

occupied Palestinian territory 2018 (part of 2018-2020 HRP)

Appealing Agency	HANDICAP INTERNATIONAL / HUMANITY & INCLUSION (HI)
Project Title	Enhancing resilience of people with disabilities and elderly through inclusive and emergency responsive health and rehabilitation services
Project Code	OPT-18/H/114600
Sector/Cluster	Health and Nutrition Cluster
Refugee project	No
Objectives	<p>Promoting a community-based response to basic health and rehabilitation needs of vulnerable people with disabilities and elderly in emergency situations.</p> <p>The proposed project falls under the Humanitarian Response Plan's strategic objectives 2 and 3.</p> <p>HRP SO2: The basic needs of vulnerable Palestinians living under occupation are met through the provision of essential services, in accordance with rights of protected persons under IHL.</p> <p>HRP SO3: The ability of vulnerable Palestinians to cope with protracted crisis, including environmental threats, is supported, while solutions to violations and other root causes of threats and shocks are pursued.</p> <p>The project also fall under the Health and Nutrition Cluster's strategic objectives 1 and 2:</p> <p>HNC SO1: Ensure the availability, accessibility, acceptability and quality of essential lifesaving health services to vulnerable communities in Gaza and West Bank.</p> <p>HNC SO2: Vulnerable communities and health facilities, in the West Bank and Gaza better prepared to respond to emergencies and reduce avoidable mortality and morbidity.</p>
Beneficiaries	<p>Total: 6,030 The project is targeting a total of 6,030 beneficiaries, including: - 3,470 from Gaza (3,000 Multi-disciplinary rehabilitation services+ 30 DPO leaders + 250 DPO & SHG members + 150 RN members + 40 Service Provider rehabilitation professionals - 2,560 from WB (500 PWDs + 2,000 family members + 60 DPOs/SHGs/PHCs members)</p> <p>Female: 2,915 Male: 3,115 Children (under 18): 2,981 Adult (18-59): 2,742 Elderly (above 59): 307 Refugees: 2,429 Host communities: 3,601</p>
Implementing Partners	In Gaza: 1.Baitona for Community Development 2.Palestinian Avenir for Childhood Foundation 3.National Society for Rehabilitation of Disabled 4.Society for Physically Handicapped People In West Bank: 1.Bethlehem Arab Society for Rehabilitation
Project Duration	Jan 2018 - Dec 2018
Current Funds Requested	\$1,999,483
Location	Projects covering both West Bank and Gaza
Priority / Category	NOT SPECIFIED
Gender Marker Code	2a - The project is designed to contribute significantly to gender equality
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Cash transfer programming	Is any part of this project cash transfer programming (including vouchers)?	No
	Conditionality:	
	Restrictions:	
	Estimated percentage of project requirements to be used for cash/vouchers:	0

Needs

According to the Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS) and using their conventional description of disability, at least 2.7% (2.9% males and 2.5% females) of the Palestinians had one form of disability. The most common of which are physical disabilities (47.20%). In West Bank, the prevalence of Palestinians with one form of disability is 2.9%, and 2.4% in Gaza Strip. However this statistic may be largely be underestimated, as it is not corresponding with WHO findings, which evaluate that about 15% of the world's population lives with some form of disability. Such correlation may well increase the PCBS estimates in Palestine, especially given the wave of violence in 2015 in West Bank and East Jerusalem and the so called "Protective Edge Operation" in Gaza in 2014.

According to a participatory situational analysis (PSA) carried out by HI (May November 2016), which covered all the five governorates of Gaza and 6 Governorates of West Bank, 55.60% of the assessed respondents in Gaza indicated that people with disabilities have limited access to health services and rehabilitation due to poor health worker competencies in relation to their needs, to lack of family awareness about their needs, to mobility limitations within and outside of their homes, often associated to accessibility challenges, and to lack of outreach services in far flung and hard to reach areas. In the last few years the situation has worsened in Gaza, frequent crises and associated fuel shortages chronically affect health service provision. While in West Bank, 22.5% of the respondents reported having no access at all to health and rehabilitation services in their communities.

The situation of women with disabilities and elder women is even worse than their male peers. A research conducted in 2012 by Imad Sayrafi, showed how female with disabilities suffer more from marginalization due to gender based social norms and attitudes that limit their participation. This is mostly due to the fact that needs and rights are not adequately address or even understood. From the health point of view, many report that the access to services is undermined by the inexperience of services providers towards disability and factual of a woman and girl's life. In this regard the project will tackle female with disabilities need with a personalized approach as per detected needs.

Moreover, in emergency situations, persons with disabilities and the elderly face extreme vulnerability compared to their abled peers due to inability of service providers to respond to their specific needs either out of ignorance or utter disregard. On the other hands persons with disabilities themselves are also ignorant about how to prepare for and seek services to address their needs in times of crisis.

Activities or outputs

HI is an active actor in the health sector since it started its work in the Gaza Strip in 2006. The project was developed based on assessment of needs with partner organization's leads and technical persons as well as beneficiaries through three workshops conducted in late 2017 in Gaza, while in West Bank data were collected through several meetings with the CBR rehabilitation mobile teams currently supported through other projects and 1 workshop with disabled people organizations (DPOs) active in the area. HI also made use of the Participatory situation assessments results that highlighted the situation of persons with disabilities in detail both in Gaza and West Bank, while at the same time taking notes on observations from the field as part of their previous interventions.

In Gaza and West Bank, the project will apply multi-disciplinary, center based and community based outreach approach and will support twenty community based service providers to provide people with center services at the grassroots level through partnership with five HI strategic partners. Our partners are part of co ordination groups and collaborate with other organisations both civil society and mainstream government health sector actors through the referral network, and the health cluster which is presided over by the Ministry of Health and World Health Organisation to ensure co ordination and complementarity of actions.

Expected Result 1: Persons with disabilities have improved access to rehabilitation and psychosocial services through a multidisciplinary outreach and community based approach.

- 1.1 Provision of specialized and gender sensitive multi-disciplinary functional rehabilitation services for people with disabilities and their caregivers (Gaza and WB).
- 1.2 Purchase and distribute assistive devices and referrals for people with disabilities as per their identified needs (Gaza and WB).
- 1.3 Support accessibility works of service providers' premises to improve people with disabilities access to centered based services (Gaza).
- 1.4 Conduct awareness raising workshops sessions for communities and service providers in the target areas on disability and gender sensitive service provision through DPOs/self help groups (SHGs) and mobile teams (WB)

Expected result 2: Emergency planning processes and responses are more responsive to persons with disabilities' needs

- 2.1 Empower disabled peoples' organizations and Referral Network members to able prepare and respond to the needs of their constituents inclusively in times of emergencies (Gaza)
- 2.2 Provide technical support for service providers to develop their inclusive emergency response plans (Gaza)

Indicators and targets

According to HI Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation (PME) policy, the teams are applying a project quality framework which commits to 12 quality criteria. In line with the policy, the following system will be established:

For planning: set up of project steering committees, project steering tool, and risk assessment.

For monitoring: project quarterly reviews, monthly data collection, beneficiaries' database, administrative and financial tools, and self-assessment.

For evaluation: satisfaction monitoring visits, and final participatory evaluations.

Indicators (Cluster Indicators indicated with CI):

For quality assurance concern:

OVI1: At least 75% of the quality criteria defined for personalized support are met by rehabilitation professionals (Gaza and WB)

OVI2: At least 70% of rehabilitation professionals' practices from the targeted community service providers are following service quality criteria standards (Gaza)

For expected result 1:

[CI]OVI1: 1500 PwDs and elderly (730 female and 830 male) will be provided with Multi-disciplinary gender sensitive rehabilitation support sessions in the targeted governorate (Gaza+WB)

OVI2: At least 75% of the targeted PwDs and elderly report their satisfaction with regard to the quality of services delivery (Gaza and WB)

[CI]OVI3: At least 85% of assistive devices' beneficiaries (PwDs and elderly) report an improve movement in independency and participation in daily life.(Gaza and WB).

OVI4: 70% of rehabilitation professionals from the targeted SPs follow the service delivery quality criteria standards (Gaza)

OVI5: At least 60 health care professionals and TOs (both women and men) demonstrate ability to conduct up to 30 community awareness raising workshops on disability with sensitive gender components in the targeted Governorates of West Bank (WB)

For expected result 2:

[CI]OVI1: At least 80% of targeted 30 DPO leaders are familiar with basic evacuation and emergency practices (Gaza)

[CI]OVI2: At least 70% of 150 members of the RN will provide a gap report on their preparedness plans (Gaza)

OVI3: At least 70% of organizations supported technically are able to identify inclusive emergency preparedness needs (Gaza)

Community Engagement

HI and its partners in this proposed action will apply a User Center Approach (UCA), which enables beneficiaries and their caregivers to effectively contribute to the intervention plans ensuring that they are tailored to their needs. This will foster collaboration and ownership over the rehabilitation goals set. Besides, the project will use a community based approach which will allow for community engagement in the project implementation. Transparent and direct communication with the target communities will be pursued to ensure beneficiaries can provide feedback about quality of service provision. This will be facilitated by quarterly community meetings within referral networks and beneficiaries in the five governorates of the Gaza strip and all the relevant stakeholders, partners and representative of the beneficiaries in WB. A special focus will be place in supporting women's involvement to ensure they are more active and "visible". Feedback mechanisms exist through a Complaints System that was developed by HI during previous projects and beneficiaries can freely access it and voice their concerns verbally or otherwise while ensuring confidentiality.

Indicator	Project target
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Original BUDGET items	\$
Staff and Other Personal Costs	140,053
Supplies, Commodities, Materials	1,595,418
General Operating and Other Direct Costs	133,205
Overhead Costs 7% (MAX 11%)	130,807
Total	1,999,483

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Current BUDGET items	\$
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