Escalation of Violence in Israel and the occupied Palestinian territory

19 October 2023
Situation Overview
Timeline of events

7-Oct
- Establishment of the IMT at the WHO Country Office and IMST at EMRO
- Escalation of violence

9-Oct
- Full siege on Gaza

11-Oct
- Establishment of the IMST at HQ level
- Evacuation order of North Gaza

13-Oct
- Supplies shipped to Al Arish

15-Oct

18-Oct
- Explosion in Al Ahli Arab Baptist hospital
- G3 grading
Health Impact of the escalation of violence
Impact of the Conflict - Casualties (As of 18 October 2023)

Overall figures by region

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<th>Region</th>
<th>Fatalities</th>
<th>Injuries</th>
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<td>4,629</td>
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<td>occupied Palestinian territory</td>
<td>3,540</td>
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<td>Gaza Strip</td>
<td>3,478</td>
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<td>Women</td>
<td>1,031 (38%)</td>
<td>2,771 (27%)</td>
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<td>Men</td>
<td>1,707 (62%)</td>
<td>7,314 (73%)</td>
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<td>Children</td>
<td>940 (34%)</td>
<td>2,822 (28%)</td>
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<td>West Bank and East Jerusalem</td>
<td>62</td>
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Impact of the Conflict – Fatality – Trend Analysis (As of 18 October 2023)

Cumulative number of fatalities as of 18 October 2023

Daily new fatalities by date of report

Places

Gaza
Israel
West Bank

cumulative number of fatalities

0
1000
2000
3000

number of daily new fatalities

0
1000
2000
3000
4000
5000

09/10/2023
10/10/2023
11/10/2023
12/10/2023
13/10/2023
14/10/2023
15/10/2023
16/10/2023
17/10/2023
18/10/2023

Date of report

West Bank
Israel
Gaza
Impact of the Conflict – Injuries – Trend Analysis (As of 18 October 2023)

Cumulative number of injuries as of 18 October 2023

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**Impact of the Conflict - Displacement (As of 19 October 2023)**

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<th>Total IDPs¹</th>
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<td>537</td>
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¹Numbers of IDPs are approximate and subject to rapid change

- Numbers are changing rapidly
- The population of Gaza reported to move from North of Gaza to the South, not possible for hospitalized patients.
- Reports of Gaza population moving back to the North following explosions at the Rafah border crossing
- Out of the 1M IDPs in Gaza, more than 500 000 are in UNRWA shelters, 50 of them being set-up to receive IDPs.
Key Health Risks and Vulnerabilities
Public Health Situation Analysis - Israel

Population and mortality profile

- 9,174,520 total population (UNICEF, 2023)
- The life expectancy at birth is 82.6 years
- Main causes of mortality are ischaemic heart disease, degenerative diseases, stroke, cancers, diabetes mellitus and kidney diseases.

Crisis-related determinants of health

- Violence
- Disruption to essential health services
- Displacement and overcrowding
Public Health Situation Analysis - oPt

• About 1.2 million people out of 2.1 million population of Gaza live north of Wadi Gaza asked by Israel to evacuate to the South of Wadi Gaza.
• Of these 1.2 million:
  • 158,049 children <5 years, 97,614 neonates (<1 year), and 33,317 elderly > 65 years of age.
  • 24,480 pregnant women, 84,000 people with disabilities and 120,000 with chronic conditions, more than 52,000 with diabetes.
• Determinants of health:
  • Displacement, overcrowding and damage to critical infrastructure constitute an imminent risk of communicable disease outbreak, compounded by reduced surveillance capacities
  • Complete siege resulting in cutting of food, water and power supplies.
  • Disrupted access to essential health services and medical supplies
• Main immediate health needs:
  • Trauma care
  • MHPSS (51% of the population suffering from mental health conditions prior to the escalation of conflict)
  • NCD care (particularly diabetes, dialysis)
  • Epidemic preparedness (acute respiratory infections, diarrheal diseases)
  • Maternal and neonatal health (estimated 455 deliveries/day for the whole of the Gaza Strip

Key Health Risks in the coming month, according to the recent PHSA for oPt (Octo 2023)

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<td>Respiratory Tract Infections (RTI), including COVID-19</td>
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<td>Maternal and neo-natal health</td>
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<td>Cholera and Acute Watery Diarrhoea (AWD)</td>
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<td>Malnutrition</td>
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Health System Capacities and Needs
Attacks on Healthcare (As of 18 October 2023)

- **Total number of attacks:** 142
- **Israel:** 6 attacks on healthcare recorded through the SSA
- **oPt:** 136 attacks recorded by the WHO SSA platform between 7 to 15 October.
  - **Gaza Strip:** 59 attacks have been recorded till 17 October impacting:
    - Health workers: 16 killed and 28 wounded
    - Health facilities: 26 affected
    - Ambulances: 23 damaged
  - **West Bank:** 77 attacks have been recorded till 15 October impacting:
    - Ambulances: 61 affected
    - 42 obstructed access
Attacks on Healthcare – oPt - Trend Analysis

The year 2023 has witnessed the highest number of attacks against healthcare in oPt, as per the SSA reporting.

136 attacks were recorded in oPt since the escalation of violence in October 7th 2023.
HEALTH programme

Health System Capacities and Needs - Israel

• Israel has a highly developed healthcare system, with emergency healthcare services readily available. In 2019, health expenditure was 7% of GDP.
• MoH Israel has updated an additional resource for mental health and trauma support for displaced persons from communities near the border with the Gaza Strip.
• Reports from the MoH have noted that people evacuated their homes in southern Israel without bringing prescription/medications.
• As of 12 October 2023, no requests for supplies from WHO support from Israel.
Health System Capacities and Needs – Gaza Strip Overview

• **4 out of 35 hospitals** are not functional

• **4 main hospitals with surgical capacity north of Wadi Gaza** (out of a total of 7 in the Gaza strip), and **only 3 hospitals in the South**.

• **Chronic shortage of medical supplies** prior to the escalation of violence.

• Functionality of health services is further jeopardized by lack of fuel, NFI, food and clean water.
Impact of the evacuation orders on hospitals and patients

- **23 hospitals** have been **ordered to evacuate**, in Gaza city and North Gaza

- The total bed **capacity** for the hospitals in the North is estimated at **2000 beds**

- There are 11 hospitals in the southern part of the Gaza strip, amounting to **only 1500 beds** in terms of capacity.

- The evacuation will put the lives of **hundreds of patients in extremely vulnerable and life-threatening situation**

- **Hospitals in the South don’t have the capacity** to accommodate the influx of patients from the North
Bed Capacity / Occupancy

- 6 out of the 7 main public hospitals with surgical capacity are functional.

- The 6 main functional hospitals have an average bed occupancy of 90%, with 2 hospitals, Al Shifa and Al Aqsa both reaching their maximum capacity (despite Al Shifa hospital increasing its capacity to 700 beds).
Al Shifa Hospital

• The largest medical complex and largest central hospital in the Gaza strip

• The total bed capacity for the hospital is 650, increased recently to 700 to accommodate for the influx of patients, including 86 ICUs

• The hospital has reached full bed occupancy, despite expanding its capacity, including ICU beds.

• The hospital has reportedly no electricity and the backup generators are running out of fuel.

• Medicines and medical supplies are reportedly low.

• Most of the injured are children and elderly, according to a surgeon from the hospital.

• The hospital morgue is overflown with the dead bodies

• The hospital is also hosting more than 35,000 IDPs that are taking refuges in hospital halls as last resort
Al Ahli Arab Hospital (Baptist Hospital)

About
Founded in 1882, Al Ahli provides free mobile clinics to villages across Gaza and offers specialized support for different community groups.

Management
NGO - managed by the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and supported by American Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem (AFEDJ)

Functionality
Non-functional as of 17/10/23 following explosion.

Attacks/ damage
- 17 October 2023: Explosion killed hundreds (200-500 plus) people and injured 600 at the hospital. The death toll was by far the highest of any single incident in Gaza during the current violence.
- 14 October 2023: Damaged by explosion, partially damaging two floors and damaging the ultrasound and mammography room. Four people were injured.

Capacity
- **Beds**: 80-bed hospital, 3 neonatal incubators and 0 ICU beds.
- **Outpatients**: Before crisis, hospital saw 3,500 outpatient visits a month.
- **Other**: Handles about 300 surgeries and 600 radiological visits a month.
- **Electricity**: In 2021, the hospital reported spending an average of $1,800 a day on diesel fuel to run its generators up to 20 hours.

Supply status
TBC

Evacuation/ Displacement
The hospital was one of 20 in the north of the Gaza Strip facing evacuation orders from the Israeli military.
The compound hosted patients and internally displaced persons (IDPs) seeking safe shelter (approx. 4000)
Public Health Centers (PHCs)

- Only 23 out of 52 MoH PHCs have trauma management capacity, while there is no information on 30 PHCs regarding level of functionality.

- 66% (33/50) of Ministry of Health primary care facilities closed including one due to severe damage.

- Only 8 out of 22 UNRWA health centres are operational across Gaza providing primary health-care services, with estimated supplies of less than one month.
WHO and Partners
Operations
WHO Operations

• WHO Supplies in Al Arish (value of USD 1.5 million, 78MT, including IEHK, TESK, NCD kits, trauma bags, stretchers and tents)

• The supplies are enough to care for more than 300,000 patients. The supplies will be delivered in coordination with the Egyptian Red Crescent (ERC) and the Palestine Red Crescent Society (PRCS).

• The second chartered expected to arrive imminently with 35 MT of medical supplies.

• Medical supplies (trauma kits amounting to 13 MT) have also been shipped to Lebanon on 15 October 2023 for contingency.

• Expression of interests from the Emergency Medical Teams (EMT) network have been submitted for Egypt, Israel and oPt with teams of varying capacities.

• Multiple hospitals and health facilities have activated WHO-supported mass casualty management (MCM) plans and protocols. Medical staff was trained by the WCO before the escalation on mass casualty management.
Health Partner Operations

- **39 Health Cluster partners** across the Gaza district, including UN agencies, INGO and NGO. (cf. figure)

- WHO and UNRWA managed to deliver **10 600 litres of fuel** to Al Shifa recently

- Health cluster partners continue to provide support where possible but are operating at reduced capacity.

- UN agencies have been prepositioning supplies in Egypt, while NGO partners lack the capacity.

- The logistics cluster has been activated to support humanitarian partners in terms of provision of supply.
Resource Mobilization

• WHO Health Emergency Appeal for oPt (pre escalation) for 2023 amounted to 24.6 million US$, which is only 50% funded to-date.

• WHO has released 8.6 M US$ from the WHO Contingency Fund for Emergencies (CFE)

• Launching of the health cluster flash appeal amounting to 23.1 US$ to cover the health needs of 600 000 people over 3 months.

• oPt Humanitarian Fund has allocated $2.5 million for health for prepositioning by 3 cluster partners
  • MAP - Procurement of available medical supplies in the Gaza market and through Egypt, pending movement coordination.
  • AWDA - Medications procurement and provision of essential life-saving medical equipment.
  • PMRS - Outreach for the injured and mobile clinics to shelters (when movement is feasible).
Key Messages
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• WHO appeals for:
  • Protection health facilities, health workers, patients and all civilians. Attacks on healthcare constitute a flagrant violation of international humanitarian law.
  • Access to health for everyone, including people in captivity
  • Reversal of the evacuation order, to avoid the catastrophic impact that this will have on the population living in Gaza
  • Ensuring humanitarian access into Gaza by providing safe access of health workers to hospitals, ensuring delivery of medicines and medical supplies, and restoring supply of electricity and water
Thank you