

Situation

Israel’s ongoing genocidal campaign in Gaza has resulted in extensive devastation and humanitarian catastrophe throughout September, with air and land bombardments impacting the entire Gaza Strip. This has led to significant civilian casualties, widespread displacement, and the destruction of homes and infrastructure. By September 30, over 41,600 Palestinians had been killed and nearly 96,500 injured since October 7, the majority being women and children. Food scarcity remains a critical issue, as more than 85% of children are estimated to face severe food poverty and consume less than two types of food per day. Health facilities are overwhelmed by severe shortages of fuel, medicines, and medical supplies, with some operating at five times their capacity. Additionally, communicable diseases are spreading rapidly due to inadequate water, sanitation, and hygiene conditions. In August, the first case of polio was detected in a child by the MoH in Gaza, prompting a rushed urgent response campaign amid fears of its outbreak.

Updates on Juzoor’s Response in Gaza

Between July and September, Juzoor expanded its operations in the Gaza Strip to **95 shelters, centers, and medical points** in the North & South combined, including 81 points in the North, 9 points in the South, and 5 newly established community health centers in the North. Juzoor continued to provide a comprehensive range of integrated health, medical, and MHPSS services, along with essential aid such as food, water, hygiene supplies, emergency items, nutrition supplements, and medications. The team also offered training and educational sessions.

Juzoor’s Health Centers and Medical Points

At the heart of Juzoor’s humanitarian work in Gaza are the health points, staffed with furniture, equipment, and a team of health professionals including at least one doctor, nurse, midwife, mental health specialist, and other personnel. Juzoor’s health points consist of a central health site surrounded with smaller medical points in each area.

Between July and September, these centers and points provided an average of more than **250,000+ services per month**, opposed to just 160,000 in the previous quarter. These services included child health care, communicable disease management, mental health and psychosocial support, non-communicable disease treatment, primary health care, nutrition, reproductive health services including gender-based violence and maternal and neonatal care, as well as emergency services such as trauma and rehabilitation care. In August, Juzoor established **5 community health centers** in the North (1 in Beit Lahia, 2 in Jabalia, and 2 in Gaza City), to aid in serving surrounding populations, shelters, and communities.

To support these efforts, Juzoor's team expanded from 202 to **334 personnel** by September, including doctors, nurses, midwives, nutritionists, psychologists, and supervisors. Juzoor also formed **3 mobile specialized teams** of 30 health workers for nutrition, psychosocial support, and maternal health, serving all of Juzoor’s locations and facilities.



Juzoor staff meeting at Juzoor’s community health center in Beit Lahia in August

Disease Management and Primary Health

All of Juzoor's services were offered to the entire displaced population under its care, regardless of age or gender, from July through September, particularly in the North. Our teams worked tirelessly to manage **communicable diseases** through screening, diagnosis, treatment, and regular check-ups, addressing conditions such as meningitis, Hepatitis A, and various gastrointestinal, respiratory, and skin diseases for those residing in our shelters or visiting our medical points. During this period, an average of **80,000 communicable disease services** had been provided in our health points and centers each month, 65% of which were for children under 18 and 11% for the older population.

During this period, our teams saw an increase in communicable diseases, especially among children. The same comprehensive care was extended to those with **non-communicable diseases**; our team provided diagnosis, check-up exams, and treatment for conditions like diabetes, hypertension, and asthma, including offering appropriate medications and specialized interventions such as dressing diabetic foot ulcers. Our teams managed to increase our reach to around **75,000 NCD services** a month for NCD care, around 27% of which were offered to children under 18 and 30% older persons. Our team also noticed an upward trend of people needing NCD health services during this period compared to before.

Additionally, Juzoor offered **primary and emergency health services**, mainly for wound and burn dressing, as well as injections and referrals to more specialized care. On average, around **100,000 primary/emergency services** were provided each month from July to September, of which more than 50% were for children and the majority being for dressing and treating wounds. Our team noted a particular increased demand for dressing services during this period.



Sexual and Reproductive Health

Juzoor's specialized team of midwives and doctors and our entire health team continued to oversee the health of girls and women in shelters and nearby communities from July through September. They provided comprehensive care for pregnant and lactating women, including antenatal and postnatal care, pregnancy investigations, post-abortion care, individual health counseling, and support with delivery decisions and home-deliveries. On average, these services reached **5,000 pregnant and lactating women** per month, although the number fluctuated per month due to evacuation orders and movements, with July having the highest number of services offered.

During this period, Juzoor's midwifery team conducted **83 awareness sessions on neonatal and postnatal healthcare**, benefitting more than **8,000 pregnant and lactating women**, and in August alone, around 150 women with high-risk pregnancies were managed at our shelters. Additionally, more than **600 postpartum kits** were provided for all mothers who delivered in July and August in hospitals and shelters.

Child Health

Our teams continued to offer services such as immunizations for children under two, malnutrition screening, neonatal and child growth care, newborn check-up exams, and specialized care for underweight or malnourished children. Over **30,000 child health services** were offered to children each month across Juzoor's shelters from July to September, primarily in the North.

Polio Vaccination Campaign

In response to fears of a polio outbreak and following the detection of a case in August, Juzoor launched a polio vaccination campaign in coordination with the Ministry of Health (MoH) and other partners. Starting in September, children were vaccinated across Juzoor's clinics and health points. By the end of the month, and after completing three phases, nearly 12,700 children were vaccinated in both northern and southern regions, including Jabalia, Deir El Balah, and Khan Younis. Our team continued providing other routine vaccinations for children under two; however, they noted a decline in vaccination rates during this period compared to previous months, with an average of only 400 vaccinations per month as governmental clinics took over the campaign.



Malnutrition Screening Campaign

From July to September, nearly **42,000 children under 5** were screened for malnutrition through **MUAC measurements**, with a total of 10.9% identified as having moderate or severe acute malnutrition, with August giving the highest number of children screened with more than 15,700. Juzoor also screened more than 13,000 pregnant and lactating women during this period as part of the campaign that began in June, identifying 1,692 malnourished women with MUAC measurements less than 23 cm, constituting around 12.7%.

These cases were provided with **nutrition supplements** by our teams. Children with wasting (usually 6-24 months) are usually treated with Ready-to-Use Therapeutic Food (RUTF). Other supplements include lipid-based nutrient supplements (LNS) and high energy biscuits. More than **16,000 children** and **5,000 women received supplements** each month during this period, the most common being high-energy biscuits.

Child Health Education

Juzoor has been conducting educational sessions on child health for children, caregivers, and family members, reaching an average of **20,000 beneficiaries** per month during this reporting period.

Mental Health and Psychosocial Support Program

Juzoor continues to provide MHPSS to displaced populations through a comprehensive program launched early in the war. Our MHPSS specialists and trained volunteers conduct recreational and group support activities, mainly for children and women, to reduce stress and uplift spirits. Specialized trauma and mental disorder care is also provided on a smaller scale. From July to September, an average of **15,000 individuals**, mostly children, benefited from psychological support activities across Juzoor's shelters and centers each month.

In August, Juzoor's activities included PSS awareness workshops, group PSS sessions, individual psychological services, and technical support for our MHPSS team. A total of **778 community members** participated in 12 MHPSS awareness workshops, covering stress management and common behavioral issues like aggression and hyperactivity. Juzoor also conducted group PSS sessions for 875 children on emotional identification and social skills. Psychological First Aid (PFA) was provided to 166 community members, and over 124 individuals received individual counseling. Additionally, in August, Juzoor organized 'Helping the Helpers' sessions for our frontline staff, offering stress management techniques such as deep breathing, physical activities, drawing, and singing. More than **150 of our health and nutrition team members** attended.



Rehabilitation Program

Juzoor's specialized physiotherapy and rehabilitation team continues to provide rehabilitation services to individuals in need, which include physiotherapy assessments and sessions, referral of severe cases to orthopedic, neurosurgery, or pediatric doctors, distribution of assistive devices and training patients on their use. The program does not only target individuals in Juzoor's shelters but also to polyclinics and health centers in Gaza.

The program reached over **737 individuals** in August alone, particularly children and older people. Juzoor delivered more than **882 physiotherapy sessions** for children, distributing more than **280 assistive devices** and **specialized drugs** to benefit more than **660 older individuals**.

Supporting the Older Population

During this reporting period, Juzoor's project with HelpAge International targeted hundreds of older persons in its shelters, providing them with individual assistance items including medications, assistive products, as well as other essential needs such as clothes and hygiene kits. **662 clothing kits** were procured and distributed to older individuals during July, alongside **416 glasses** and **88 hearing aids**, and food parcels and chronic disease medications were distributed to those in dire need.



Trainings & Workshops

A key factor contributing to the success of Juzoor's interventions and programs in Gaza is its emphasis on building community capacity by training volunteers and specialists. During this period, **852 individuals** - including Juzoor staff, partner organization members, and community participants - received training in various areas, including Basic Life Support (BLS), Infection Prevention and Control (IPC), gender-based violence (GBV), interpersonal communication skills, child protection, maternity health, and early childhood development. Additionally, five **child protection sessions** were conducted for 115 of Juzoor's frontline workers. These workshops covered essential child protection concepts, addressing topics such as "Legal Definition of a Child," "Forms of Child Abuse," "Levels of Risk in Child Protection," and standard actions related to child protection concerns.

Distribution of Supplies & Resources

Juzoor remains committed to providing essential support to the people of Gaza whenever possible. From July to September, Juzoor acquired and distributed vital supplies to support the displaced population, particularly addressing the ongoing food crisis.



Food distributions offered by Juzoor to displaced families

Gratitude to Global Partners and Urgent Appeal for Support

Juzoor's work would not be possible without the invaluable support and assistance from our global partners and supporting organizations – UNICEF, UNFPA, WFP, MDM Spain, Save the Children, Oxfam, CARE International, Amplify Change, Caritas Germany, IMC, PAMA, IRC, HelpAge International, Education for Employment (EFE) Palestine, Johanniter International, Welthungerhilfe (WHH), Act for Hope, and Cesvi, among other organizations – as well as all the individuals whose donations have enabled us to carry out our work since October 7.

While Juzoor has been actively addressing issues across Gaza, the situation has reached a point far beyond catastrophe. Our teams have been working tirelessly, even in extremely challenging conditions, including direct bombings, to ensure that essential medical supplies and health and psychosocial support reach those in need. Nevertheless, the severity of the situation and the growing demands surpass our current resources.

Juzoor appeals to the international community and global humanitarian organizations and entities to continue to assist Juzoor on the ground in Gaza. *Your support and collaboration have always been invaluable to us, and your contribution can have a substantial impact on alleviating the people of Gaza's suffering and saving their lives.*

For additional details on Juzoor's response in Gaza, kindly visit our website where you can review earlier response reports, appeals, and ongoing projects.

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