

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

<b>Appealing Agency</b>	<b>MEDICOS DEL MUNDO SPAIN (MDM)</b>
<b>Project Title</b>	Improving the Emergency Preparedness and response of the Health Services in Deir El Balah Governorate, Gaza Strip, oPt.
<b>Project Code</b>	OPT-18/H/116364
<b>Sector/Cluster</b>	Health and Nutrition Cluster
<b>Refugee project</b>	No
<b>Objectives</b>	<p>To strengthen Emergency Preparedness at Health services to ensure a coordinated and timely predictable response to mitigate the impact of the health emergencies in the population of Deir El Balah Governorate of the Gaza Strip, including ARA.</p> <p>This project proposal contributes to the Strategic Objectives 1 and 3 of the 2018 HRP. The proposal specifically aims to achieve the Objective 2 of the Health Cluster "Vulnerable communities and health facilities in the West Bank and Gaza are better prepared to respond to emergencies and reduce avoidable mortality and morbidity" specifically through the activity "Develop the capacity of emergency response at primary health care, secondary and community level in Gaza, enhance communication and coordination across the three tiers, and preposition emergency lifesaving medical supplies in different geographical areas, particularly ARA", which is related to the SO3 of the HRP.</p> <p>Additionally the proposal contributes to the Objective 3 of the Health Cluster through the activity "Strengthening of the accuracy, timeliness and credibility of emergency health information"</p> <p>This project will aim to achieve this objectives by strengthening emergency preparedness of the health services at primary healthcare, secondary and community level in the Deir el Balah Governorate in order to ensure a coordinated and timely predictable response to the emergencies affecting the population, including most vulnerable groups. MdM-S will foster replication of the previous experience in Khan Yunis through development of Emergency Standard Operational Procedures (ESOP) to be integrated into the governorate health sector Emergency Preparedness Plan (EPP). To achieve this goal the public health sector at Deir El Balah Governorate will be empowered with coordination mechanisms, shared protocols and upgraded capacities of its staff in order to cope with emergencies and provide assistance to most vulnerable groups.</p>
<b>Beneficiaries</b>	<p>Total: 273,380 Deir El-Balah Governorate population            Female: 134,503            Male: 138,877            Children (under 18): 135,596            Adult (18-59): 127,123            Elderly (above 59): 10,661 This proposal does not specifically target these groups but include refugees and IDPs as part of the Deir El-Balah population</p>
<b>Implementing Partners</b>	N/A
<b>Project Duration</b>	Jan 2018 - Dec 2018
<b>Current Funds Requested</b>	<b>\$422,500</b>
<b>Location</b>	Projects covering just Gaza
<b>Priority / Category</b>	NOT SPECIFIED
<b>Gender Marker Code</b>	2a - The project is designed to contribute significantly to gender equality
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<b>Cash transfer programming</b>	<p>Is any part of this project cash transfer programming (including vouchers)? No</p> <p>Conditionality:</p> <p>Restrictions:</p> <p>Estimated percentage of project requirements to be used for cash/vouchers: 0</p>
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### Needs

Since 2006, MdM-S has supported upgrading MoH Emergency services in the Gaza Strip through technical expertise and equipment. Due to MoH request and identified gap, MdM-S has then been engaged since 2011 in strengthening emergency preparedness capacities in Khan Yunis governorate in partnership with the MoH, to ensure timely and predictable response mitigate impact for most vulnerable groups and increase population's survival. Development of Emergency Response Coordination Mechanisms has been fostered through design of Emergency Standard Operational Procedures (ESOP) to be integrated into a governorate health sector Emergency Preparedness Plan (EPP).

MDM-S' assessment of current preparedness capacities and needs analysis, have highlighted the following gaps:

- Shared technical policies, protocols and procedures should be established to unify and standardize emergency response.
- Lack of communication and coordination mechanisms between health care providers jeopardize any joint emergency response.
- Lack of permanent staff, high turnover and lack of motivation of care providers in Emergency Departments (ED)
- Need to strengthen organizational and operational capacities and set up actions to build preparedness at health facility levels
- Scaling up the capacities of the emergency departments at hospital level is required to ensure life-saving
- Specific needs of women, girls and boys in emergencies should be addressed at the Emergency Department level and taken into consideration in defined protocols

Accordingly, consolidation of emergency preparedness in the Deir El Balah Governorate to reach defined standards, are required to establish and disseminate ESOP and EPP in order to set up overall mechanisms, procedures and protocols to facilitate coordinated and efficient emergency response at primary and secondary health care level. Scaling up Emergency Preparedness is required all over the Gaza Strip. Due to the close proximity of the Deir El Balah Governorate to the border and with the constant risk of clashes, Israeli incursions, and the density of population it is in dire need for improving its preparedness capacities to mitigate impact of any current and potential new emergencies. Based on a facilitator role, on experience led in Khan Yunis governorate, and on complementary approach with ICRC strategy, MdM-S intends to foster structural and organizational developments through a 12 months programm aiming at ensuring emergency preparedness long-lasting impact and contribution to development of Palestinian National policies and emergency plans. Through its active participation to the HNC, MDM Spain will renew its support to the HNC Contingency Planning Process so as to ensure appropriate and coordinated response strategies during emergencies, based on the alignment with the relevant national policies and standards defined. Emergency Preparedness actions promoted will ensure that protection and assistance in emergencies are planned and implemented in a way that benefit most vulnerable groups, taking into account the analysis of women, girls and boys needs carried out by MdM-S through community-based participation. Specifically, the needs for privacy in times of emergency for women, girls, and boys.

### Activities or outputs

The program will be implemented in close coordination with the Ministry of Health at National, District and Operative level. Through constant cooperation and a participatory approach, involving representatives of MoH and district Emergency Committees, own appropriation and full adaptation to Gaza context will be promoted to create comprehensive Emergency Response Mechanisms and Procedures. MdM-S will uphold implementation of the defined standards in Khan Yunis and Gaza City and will extend the intervention to the Deir El Balah Governorate in order to upgrade capacities and achieve full completion of the Emergency Preparedness Actions in Gaza. MdM-S will foster replication of the South experience through development of comprehensive ESOPS, EPP and coordination mechanisms. The following activities will thus be carried out:

Result 1: Enhance the ability of emergency teams to deal with emergency situations in Deir el Balah Governorate

Activity 1.1: Assessment of the emergency capacities and analysis of gaps.

Activity 1.2 Ensure dissemination and application of ESOPS developed in the South by staff training and support formulation of new ESOPS, according to the needs, through a participatory approach.

Activity 1.3: Support design of EPP in cooperation with HNC and national authorities including MoH Emergency Committee.

Activity 1.4: Develop coordination mechanisms between El Aqsa Martyr hospital and the PHCCs for emergency situations.

Activity 1.5: Procure medical equipment to reinforce El Aqsa Martyrs Hospital ED capacities.

Activity 1.6: Set up a triage system in El Aqsa Martyrs Hospital.

Activity 1.7: Provision of communication equipment to uphold coordination procedures between health providers.

Activity 1.8: Set up simulations/drills to test the developed Procedures, Coordination Mechanisms and roles and responsibilities in emergencies. Protocols will be adapted based on lessons learned.

Activity 1.9: Regular data collection and information sharing with MoH and HNC.

Result 2: Increase awareness regarding gender needs and mental health during times of emergency

Activity 2.1 Sensitize the ED staff on assistance to victims of violence and ensure link with protection organizations

Activity 2.2: Ensure inclusion of equal access to health services in the defined procedures and monitor obstacles

Activity 2.3: Launch through a participatory approach, awareness campaigns on emergency staff acceptance and public behavior in emergency context

Activities will be implemented through the permanent MdM-S technical expertise and in close liaison with the targeted facilities' Emergency Department staff and the MoH. Cross-cutting approach in all activities will aim at building up attitudinal, technical and organizational development in the wake of enhancing Emergency Preparedness. MdM-S will pursue regular coordination with HNC and other stakeholders such as IRCR to foster synergies and set up unified systems. By reaching consensus and common approaches, sustainability and long-lasting impact will be guaranteed.

### Indicators and targets

Result 1:

1. At the 12 months of implementation Al Aqsa Martyrs Hospital 9 Deir el Balah Primary Healthcare Centers are connected sharing the same prioritizations as incoming ESOPS/EPP standards under consensus.
2. At the 12 months of implementation 100% of Emergency Staff targeted in the project know and understand ESOP/EPP as part of their job descriptions and functions.
3. At the 12 months of implementation a practical scenario on ESOPS and EPP is defined and adapted at community level; the 9 Primary Healthcare Centers; and Al Aqsa Martyrs Hospital in Deir El Balah.
4. At the 12 months of implementation a general emergency drill is conducted at all levels in Deir El-Balah Governorate.

Result 2:

1. At the 12 months of implementation 1 Hospital and 9 PHCs facilities count with a friendly policy for gender and age groups forming part of the EPP in Deir el Balah.
2. At the 12 months of implementation the emergency staff targeted has been trained on how to cope with GBV cases.
3. At the 12 months of implementation awareness found basements materials for a preparedness culture are disseminated among the population of Deir el Balah.

Indicator	Project target
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<b>Medicos del Mundo Spain(MDM)</b>	
<b>Original BUDGET items</b>	<b>\$</b>
National and Expatriate Staff	91,000
Inputs and Activities	133,000
Drugs, Disposables and Medical Supply	112,000
General Operating and Other Running Costs	44,500
Indirect/Overhead Cost	42,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>422,500</b>

<b>Medicos del Mundo Spain(MDM)</b>	
<b>Current BUDGET items</b>	<b>\$</b>
National and Expatriate Staff	91,000
Inputs and Activities	133,000
Drugs, Disposables and Medical Supply	112,000
General Operating and Other Running Costs	44,500
Indirect/Overhead Cost	42,000
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