# oPt Emergency Situation Update

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Overview As of 14 Feb 2025

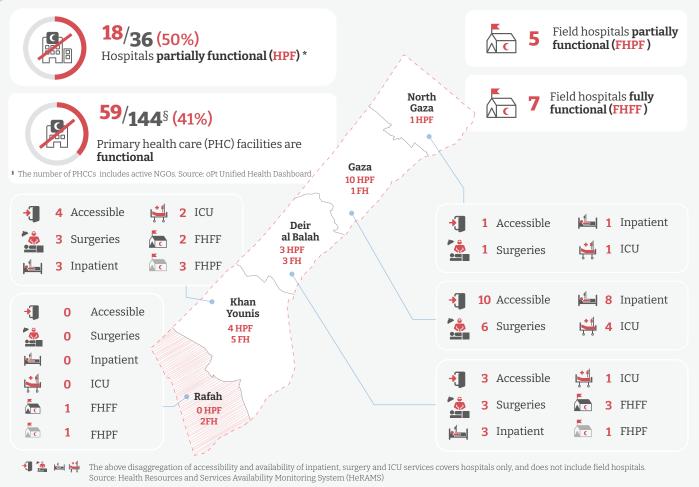


48 264 Fatalities

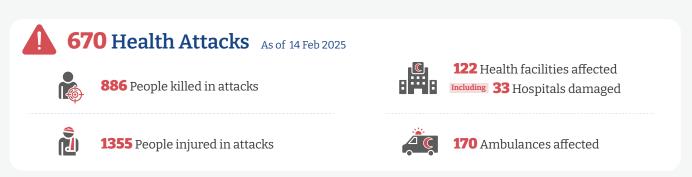


**111 688** Injuries

## Health Facility Functionality and Access



- Out of the 18 partially functioning hospitals across the Gaza Strip, 13 are only partially accessible due to physical barriers.
- Total hospital bed capacity is currently 1900, including 1370 inpatient beds, 81 ICU beds, and 43 incubators.
- The Palestinine Red Crescent Society (PRCS) has set up a new field hospital in Gaza City—the first in northern Gaza. The facility offers various healthcare services, including surgery, neonatal care, intensive care, radiology, and emergency care.



<sup>\*</sup> Partially functional facility: When a health facility is unable to fully provide some or all of the services as normal, or there is an interruption in any of the services provided at the facility,

#### **Malnutrition**



**501** Patients admitted due to severe acute malnutrition with complications

Source: Ministry of Health. As of 14 Feb 2025

#### **Medical evacuation**



### Long term conditions



>2000 People diagnosed with cancer each year, including 122 children



>1500 Patients in need of kidney dialysis to maintain life§



**>60 000** People with raised blood glucose\*



**45 000** Patients living with cardiovascular disease



**>650 000** People with raised blood pressure\*



+485 000 People with mental health disorders\*

§ Source: Ministry of Health

\* Source: STEPS Survey 2022

### Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn and Child Health



**~ 50 000** Women are pregnant



~5500 Women are due to give birth within the next month including

- ~1400 Requires Cesarean section
- ~ 180 Deliveries / day
- More than 500 000 women of reproductive age lack access to essential services including antenatal care, postnatal care, family planning, and management of sexual transmitted infections.
- Maternity services are provided at eight out of 18 partially functioning hospitals, and at four field hospitals (ICRC, IMC, UKMED, and Kuwait FHs).

# West Bank, including east Jerusalem

**Overview** As of 11 Feb 2025 Source: Ministry of Health.



911 Fatalities



7467 Injuries



739 Health Attacks As of 14 Feb 2025



**29** People killed in attacks



**136** People injured in attacks



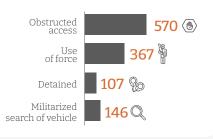
**62** Health facilities affected



**22** Mobile clinics



**507** Ambulances affected





### **Situation Update**

#### **Gaza Strip**

- · General updates
  - No attacks on health have been recorded since the ceasefire took effect on 19 January 2025.
  - In January 2025, 24 out of 28 environmental samples collected from Khan Younis and Deir Al-Balah tested positive for circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus type 2 (cVDPV2). A polio vaccination campaign is scheduled for 22–26 February 2025, targeting over 591,000 children under 10 years of age across the Gaza Strip with the novel Oral Polio Vaccine type 2 (nOPV2).
  - Since January 2025, the Nutrition Cluster has reported screening 83 106 children aged 6-59 months for malnutrition. Of these, 2518 (3%) were admitted to the Community Management of Acute Malnutrition (CMAM) Programme for malnutrition treatment, including 394 (0.5) with SAM, and 2124 (2.6%) with moderate acute malnutrition (MAM).
  - WHO and health partners continue to scale-up health operations across the Gaza Strip, re-establishing presence in previously inaccessible areas.
  - Efforts are underway to urgently re-establish essential health services across the Gaza strip including:
    - Resumption of primary care centers in Gaza City, North Gaza, and Rafah.
    - Several hospitals and PHCs are re-establishing functionality and expanding services: planned expansion of inpatient capacity by 300 beds in Al Shifa Hospital; provision of pediatric care services in Al-Awda Hospital; and inpatient care for psychiatric patients in Qizan Al-Najjar PHC.
    - Replenishment of blood supplies at As-Sahaba and Al-Ahli Arab Hospitals in Gaza City, which are reportedly depleted.
    - Re-establishment of hemodialysis services. According to MOH, approximately 40% of hemodialysis patients have died since October 2023 due to inaccessibility to treatment.
    - Expanding services at severe acute malnutrition stabilization centers (SAM SCs). Three are currently operational in Gaza City (10 beds), Khan Younis (6 beds), and Deir Al-Balah (10 beds).
  - The Interim Rapid Damage and Needs Assessment (IRDNA) for the oPt has been published (link). An estimated \$ 4.3 billion is required for Gaza health system recovery in the next 3 years, including 1.75 billion reconstruction costs and \$ 2.5 billion service delivery needs.

#### **West Bank**

- Between 7 October 2023 14 February 2025, MoH has reported 912 deaths and 7467 injuries across the West Bank. Since January 2025, 76 deaths, including 38 in Jenin, were recorded.
- During 2025, WHO has verified 44 attacks on health in the West Bank, resulting in injuries to eight health workers on duty. Movement restrictions have created additional physical barriers, hindering the movement of ambulances and health care workers, impeding access to health services.
- Approximately 40 000 people have been displaced across Jenin (20 000), Tulkarm (12 000), Tubas and Tamun. Most seek shelter in private or rented accommodation.
- Military operations have caused damage to health points (13 non-functioning) and other critical infrastructure, leading to water contamination with sewage and water shortages in some areas.
- Urgent needs include essential medicines, localized trauma capacities and supplies, maternal health services. Access for health workers, ambulances, and patients in need.

### Response

#### Gaza Strip

- Since 19 January 2025, over 139 trucks of WHO-procured medical supplies entered Gaza. WHO has distributed life-saving medications and supplies to 25 health facilities, including 11 hospitals, two field hospitals, and one primary health care center, estimated to meet the needs of approximately 1.9 million beneficiaries through treatments and surgeries.
- Since 1 February, WHO has supported the evacuation of 540 patients (including 204 children) along with 769 companions to Egypt for treatment, averaging 39 patients daily. Over 5946 patients have been transferred abroad since October 2023, with an estimated 12 000 patients still requiring medical evacuation.
- 24 EMTs are deployed across the Gaza Strip, providing 439 in-patient beds. EMTs have conducted over 2.47 million consultations since October 2023. Three EMTs currently functioning in northern Gaza (one national and two international).
- In February, a specialized care team on MHPSS was re-deployed to Nasser Medical Complex, in Khan Younis, to resume "help the helpers" program.
- Ongoing health services mapping and needs analyses to inform response efforts, including on hemodialysis services; laboratory services; and emergency medical and ambulance services.
- Data reporting on communicable diseases remains a challenge WHO is strengthening reporting of partners through EWARS.
- The MoH has established a Recovery Technical Working Group and an internal Advisory Group for early recovery, with WHO as the sole external member. These groups aim to guide early recovery strategy and recovery efforts.

#### West Bank

- WHO and partners are working to establish decentralized first aid medical posts and trauma stabilization points in affected areas, in coordination with municipalities, partners and the MoH.
- · WHO has placed emergency stocks in four government hospitals in Jenin, Tubas, Tulkarm and Nablus.
- The Health Cluster reports that mobile clinics operated by partners are providing health services to 22 communities surrounding Jenin camp. UNRWA continues to provide primary health care services through six clinics in Jenin, with two operating five days a week and the other four once a week.
- WHO is collaborating closely with the MoH to identify gaps in the health response, including current stock levels of essential medicines, supplies, and equipment.



# **WHO Mission Update**

2-14 Feb 2025







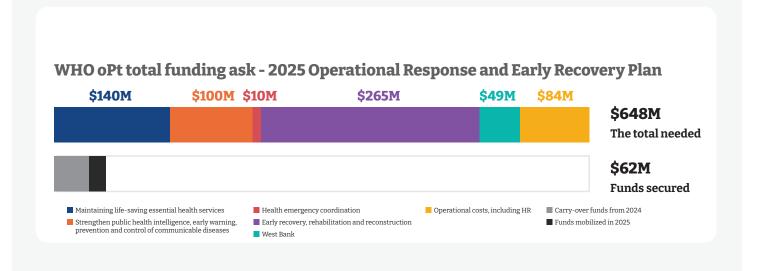


- Coordination is no longer needed for humanitarian missions within the Gaza Strip, except for missions to the buffer zone.
- During the reporting period, out of 13 planned missions, WHO successfully facilitated 12 medical evacuation missions to Egypt, through Rafah Crossing.

### **WHO Recommendations**

- Extended ceasefire.
- Expand and sustain humanitarian access into Gaza for fuel, water, food, medicines and other necessary supplies.
- Expand humanitarian corridors and ensure safe passage to allow delivery of humanitarian aid and personnel within Gaza and the West Bank.
- · Active protection of civilians and health care, preserving the function of remaining health facilities.
- Scale up medical evacuation for all patients in need, without distinction of any kind, ensuring timely referral of the +12 000 critical patients that need to be medevaced out of Gaza.

## **Funding**



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