arson attack by suspected Israeli settlers in Nablus. This is the third fatality in the same family including the woman's 18-month old baby and her husband.
- In September there were 14 houses demolished in the West Bank affecting 102 people including 52 children. In Gaza, during the weekend of 18 September, three rockets were fired towards Israeli territories. In retaliation, Israel launched air raids against the base of the military wing of Hamas, in northern Gaza. No casualties were reported.
- During the reporting period UNICEF rehabilitated 10 schools in some of the most vulnerable areas of the West Bank, in partnership with the Palestinian Ministry of Education and Higher Education.
- UNICEF in partnership with Save Youth Future Society, has reached 1,000 adolescents across the Gaza Strip, with trainings on life skills, including critical thinking, innovation, cooperation and communication.
- Twenty six (26) schools and checkpoints in Hebron, Bethlehem, Nablus, Jerusalem and Ramallah will be monitored during the 2015-16 school year as part of UNICEF's protective accompaniment programme.

## Situation Overview

The situation remains very tense since the Israeli police carried out operations in Al Aqsa Mosque Compound, triggering violent confrontations with Palestinians. The recent events triggered additional protests and clashes in other parts of East Jerusalem, leading to the injury of nine Palestinians, including six children. Since the beginning of the confrontations five Palestinians and four Israelis have been killed. In addition 106 Palestinians, including 37 children have been injured in across the West Bank with clashes reported in Nablus, Hebron, Bethlehem and Ramallah.<sup>1</sup>

During the reporting period, at least twelve rockets were fired from Gaza towards northern Israel. The Israeli army responded by firing missiles on the alleged areas from where the rockets were fired, in three separate occasions. No casualties were reported during these events.

On 8 September, a 19-year-old youth was seriously injured as a result of the explosion of unexploded ordnance (UXO) in Ash Shuja'iyeh area, east of Gaza City. UNMAS estimates that there are over 5,000 UXO in Gaza. Since the August 2014 ceasefire, nine people were killed by UXO.

On Monday, 17 September the United Nations Special Coordinator gave an assessment on the reconstruction from last year's war in Gaza between Israel and Hamas militants highlighting that the process is speeding up. 1,400 families have already received cement, steel and gravel to start rebuilding but the situation is very far from reaching the targets set for the reconstruction of destroyed and damaged households. According to a statistical report prepared by the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) in coordination with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the number of housing units entirely destroyed in the war was 12,000, while the number of partially destroyed housing units was 120,000, 6,600 of which are currently inhabitable. The UNRWA has obtained additional funds to rebuild an additional 1,100 homes completely destroyed last summer.

In the last two weeks of September, rolling power cuts across Gaza increased from 12-16 hours to over 20 hours a day. A lack of fuel, combined with the loss of 30 megawatts (MW) of electricity due to problems with Egyptian supply lines, has forced the Gaza Power Plant to reduce its operational capacity to 25 per cent. Long hours of power cuts have severely disrupted the provision of basic services, including health and water.

The Egyptian authorities started to pump sea water into reservoirs along the borders on Thursday, 17 September in an attempt to flood the Egypt-Gaza border and destroy tunnel activity. According to Human Rights Watch, Egyptian army forces have evicted about 3,200 families in a campaign of mass demolitions on the border with the Gaza Strip. Egypt's official plan would involve clearing the entire border town of Rafah, home to 78,000 people. The demolition of buildings in an initial 300-metre-wide border was announced in October after an attack from the main Sinai militant group, killed 30 Egyptians troops.

## Humanitarian leadership and coordination

UNICEF, as part of the UN Country Team, coordinates with the Palestinian Government to support its role in humanitarian response, early recovery and reconstruction. UNICEF leads the WASH cluster in close collaboration with the Palestinian Water Authority and co-leads the Education Cluster with Save the Children, both in Gaza and at the national level.

UNICEF also leads the Child Protection Working Group and affiliated groups on Mental Health and Psychosocial Services (MHPSS), and on monitoring and reporting of grave violations against children (Children and Armed Conflict reporting mechanism). UNICEF co-leads the Nutrition Working Group under the Health Cluster, in close cooperation with the Ministry of Health and WFP, in Gaza and at the national level.

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<sup>1</sup> During the preparation of this report the situation has deteriorated significantly. Four Israelis and 26 Palestinians have been killed in Jerusalem, West Bank, Gaza and Israeli territories. There have been several knife attacks and shootings. The situation is particularly alarming given the fact that since 01 October 2015, ten Palestinian children between 3-17 years old and one Israeli child have been killed. The security measures in several cities are at the highest levels. Movement through checkpoints has been reduced and disrupted regularly.

## Summary Analysis of Programme Response per Sector

### Education and Adolescents

In Gaza, during the reporting period UNICEF's Adolescent Development and Participation programme has reached 7,900 adolescents with skills development and civic engagement projects through its partners Al Nayzak, INJAZ, PalVision, Tamer, Save Youth Future Society and Ma'an Development Center. Since January 2015 a total of 34,870 adolescents (57% female) have benefited from the programme.

As part of the remedial classes and extracurricular activities project, 518 Math and Arabic language teachers from six different governorates have participated in training in order to conduct catch up/remedial classes during this first semester of this academic year. From October to December, about 10,480 students from grade 2-6 in 131 schools will attend four additional classes weekly. During this reporting period, 49 school bags from the supply storage have been delivered to MoEHE in Gaza. In addition, 400 stationary kits were delivered to public schools in Gaza (one per school).

In the West Bank, protective accompaniment is ongoing for approximately 3,800 children (30% girls) and 300 teachers to enable access to schools timely and safely through protective presence in the field. Twenty six (26) schools and checkpoints in Hebron, Bethlehem, Nablus, Jerusalem and Ramallah will be monitored during the 2015-16 school year.



Bethlehem Khader School - Children participating in class in a school that was rehabilitated by UNICEF

### Child Protection

In the West Bank, UNICEF supported the Ministry of Social Affairs (MOSA) in providing psychosocial support to communities at risk in response to incidents of settler violence as well as ISF military operation. Since January 2015, 901 children and 268 caregivers were reached with psychological first aid, awareness raising and recreation activities.

From January 2015, members of the CPWG have reached 73,432 children in Gaza with structured group and individual counseling services, and 1,203 children with specialized mental health services. In Gaza, during the reporting period, through the support of its child protection implementing partners (Ma'an Development Centre, Tamer Institute for Community Education and the Palestinian Centre for Democracy and Conflict Resolution), UNICEF reached 3,963 children with structured/focused psychosocial support services, including individual and group counselling. Since January 2015, 39,881 children (20,359 girls and 19,522 boys) were reached. UNICEF also supports the provision of child protection services through 23 Family Centres and five mobile centres operating across the Gaza Strip. A total of 4,359 children and 3,807 caregivers



Gaza City - Ahmad 9 and Anas 12 receive specialized individual psychosocial counseling through play therapy at Gaza Mental Health Institute



benefited from activities such as life skills education and case management support, to respond to the multiple needs of vulnerable children. The caregivers also took part in awareness raising sessions on child protection.

Since the beginning of May, UNICEF has been supporting the Ministry of Social Affairs and NGO partners (Ma'an, TAMER, and GCMHP) in Gaza to establish a case management system reaching 387 of the most vulnerable children (153 girls and 234 boys). 154 children were supported between 18 August and 20 September 2015. The process includes registration, a comprehensive assessment, planning, and supported follow up over a period of time guided by the individual needs of the child and family. NRC is the leading agency for the task force on case management.

During the reporting period 2,610 children and 3,243 caregivers received explosive remnants of war risk education (ERW) through radio spots, and awareness raising in Family Centers. Since January 2015, 95,004 governmental school children in the primary school age across the Gaza Strip received ERW risk education as part of their school curriculum.

### Water, Sanitation and Hygiene

In the West Bank, UNICEF with support from Gruppo Volontare Civile (GVC) continued water distribution in water scarcity areas. A total of 13,270 people have benefited from water distribution to date.

In the Gaza strip, during the reporting period, UNICEF has started the rehabilitation and upgrading of water networks in Khan Younis and Eastern villages in partnership with Costal Municipality Water Utility. The project will improve the access to piped water for around 20,000 people. The separation between storm water and wastewater networks to improve the aquifer in Khan Younis and Rafah areas is also ongoing.

UNICEF, in partnership with GVC, is conducting a survey at household level assessing the situation in terms of water storage, hygiene conditions and sanitary facilities. In addition UNICEF, through its partnership with Action Contre la Faim (ACF), is finalizing the selection of beneficiaries for the distribution of 8,000 tanks and rehabilitation of 900 sanitation facilities at household level.

This month UNICEF continued to provide assistance to CMWU through the WASH Cluster for the distribution of extra amounts of fuel to critical WASH facilities as a result of the frequent and extensive power cuts particularly in Rafah and Eastern villages. Installation of two new generators is ongoing for two water wells in Rafah benefiting around 20,000 people.



El Majaz, South Hebron – Children filling a water tank, part of the water distribution project in the West Bank

### Child Health & Nutrition

In the West Bank, 110, 000 DTP and PCV vaccines were administered benefiting 70,000 children and women. As part of the Baby-Friendly Hospital Initiative (BFHI) 75 doctors and nurses received training during the reporting period.

In Gaza, during the reporting period, 732 mothers and new-born babies received postnatal home visits as part of a programme in collaboration with the Ministry of Health and NECC. Since January 2015 a total of 4,220 mothers and new-borns have been reached by the programme. A total of 410,000 vaccines that will cover the needs of 135,000 children were delivered to the Ministry of Health in September. Around 510 awareness sessions on infant, young child feeding practices were held

East Jerusalem - Nurse gives instructions on breastfeeding to a 26-year old Palestinian woman at Abu Ter, Makassed Hospital



reaching a total of 6,148 mothers and caregivers, bringing the overall number to 46,463 since January. The procurement of micronutrient supplements is still ongoing, shipment is expected to arrive by the end of October. The micronutrient supplements will be distributed to 250,000 beneficiaries including mothers and children under 5 years.

## Summary of Programme Results

	Overall needs (SRP 2015)	UNICEF Target	UNICEF Total Results	Progress towards targets %
<b>WATER, SANITATION &amp; HYGIENE</b>	1,400,000			
# of people in humanitarian situation benefited from improved access to water	552,000	107,000	73,030	68%
# of people in humanitarian situation benefited from improved access to sanitation services	540,000	80,000	9,880	12. %
# of beneficiaries provided with sanitation /hygiene items (hygiene kits / vouchers)	270,000	200,000	15,578	8%
# of people in water-scarce areas in the West Bank benefit from access to safe drinking water	60,000	41,900	13,270	32%
<b>CHILD PROTECTION</b>	1,650,000			
# of children / adolescents benefited from psychosocial support services.	n/a	170,000	40,336	24%
# of children / caregivers receiving protection services through community based family centres and Government led CPN	n/a	120,000	45,140	38%
# of incidents of grave violations against children documented	n/a	2,000 <sup>2</sup>	858	43%
# of children / caregivers reached through ERW/UXO risk education messages	n/a	450,000	170,600	39%
<b>EDUCATION</b>	760,000			
# of children enrolled in schools supported through rehabilitation and improved educational facilities	n/a	30,000	1,472	5%
# of children benefited from distribution of supplies and materials	n/a	15,000	27,657	184% <sup>3</sup>
# of adolescents participating in extracurricular activities	271,190	40,000	34,870	87%
# of children and teachers benefiting from protective presence / accompaniment to school	9,120	3,805	4,100	108% <sup>4</sup>
<b>HEALTH and NUTRITION</b>	1,600,000			
# of children and women benefiting from emergency health care services / supplies	n/a	350,000	198,000	56%
# of children and women who have received micronutrient supplements	n/a	350,000	0	0% <sup>5</sup>

<sup>2</sup> The indicator was changed to reflect the number of cases documented. Previously it was the number of children affected.

<sup>3</sup> The voucher programme for school supplies and materials was expanded resulting in more beneficiaries than the target.

<sup>4</sup> Protective presence activities are ongoing since the beginning of school year and 300 teachers were added to the target.

<sup>5</sup> Offshore procurement is in process.

## Funding

Meeting the urgent humanitarian needs of affected children and families in the State of Palestine will contribute to reducing the suffering of the affected population and increasing stability. The lack of funding received compared to the amount requested by Education and Child Protection is impacting negatively in the achievement of targets/results as well as improving children's health and education.

Additional funds are required to expand existing programmes that are being successfully implemented on the ground, especially in the following sectors: Education / Adolescents, and Child Protection / Social Protection.

UNICEF wishes to express its deep gratitude to all public and private sector donors for the contributions and pledges received, which have made the current response possible. Continued donor support is critical to continue scaling up the response, preventing violence and contributing to stability.

Section	UNICEF HAC 2015			
	Requirements (USD)	Received* (USD)	Funding Gap	
			USD	%
WASH	14,202,714	14,641,599	0	0%
Education	8,069,771	3,956,004	4,113,767	51%
Child Protection	8,225,280	4,173,273	4,052,007	49%
Health and Nutrition	5,269,320	5,413,228	0	0%
Cluster Coordination	1,533,222	341,645	1,191,577	78%
<b>Total</b>	<b>37,300,307</b>	<b>28,526,069</b>	<b>8,774,544</b>	<b>24%</b>

Note: Total funding available is **\$33,882,557** of which **\$28,526,069** is funding received against the appeal for this year, and **\$5,356,488** is budget carried forward from the prior year.

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