

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

Appealing Agency	PHYSICIANS FOR HUMAN RIGHTS (PHYSICIANS FOR HUMAN RIGHTS)
Project Title	Physicians for Human Rights Israel - Medical services for Palestinians from the oPt
Project Code	OPT-18/H/116086
Sector/Cluster	Health and Nutrition Cluster
Refugee project	No
Objectives	<p>According to the World Health Organization, access to health and nutrition services remains limited for Palestinians living in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. Lack of access to medical services is especially acute in Gaza and Area C, the most rural areas of the West Bank. Movement and access restrictions imposed by the Israeli authorities restrict the importation of medical supplies and equipment. The permit regime instituted by the Israeli authorities severely restricts the movement of medical professionals throughout the oPt, hampering the provision of quality health services particularly to the most vulnerable sectors of the population.</p> <p>Indicators, such as prevalence of chronic disease, infant and child mortality, and ante-natal health among pregnant women illustrate a stagnation of the health situation at very low levels, with pockets of acute vulnerability in the areas beyond the reach of the formal health authorities.</p> <p>Successive waves of violent conflict during the First and Second Intifadas resulted in a closure regime that almost completely separates Israelis and Palestinians on their respective sides of the border.</p> <p>PHRI established the Mobile Clinic Project in 1988 to address the ongoing health crisis in the Occupied Palestinian Territory (oPt) and to undermine the separation and isolation between the Israeli and Palestinian medical communities. The Mobile Clinic brings together Israeli and Palestinian health professionals and civil society actors for weekly cooperative medical work in rural Palestinian villages and towns. Within this unique framework, Israeli doctors, nurses and medical students provide immediate primary care and when necessary, referrals for follow up care, while Palestinian and Israeli pharmacists dispense medications to patients.</p> <p>PHRI aims to foster greater recognition for human rights values among the Israeli medical community in order to sensitize the public in Israel and change Israeli policy toward the Palestinian.</p>
Beneficiaries	<p>Total: 15,000 Palestinian in the OPT</p> <p>Female: 9,000</p> <p>Male: 6,000</p> <p>Children (under 18): 6,000</p> <p>Adult (18-59): 7,000</p> <p>Elderly (above 59): 2,000</p> <p>Host communities: 60</p>
Implementing Partners	N/A
Project Duration	Jan 2018 - Dec 2018
Current Funds Requested	\$270,580
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

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As a result, many indicators of health among Palestinian residents of the West Bank and Gaza remain low. According to the WHO, the number of consultations per person per year, considered as a proxy for access to health, remains under the recommended thresholds, in some of the areas in West Bank and Gaza. Other indicators, such as prevalence of chronic disease, infant and child mortality, and ante-natal health among pregnant women illustrate a stagnation of the health situation at very low levels, with pockets of acute vulnerability in the areas beyond the reach of the formal health authorities.

Although people and goods used to move freely between the 1967 borders, successive waves of violent conflict during the First and Second Intifadas resulted in a closure regime that almost completely separates Israelis and Palestinians on their respective sides of the border.

Under the framework of PHRI's Mobile Clinics program, volunteer medical professionals provide limited medical care free of charge to residents of the West Bank and, when possible, the Gaza Strip whose access to healthcare is impaired, in order to provide limited relief for the short term, address injustices within the system, and highlight the need for Israeli accountability or responsibility for health care services. The Mobile Clinics program also includes professional medical training that builds and develops professional capacities in medicine among Palestinian physicians and shares global advancements in science and medicine, while expressing solidarity with colleagues under occupation. It also serves to introduce the language of human rights to medical professionals. Visits to Palestinian villages and exchanges with Palestinian civil society through this program also enhance PHRI's capacity to identify root causes of health rights violations.

Activities or outputs

PHRI's Mobile Clinic, is a portable, volunteer operated general medical clinic staffed by Jewish and Palestinian-Israeli physicians and medical staff. The Clinic travels each weekend to cities and villages in the West Bank to carry out a free day of primary and secondary medical services for Palestinian patients and training for Palestinian staff, reaching over 11,000 patients annually. The Mobile Clinic project also carries out medical activities in the Gaza Strip. Each mobile clinic features: 5-15 medical professionals from PHRI (doctors, nurses, pharmacists (- 3-5 Israeli medical students - 1 PHRI staff member (Clinic Manager) - 2-3 interpreters 3-5 Palestinian medical professionals. Doctors examining patients at the mobile clinic discover that additional follow-up is needed. A referrals coordinator at PHRI follows up on these cases and contacts hospitals in Israel and East Jerusalem to arrange for the necessary treatments. PHRI plans monthly Women's Clinics run solely by women for women, to provide medical attention, to female patients. The Mobile Clinic also provides an informational component on health and human rights designed to reach residents in remote locations, especially women, who do not have access to rights-based education. In 2018, PHRI will conduct 12 women's clinics, treating a total of 1,200 patients. Specialist Clinics: PHRI's specialist mobile clinics offer gynecological and diabetes care as well as endocrine treatment. These clinics are usually held in larger Palestinian villages and towns and staffed by Israeli specialist physicians and their Palestinian counterparts. The preparation for the day involves allocation of patients in need of specialist consultations and invitation of young Palestinian physicians to observe and participate in the clinic. PHRI and Palestinian local gynecologists and physicians see patients, diagnosis and refer them either for complex care in a tertiary center in Israel or abroad, or for follow-up in future specialist clinics. In 2018, PHRI aims to conduct 10 specialist clinics, treating a total of 250 patients.

Medical Delegations to Gaza: The mobile clinic will hold 6 delegations to the Gaza Strip during 2018. Hands-on training will be provided to Gazan medical staff, as they will participate in the execution of complicated surgeries by PHRI volunteer physicians. During these delegations, our medical team will also provide direct health care to 2,000 patients in refugee camps across the Strip. Professional Conferences & Workshops for Israeli and Palestinian Physicians: Many types of treatment are not available through the Palestinian health system and as a result patient are referred to Israel for medical treatment, while physicians have close to no access to training due to movement restrictions imposed on the occupied territory. To share global advancements in science and medicine, develop professional capacities in medicine and human rights, and express solidarity with colleagues under occupation, PHRI will arrange for senior physicians and mental health experts to carry out training seminars in Gaza and the West Bank. The Palestinian Medical Authority and the Palestinian National Nurses Association co-sponsor these conferences. PHRI aims to convene 6 conferences and workshops, providing professional training for 1,200 Palestinian physicians and paramedical staff. Outputs: 54 general clinics treating a total of 15,000 patients - Appointments and access to Israeli medical centers for 120 patients from the oPt -12 women's clinics, treating a total of 1,200 patients. - 700 volunteer shifts by Israeli and Palestinian medical professionals (including physicians, nurses, pharmacists, medical students and interpreters) - 10 specialist clinics, treating a total of 250 patients - 6 conferences and workshops - 1,000 Palestinian physicians and paramedical staff receive professional training at medical conferences and 200 physicians receive hands-on training

Indicators and targets

- 15,000 Palestinians in the oPt receive health services in 2018
- Trainig for 750 mental health care professionals from the oPt
- Emergency training at the Messer (tel HaShomer center) fro 32 health professionals from Gaza
- 3 confernces for 900 health professionals in Gaza
- Medical lectures and on sight training in hospitals in Gaza for 300 medical professionals
- 6 mobile clinics in Gaza for 3,000 Pelestinians
- 54 Mobile Clinics in the West Bank for 11,000 Palestinians
- Access into Israel for 2,000 Pelstians from the oPt to medical facilities in Israel
- Access plus financial coverage of medical services at hospitals in Israel for 1500 Pelestinians from the oPt
- 3 medical training days for medical professionals in Gaza
- Annual provision of medical equipment and medicines at the value of \$85,000

Indicator	Project target
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Original BUDGET items	\$
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Raising awareness and advocacy	30,000
I day hospitalization for test in Israel	34,285
Legal and para-legal representation for patients and medical professionals providing access from gaz	20,000
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