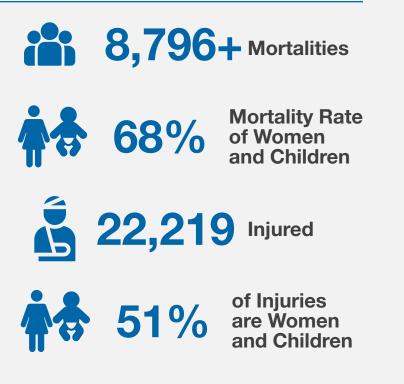




Health Situation in Gaza Updates and Technical Recommendations

The ongoing attacks on the civilians of Gaza by the Israeli army is causing a tremendous impact on the lives and health status of the Palestinian people. These attacks are causing thousands of deaths and injuries, on top of the inaccessibility to health services, the spread of communicable diseases, the deterioration of mental health, and a strain on the health system. The health system will collapse if essential medical services and medicines are not provided immediately and on a continuous basis.

In Numbers since October 7, 2023



2,030 Missing People

of the Missing

People are

of housing

destroyed

units are

Internally

Displaced

Populations

Children

50%





Information source: Palestinian Ministry of Health/Gaza, Palestinian Red Crescent Society The Shifa Medical Complex, which is currently performing emergency care, renal care, surgeries and providing intensive therapy, is operating at maximum capacity, and barely covering 30% of needs. The complex is running out of fuel, this will halt the necessary and critical service delivery to injured and chronic patients.



Injured health

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Communicable Diseases

In addition to the restriction of health care service provision, the UNRWA shelters have already reported thousands of cases of prevalence of infectious diseases is on the rise. The overcrowding acute respiratory infections, diarrhea, and chickenpox. These cases of hospitals and shelters is turning them into a breeding ground are caused by the overcrowding of shelters, inaccessible health for infectious diseases. The health facilities are housing patients, facilities, and lack of accessibility to safe water and sanitation. If healthcare workers and more than 117,000 000 Internally Displaced no prompt and impactful interventions are made, this situation will population (IDP). The health system is overstretched, with health inevitably lead to a serious health threat to all people in Gaza and facilities operating at maximum capacity. Their constant and the region. repetitive bombardment puts lives in danger.

occupied in 7 major hospitals,

To avert additional damage to Gaza, a humanitarian ceasefire 119% of Hospital beds are currently should be endorsed. In-addition the International Humanitarian Law (IHL) should be followed under all circumstances. A humanitarian aid channel should be allowed into Gaza on a daily More than 1.4 million people are internally displaced, with more basis to provide citizens and healthcare providers with water, food, than 600,000 people sheltering in the 150 UNRWA-designated essential medications, and fuel. The provision of essential health emergency shelters (DES). The average number of IDPs per shelter services, including maternal and newborn services, is of paramount has reached 2.7 times their capacity with some shelters reaching as importance at this critical time. The installation of sanitation high as 11 times their capacity. infrastructure and shelters should also be prioritized. Furthermore, The average number of IDP per psychosocial support should be provided to the people immediately to avert generational trauma and mitigate the horrific consequences shelter is 2.7 times their capacity. of war.

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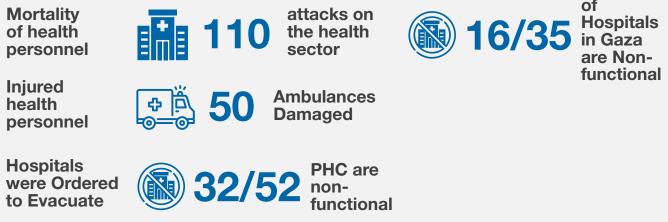
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Delivery of Health Care Services

The war facing Gaza has led to a decline in the health status of the population. Prior to the conflict that started on October 7, 2023, Gaza suffered from a high burden of non-communicable diseases (NCDs). According to the Palestinian Ministry of Health (MoH), around 350,000 patients suffer from NCDs, of which diabetes, cancer, and cardiovascular diseases are most prevalent. In addition, around 1,000 patients need frequent kidney dialysis. Hence inaccessibility and unavailability of dialysis machines is putting lives at risk. The continuous bombardment of hospitals and health facilities, in addition to the telecommunication shutdown from October 27 until early October 29 by the Israeli Army, has made it near impossible for the delivery of health services and humanitarian aid.

Moreover, the physical health infrastructure and service delivery have been heavily impacted. Prior to the conflict, Gaza was highly dependent on humanitarian aid, with an average of 500 trucks entering Gaza per day. Those trucks carried essential medications. food, water, and fuel. The siege implemented on October 9 by the Israeli Army has cut off the supply of essential services to Gaza. The total number of humanitarian trucks entering Gaza between October 21 and 27 has not exceeded 84 trucks. Damage to health facilities or the lack of fuel has caused almost half of the hospitals and twothirds of primary health clinics (PHCs) to shut down. The Turkish-Palestinian Friendship Hospital, the only hospital in Gaza providing care to cancer patients is not functional due to bombardment and complete lack of fuel which is putting patients' lives in danger.





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