

Health conditions in the occupied Palestinian territory, including east Jerusalem, and in the occupied Syrian Golan

The Seventy-fifth World Health Assembly, taking note of the report by the Director-General¹ requested in decision WHA74(9) (2021),

Decided to request the Director-General:

- (1) to report based on field monitoring and assessment conducted by WHO on progress in the implementation of the recommendations contained in the report on the health conditions in the occupied Palestinian territory, including east Jerusalem, and in the occupied Syrian Golan by the Director-General, to the Seventy-sixth World Health Assembly in 2023, bearing in mind the legal obligation of the occupying power;
- (2) to support the Palestinian health sector, using a health system strengthening approach, including through capacity-building programmes, improving basic infrastructure, human and technical resources and the provision of health facilities, ensuring the accessibility, affordability and quality of health care services required to address and deal with structural problems emanating from the prolonged occupation and developing strategic plans for investment in specific treatment and diagnostic capacities locally;
- (3) to ensure sustainable procurement of WHO prequalified vaccines, medicine and medical equipment to the occupied Palestinian territory in compliance with international humanitarian law and WHO norms and standards;
- (4) to ensure non-discriminatory, affordable and equitable access to COVID-19 vaccines to the protected occupied population in the occupied Palestinian territory, including east Jerusalem, and in the occupied Syrian Golan, in compliance with international law;
- (5) to ensure respect for and protection of the wounded and injured population, health and humanitarian aid workers, the health care system, and all medical and humanitarian personnel exclusively engaged in medical duties, their means of transport and equipment, as well as hospitals and other medical facilities in compliance with the Geneva Conventions and their Additional Protocols;
- (6) to assess, in full cooperation with UNICEF and other relevant United Nations agencies and the WHO Regional Office for the Eastern Mediterranean and WHO country office in the occupied Palestinian territory, including east Jerusalem, the extent and nature of psychiatric morbidity, and other forms of mental health problems, resulting from protracted aerial and other forms of

¹ Document A75/26.

bombing among the population, particularly children and adolescents, of the occupied Palestinian territory, including east Jerusalem;

(7) to continue strengthening partnership with other United Nations agencies and partners in the occupied Palestinian territory, including east Jerusalem, and in the occupied Syrian Golan, to enhance humanitarian health response capacities by delivering aid and protection in an inclusive and sustained manner during the COVID-19 pandemic and after the pandemic crisis;

(8) to report, based on field assessments conducted by WHO, on the health conditions of the Syrian population in the occupied Syrian Golan, including prisoners and detainees, and ensure their adequate access to mental, physical and environmental health, and to report on ways and means to provide them with health-related technical assistance;

(9) to continue providing the necessary technical assistance in order to meet the health needs of the Palestinian people, including prisoners and detainees, in cooperation with the efforts of the International Committee of the Red Cross, as well as the health needs of handicapped and injured people;

(10) to support the development of the health system in the occupied Palestinian territory, including east Jerusalem, by focusing on the development of human resources, in order to localize health services, decreasing referrals, reducing cost, strengthening mental health services provision and maintaining strong primary health care with integrated complete appropriate health services; and

(11) to ensure the allocation of human and financial resources in order to achieve these objectives.

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