



General data of the country

a. General Data

Countries	Palestine
Population	4,952,168 ¹
Sex ratio (n of males/females)	103.3 ²
IDHI	0,686 ³
Gender development	0.877 ⁴
Maternal mortality	24.7 per 100,000 (2015) ⁵
GINI Index	35.5 ⁶
Social support	0,77
Population HCR	2 109 738
INFORM	4,6 ⁷
Fragile state index	78.5 ⁸
Mines victims	74 ⁹
Development aid (in millions USD)	2 402 ¹⁰
Mines aid (in millions USD)	3,80

b. Humanitarian law instruments ratified by the country

- ➔ Mine Ban Treaty / Status: Adhered* on 2/4/14
- ➔ Convention on Cluster Munitions / Status: Not signed
- ➔ UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities / Status: Not signed

**In a legal sense, adhering to a treaty equates to ratifying it and only differs in that it is not preceded by the preliminary treaty signing phase.*

¹ PCBS, Census Final Results Summary, 2018 for 2017 Indicators

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³ HDI, UNDP, 2017

⁴ GDI, UNDP, 2017

⁵ MMR was 30.6 in Gaza Strip compared to 19.8 in West Bank.

⁶ UNDP, 2013 (no data on GINI in Palestine since then).

⁷ http://www.inform-index.org/Portals/0/Inform/2018/country_profiles/PSE.pdf

⁸ Data for Israel/West Bank (<https://fundforpeace.org/fsi/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/951181805-Fragile-States-Index-Annual-Report-2018.pdf>)

⁹ For 2017, <http://www.the-monitor.org/en-gb/reports/2017/palestine/casualties-and-victim-assistance.aspx>

¹⁰ According to OECD data for 2018

c. Geopolitical analysis

1. Social/cultural/demographic elements

The Occupied Palestinian Territories (oPt), the West Bank the Gaza strip and East Jerusalem, have been the scene of perpetual on and off fighting with the Israeli army, since Israel declared the Establishment of the State of Israel in 1948. This resulted in an exodus of refugees in neighbouring countries, namely Jordan, Lebanon, and Syria and an ever increasing number of refugees and internally displaced Palestinians within the disputed territory. To this date, the UN agency for Palestinian refugees (UNRWA) estimates that there are over 4,500,000 Palestinians that are refugees or internally displaced. The recent months have seen a worsening of the humanitarian situation, particularly in the Gaza strip, due to several factors.

2. Political context

The occupied Palestinian territories lack real leaders since the unified government failed, and while they are still trying to embody a political leadership, their resources are scattered and reveals their current weaknesses and inability to confront the Israeli forces. On the other hand, the international support towards the Palestinian cause is getting weaker, including within the Arab world, leaving the Palestinian population in a highly vulnerable situation, leading to sporadic individual acts of violence towards the Israeli population, consequently leading to more control and over-reaction from the Israeli forces, perpetuating the decades old vicious cycle.

The legislative elections in Israel on April 9 and the Middle East peace plan of the Trump administration ("Deal of the Century"), which is finalized and expected to be presented after the Israeli legislative elections, will probably add more fire to the unstable situation.

3. Economical elements

According a recent World Bank report, the economy in the Gaza Strip is in “free fall”, shrunk by 6% in the first quarter of 2018¹¹, with an unemployment rate of 44% in 2017 and salary cuts between 30% and 50% on the Palestinian Authority’s payroll. Despite recent improvements and outside support, the Gaza Strip population was affected by 18 to 20 hours of scheduled electricity outage in 2018. In addition the GRM events have also increased already high levels of psychosocial distress: according to the 2019 HNO, 52,000 persons including 26,000 children are in need of Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (PSS).

¹¹ World Bank, Palestine’s Economic Outlook – October 2018

Furthermore, the restriction of access to Palestinians in over 60% of the West Bank is dramatically hindering Palestinians' access to employment opportunities.

Presence of HI in the country

HI has been working in Palestine since 1996 with its main mandate being to support disability organisations. In 1999, the organisation set up first anti-personnel landmines and other explosive remnants of war education initiative. A large number of development initiatives have been run since then in a number of fields in partnership with local associations: functional rehabilitation (technical assistance, equipment, training, and publications), psycho-social support, DPOs empowerment, and local inclusive development, access to education and access to employment. Following the summer 2014 humanitarian crisis in Gaza, HI complemented its development intervention with emergency and post emergency response in the fields of rehabilitation, reconstruction and anti-personnel landmines and other explosive remnants of war risk reduction.

Projects

Project title	Sector of intervention	Locations	(Main) ongoing donors	Funding period
Fostering inclusive employment and promoting the advancement of equitable opportunities for Persons with Disabilities in Palestine (Gaza and West Bank)	Livelihood	West Bank and Gaza Strip	European Union	01/02/2017-01/01/2020
Facilitate an equitable access to education and work opportunities for persons with disabilities in Palestine	Education, Livelihood and Rehabilitation	West Bank and Gaza Strip	Luxembourg Ministry of Foreign Affairs (AC5)	01/01/2018-31/12/2022
Addressing urgent injury care and rehabilitation needs of the casualties of border clashes (March of Return) in the Gaza Strip	Rehabilitation	Gaza Strip	Centre de Crise – Soutien (France). oPt Pooled Fund. Global Affairs Canada.	15/05/2018-30/09/2019
Enhancing resilience of local population through the promotion of inclusive health services, re-construction and enhanced emergency preparedness to mitigate the impact of future crises.	Inclusion (Disaster Risk Reduction & Accessibility)	Gaza Strip	German Cooperation (BMZ)	02/08/2017 - 31/10/2020

<p>European Union</p>  <p>European Union Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid</p>	<p>German Cooperation (BMZ)</p> <p>BMZ  Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development</p>	<p>Luxembourg Ministry of Foreign Affairs (AC5)</p>  <p>THE GOVERNMENT OF THE GRAND DUCHY OF LUXEMBOURG Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs</p> <p>Directorate for Development Cooperation and Humanitarian Affairs</p>
<p>oPt Pooled Fund (OCHA)</p>  <p>OCHA United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs</p>	<p>Centre de Crise-Soutien (France)</p> <p>ACTION HUMANITAIRE FRANCE</p>  <p>Ministère des Affaires étrangères et du Développement international</p>	<p>Global affairs Canada</p>  <p>Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development Canada</p>

HI team in Palestine


Palestinian Territories



The mission is organized in three offices: one coordination office based in Jerusalem and two field offices based in Ramallah and in Gaza. The team has 39 staff members:

- Three expatriates (one Head of Mission, two field coordinators)
- 36 national members (31 employees and 5 + services providers)

Projects ongoing: Sectors of services where HI conducts projects and focus on operational partnerships

Sector	Objective of projects in the sector	Main activities	Beneficiaries (2018)	Beneficiaries targeted for the all project	Partners	Location
 Inclusion Education Livelihood	<p>The health, living conditions, social inclusion and socio-economic development of people with disability are improved.</p> <p>Facilitating access of persons with disabilities to quality health and social services through an inclusive and holistic approach</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Capacity building of the rehabilitation staff to address the needs of CWDs in school settings as well as the needs of PWDs involved in employment process. Support adaptation of mainstream schools for inclusion including accessibility as well as the provision of specialized educational materials and equipment. Support the development and dissemination of an Inclusive Education guideline under the IE policy of the MoEHE including review of existing infrastructure standards. Strengthen the referral system to ensure access to services and effective linkages between the different sectors. Promote knowledge transfer and sharing good practices on inclusion through local and national events Provide employers technical support to be more accessible and inclusive through assessment, recommendation and drafting of an action plan, awareness raising of the entire staff and training of dedicated committee to act as disability focal point for the follow up of the action plan. Increase knowledge of public and private sector stakeholders on economic barriers for PWDs and obligations of the actors towards PWDs. Support mainstream job portal to become accessible for PDWs seeking jobs. 	<p>288 persons with disabilities.</p> <p>276 public and private actors (employers, service providers DPOs, INGos, local authorities)</p>	<p>100 children with disabilities.</p> <p>60 teachers and educational staff</p> <p>15 rehabilitation staff</p> <p>75.000 persons of Dura and Al Thahriya communities</p> <p>30.000 persons with disabilities in working age</p> <p>2.000</p>	<p>Ministry of Education and Higher Education (MoEHE)</p> <p>Schools targeted in Dura and Al Thahriyah</p> <p>Jobs.ps</p> <p>Palestine Federation of Industries (PFI)</p> <p>Disability Representative Body Network (DRBN)</p> <p>YMCA</p> <p>Society of Physically Handicapped People Gaza Strip (SPHP).</p> <p>Palestine Avenir for Childhood Foundation – Cerebral Palsy Centre (PACF).</p> <p>Al-Maghazi</p>	<p>West Bank and Gaza</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support a MSWG including PWDs, public and private sector representatives, DPOs to address barriers to employment and support advocacy. • Personal Social Support (PSS) to accompany PWDs in improving their employability through assessment, counselling, internship placement, trainings and coaching. 		companies registered in Jobs.ps		
 <p>Emergency Response</p>	<p>PWDs' access to services and their home environment is enhanced through accessible physical infrastructures</p> <p>Needs of PWDs are addressed through disaster risk planning and management including rehabilitation preparedness</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training of persons with disability who are members of DRBN on accessibility by HI • Training of engineering consultants and contractors on disability accessible construction, by HI as identified with the support of DRBN • Training of multi sectoral service providers on inclusive service provision and physical accessibility by HI as identified with the support of PCU and DRBN • Support the rehabilitation and accessibility of health and other service providers' premises and public area <p>Provision of technical support to construction and international humanitarian and development actors by HI on ad hoc basis with DRBN involvement for accessibility audits</p> <p>Support accessible home adaptation. HI will, through its partners and database, identify 100 PWDs with urgent home-adaptation needs</p> <p>Update HI and partners' emergency response plan, by HI and rehabilitation service providers</p> <p>Training of volunteers on emergency preparedness</p> <p>Creation of contingency rehabilitation stock by rehabilitation services with HI technical support</p> <p>Develop and disseminate an Inclusive inter-sectoral emergency guideline, by HI with DRBN</p>	<p>100 persons with disabilities.</p> <p>250 volunteers.</p> <p>4 local services providers.</p> <p>20 persons from DRBN.</p> <p>100 representative s of humanitarian organisations.</p> <p>120 contractors and engineers.</p>	<p>16.539 persons with disabilities</p> <p>500 caregivers.</p> <p>2.000 persons from the community.</p>	<p>Disability Representatives Bodies Network (DRBN).</p> <p>Cultural and Free Thoughts Association (CFTA).</p> <p>NAWA for culture and Arts Association (NCAA).</p> <p>Peace Sport Club (PSC).</p> <p>Association of visually impaired graduates league (AVIGAL)</p>	Gaza
 <p>Rehabilitation</p>	<p>Ensure the availability, accessibility, acceptability and quality of essential lifesaving health services to vulnerable communities in Gaza.</p> <p>Alleviate bodily and psychosocial trauma faced by persons with</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assessment of beneficiaries' family situation and consequent set up of a personalized plan of intervention • Provision of home-based functional rehabilitation & psychosocial support services to persons with injuries as per their individual identified needs • Training of caretakers of persons with injuries on basic home-based rehabilitation and follow up exercises • Provision of Assistive devices for Injured children and 	<p>3.500 persons with injuries.</p> <p>7.000 caregivers.</p>	<p>3.500 persons with injuries.</p> <p>7.000 caregivers.</p>	<p>Society of Physically Handicapped People Gaza Strip (SPHP)</p> <p>Al Amal Rehabilitation Society (ERS)</p> <p>Palestine Avenir for</p>	Gaza Strip

	<p>injuries through the provision of specific care services based on their needs</p>	<p>adults and Medical materials and supplies for Injured children and adults</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refer persons with injuries to other medical and non-medical services based on their needs • Provide technical support & follow up to partner multidisciplinary outreach volunteer teams • Conduct technical capacity building trainings for professionals on Psychosocial support, trauma management and burn and wound management in co-operation with specialized organizations such as MSF, MDM and other members of the trauma working group • Assess care givers' peer to peer Psycho social facilitators' training needs • Conduct training of trainers for caregiver facilitators on the provision of peer to peer PSS support Conduct collective peer to peer Psycho social support for caregivers 			<p>Childhood Foundation – Cerebral Palsy Centre (PACF).</p> <p>National Society for Rehabilitation (NSR)</p> <p>Baitona for Community Development.</p>	
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