



Humanitarian Action for Children unicef

State of Palestine

The humanitarian situation in the State of Palestine is tied to the prolonged conflict and occupation, which has been ongoing for 50 years. The 10-year blockade and three major escalations of hostilities over the past six years have increased frustrations and exacerbated the vulnerability of the 1.8 million Palestinians¹ living in the Gaza Strip. Today, one in every four children in Gaza needs protection and psychosocial support.² Chronic power deficits disrupt basic services, including education, health, nutrition and water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH). Demolitions in the West Bank communities in Area C and East Jerusalem have generated ongoing displacement. Movement restrictions across the West Bank are impeding access to services and undermining economic activity. Child protection concerns are widespread. Palestinian children are exposed to violence in the streets and there are concerns related to the conditions and treatment of children while in military detention.

Humanitarian strategy

In the context of this protracted crisis, UNICEF is working closely with partners and donors and focusing on vulnerabilities in Gaza, Area C of the West Bank and East Jerusalem. UNICEF will provide essential life-saving neonatal and maternal health care services. Support will also be provided for the rehabilitation of water and sewage systems in communities affected by the 2014 war in Gaza and in water-scarce areas in the West Bank. UNICEF will support inclusive education through supplies, school uniforms and remedial learning for school-aged children. Adolescents will engage in life-skills and entrepreneurial learning, as well as recreational programmes; and children crossing checkpoints in the West Bank will gain safe access to learning. UNICEF will support protection services, including psychosocial support, for affected children and their families. Monitoring and reporting on grave violations will be strengthened, as will advocacy for improved protection of children in military detention. UNICEF is also supporting the strengthening of national capacities towards emergency preparedness, thereby linking humanitarian and development programming.

Results from 2016

As of 31 October 2016, UNICEF had received US\$20.5 million against the US\$41.9 million appeal (49 per cent funded).³ UNICEF supported quality health services for children and women in affected communities through the provision of essential drugs and micronutrients. UNICEF enabled sustainable access to safe drinking water and adequate sanitation by upgrading damaged networks. In water-scarce communities in the West Bank, UNICEF continued to provide tankered water. The distribution of hygiene kits to conflict-affected families in Gaza benefited more than 53,000 people. UNICEF supported more than 75,000 school-aged children to access formal and non-formal remedial learning sessions and educational supplies. UNICEF reached adolescents with life-skills and stress relief activities, and supported the protective accompaniment of 4,334 children and 333 teachers in Area C of the West Bank. UNICEF provided child protection services, including psychosocial support and counselling, through 23 family centres in Gaza.

Total people in need:

2.3 million

Total children (<18) in need:

911,000

Total people to be reached in 2017:

327,483

Total children to be reached in 2017:

221,369

2017 programme targets

Health

- 45,000 children and 50,000 pregnant women provided with access to health care services

WASH

- 105,000 people (48,886 children) with access to water, adequate sanitation and hygiene
- 24,487 children in humanitarian situations accessing WASH facilities in their learning environments

Child protection

- 56,696 children provided with access to child protection services, including psychosocial support
- 46,596 people with access to unexploded ordnance information

Education

- 40,000 school-aged children in Gaza received essential school supplies
- 4,400 school-aged children accessing schools through protective presence

	Cluster 2016 target	Cluster total results	UNICEF 2016 target	UNICEF total results
NUTRITION AND HEALTH				
Children and women benefiting from emergency health care services/supplies	272,263	396,020	150,000	396,020 ⁱ
Children and women who have received micronutrient supplements	250,000		250,000	233,859
Children provided with life-saving neonatal care services	50,000		10,000	5,047
Children and women who benefitted from malnutrition screening and referral in case of malnutrition			105,000	62,087 ⁱⁱ
WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENEⁱⁱⁱ				
People in humanitarian situations benefiting from improved access to water	518,000	279,716	96,436	23,377 ⁱⁱⁱ
People in humanitarian situations benefiting from improved access to sanitation services	358,000	33,503	58,818	9,888
Beneficiaries provided with sanitation/hygiene items (hygiene kits/vouchers)	120,000	85,680	53,600	53,136
People in water-scarce areas in the West Bank benefiting from access to safe drinking water	114,408	56,965	141,468	8,240
CHILD PROTECTION				
Children/adolescents benefiting from psychosocial support services	94,542	99,289	60,000	34,882 ^{iv}
Children/caregivers receiving protection services through community-based family centres and government-led child protection networks	200,000	77,196	100,075	44,955
Incidents of grave violations against children monitored and documented	2,500		2,500	2,003
Children/caregivers reached through explosive remnants of war/unexploded ordnance risk education messages	266,162	161,315	212,352	160,348
EDUCATION				
Children benefiting from provision of supplies and materials	121,025	315,906	92,600	65,788
Children and teachers benefiting from protective presence/accompaniment to school	4,700	4,667	4,700	4,667
Adolescents participating in life-skills building and community-based activities	30,000		30,000	17,407
Children benefiting from remedial education	254,136	43,260	20,000	6,760

Results are through 31 October 2016 unless noted

(i) The high number of beneficiaries is due to carry over from 2016. Funding from 2015 reached beneficiaries in 2016.

(ii) This project component was not funded; the results were achieved with prepositioned supplies from 2015.

(iii) Lack of funding limited achievement of results for WASH, child protection and education.

(iv) Lack of funding limited achievement of results; an additional 36,000 are to be reached by the end of the year.

Funding requirements

In line with the country's inter-agency 2017 Humanitarian Response Plan, UNICEF is requesting US\$24,546,000 for the year 2017 to meet the humanitarian needs of children in the State of Palestine. Without additional funding, UNICEF will be unable to support affected communities with critical health and WASH services. Funding is also urgently needed to ensure that children and caregivers in highly vulnerable areas have access to protection services; and that their right to education is not compromised.

Sector	2017 requirements (US\$)
Health	2,804,500
Water, sanitation and hygiene	12,913,600
Child protection	3,439,800
Education	3,985,600
Cluster/sector coordination	1,402,500
Total	24,546,000

¹ Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, 'State of Palestine Humanitarian Response Plan 2016', OCHA.

² Data provided by the Protection Cluster.

³ Available funds included funding received against the current appeal of US\$8.4 million and the US\$12.1 million carried forward from the previous year.

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