

Humanitarian Response Report

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**General situation in
PRCS branches in the
Gaza Strip**

North Gaza Governorate

During reporting period:

The occupation forces continued their siege of the northern Gaza Strip and its separation from the rest of the Gaza Strip, amidst random shelling and targeting of citizens' homes, displaced persons' shelters and schools. They also continued to prevent the delivery of medical, food and relief aid to affected people .



- **The PRCS facilities in the governorate were evacuated due to the increased danger to the crews and the increasing threats of the occupation to the region.**
- **The ambulance services operated at their minimum operational capacity, due to the scarcity of fuel supplies needed to operate the ambulances.**
- **The three medical posts in the governorate stopped operating due to its destruction by the occupation forces.**

Gaza Governorate

During reporting period:

The emergency medical services operated at minimum capacity, as a result of the scarcity of fuel supplies necessary for its operation.

The three medical clinics in the governorate operated as usual, with an advanced medical point established in the Nasr area to deal with emergency cases due to Gaza hospitals being out of service.

Central Governorate

The PRCS provides emergency medical services around the clock (24/7).

- It provides primary health care at the branch clinic.
- It provides medical services through (5) medical points: Al-Nuseirat Medical Point, Al-Basra Medical Point, Al-Zawaida Point, Al-Surah Point, and Al-Bureij Point.
- It runs 5 shelters for displaced persons, two of which are designated for people with disabilities and cancer patients.



Khan Younis Governorate

During reporting period:

- PRCS set up a mobile operations theatre room based in Khan Younis.
- PRCS could not distribute bread this month due to the unavailability of necessary items.
- PRCS College of Capacity Development has resumed studying electronically for about (222) students. The College also has started to host higher education institutions (University of Palestine, Al-Aqsa University, Al-Azhar University, Islamic University, University College of Science and Technology) in its buildings to contribute to their students completing their education.

Various medical services are provided through the PRCS Al Amal Hospital in Khan Younis after reactivating work in all hospital departments on 15/4/2024. Medical services are also provided through the Al Quds Field Hospital and the Kuwaiti Field Hospital.

- Emergency medical services are provided through the main centre in Al Amal City after it resumed operation on 19/5/2024.
- It manages (9) shelters for the displaced after a number of centres went out of service due to Israeli targeting.
- It manages (3) primary health care centres: Al Amal Hospital Clinic, Al Quds Field Hospital Clinic, and Maan.
- Medical services are also provided through two medical points: Al-Qarara and Bani Suhaila.



Rafah Governorate

- The PRCS branch in Rafah and all its facilities have been out of service since mid-May following the ground military operation carried out by the occupation forces. Medical services have stopped at all the medical points previously established by the PRCS in the governorate due to the heavy shelling. These points are: (Al-Nasr, Al-Attar, Al-Muntazah, Tal Al-Sultan).
- After the displacement of families and their concentration in the Al-Mawasi area northwest of the governorate, the PRCS began providing its services in this area to meet the humanitarian needs of the displaced.
- The PRCS provides emergency medical services through two points: the first is at the International Committee of the Red Cross field hospital, and the second is at the British field hospital.
- The PRCS runs (4) shelters for the displaced in Mawasi Rafah.
- The entry of relief aid trucks into the Strip has been denied due to the closure and control of the Rafah crossing by the occupation.



The most prominent challenges the PRCs faces in the Gaza Strip

- **Disrespecting the Red Crescent emblem and targeting PRCs facilities and crews, which led to the killing and injury of a number of them, further PRCs facilities being put out of service, especially in the governorates of Gaza, North Gaza and Rafah, due to the deliberate and direct targeting of the PRCs.**
- **Threatening the safety and lives of crews in the absence of security and safety guarantees, even for missions coordinated in advance through international institutions.**
- **Preventing the entry of personal protective equipment and tools for the PRCs crews.**
- **The continuous depletion of the PRCs human and material resources.**
- **The ongoing displacement and repeated forced eviction orders for affected population increase the burden on the PRCs.**
- **The fuel shortage has negatively affected the movement of operating vehicles, the speed of response to cases, and the slowness of relief operations.**
- **Lack of medicines and medical supplies to meet the needs of affected population.**
- **Relief supplies stuck at the crossings are damaged and the PRCs bears the cost of transporting them.**
- **The great psychological pressures that the working crews are exposed to as a result of the war and the difficult economic and social conditions.**
- **Existing coordination procedures through international institutions are insufficient and ineffective in most cases.**
- **The central and only VHF radio was damaged and a number of handheld devices were confiscated in the absence of effective alternatives.**
- **Difficulty in moving employees and volunteers to their workplaces due to the ongoing bombing.**
- **Local market closure and cash shortage.**
- **Difficulty in sorting and distributing humanitarian aid due to the PRCs's warehouses being out of service.**



Humanitarian Response In the Gaza Strip

Emergency Medical Services:

Health and medical services:

- **During the reporting period, the PRCS teams dealt with (388) fatalities and provided first aid services to approximately (6,083) cases, distributed between injuries resulting from the bombing and emergency medical cases throughout the Gaza Strip.**
- **Sixteen first responder points distributed in IDPs centers in different parts of the Gaza Strip.**

Cumulative number during the period (7/10/2023 - 31/12/2024):

- PRCS EMS teams dealt with (9,294) fatalities and provided first aid services to (115,286) wounded and patients throughout the Gaza Strip.



Clinics and medical points:

The PRCS has established (28) clinics and medical points throughout the Gaza Strip, since the beginning of the war on Gaza on 7/10/2023. Some of the medical points have been out of service due to the heavy bombing by the occupation and forced evacuation orders for a number of areas in which these points and clinics are located.

During the reporting period, the number of beneficiaries reached is (64,301) people.

Cumulative number (7/10/2023 - 31/12/2024):
The number of beneficiaries reached is (838,793) people.

In cooperation with the World Health Organization and UNICEF, PRCS medical teams in various medical centres and points participated in the polio vaccination campaign across the Gaza Strip. Around (39,102) children benefited from the campaign.



PRCS Hospitals:

Al-Amal Hospital

During the reporting period, the hospital's medical staff provided approximately (92,282) medical services for emergency cases and injuries resulting from the war on the Gaza Strip.



Cumulative number during the reporting period (7/10/2023 - 31/12/2024):

The hospital staff provided about (643,890) medical services emergency for cases and injuries resulting from the war on the Gaza Strip, including (4,572) various surgical operations.

Since 7/10/2023, Al-Amal Hospital has suffered from Israeli targeting and bombing, the ongoing siege, evacuation, and destruction of its various departments and equipment, which led to its being out of service many times at different times. Since 30/4/2024, the PRCS has resumed work in it after carrying out rapid maintenance according to the available capabilities to provide medical services to the people of the governorate and thousands of displaced people.

PRCS Hospitals:

Al-Quds Hospital



Since 7/10/2023, Al-Quds Hospital in Gaza City has received emergency medical cases, in addition to minor and moderate cases and injuries resulting from the war on Gaza, with the aim of reducing the burden on the Al-Shifa Specialized Medical Complex, and focusing its services on critical cases. The hospital has also received about 14,000 displaced persons from the surrounding areas who fled the Israeli bombing and targeting.

The hospital, like the rest of the hospitals in the Gaza Strip and North Gaza Governorates, suffered from targeting, bombing, destruction, and forced evacuation, which led to it being completely out of service on 12/11/2023.

During the period from (7/10/2023 to 12/11/2023), the hospital departments provided their various medical services to about 7,017 patients, including medical cases, surgical operations, and injuries resulting from Israeli bombing.

Field Hospitals in Khan Younis

Al-Quds Field Hospital

During the reporting period, hospital staff provided approximately (19,333) medical services to emergency cases and injuries resulting from Israeli bombing.

A mobile operations room was set up to be located in Khan Younis as part of the hospital.



Cumulative number since its inception on 24/2/2024 until 31/12/2024:

The hospital staff provided approximately (168,801) medical services including (537) surgeries to emergency cases and injuries resulting from the Israeli bombing.

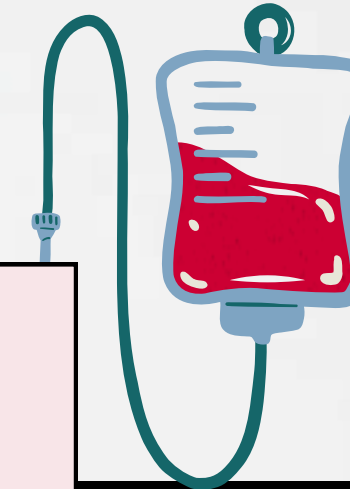
The field hospital provides all medical services except for X-ray services and specialized surgeries, which are transferred to Al Amal Hospital.

At first, this hospital was a medical point established in the Mawasi of Rafah. After the military operation in Rafah and the displacement of thousands to the Mawasi of Khan Younis, the PRCs moved the point there and enhanced its services there to become a field hospital containing 30 medical beds to provide medical services to the residents and displaced persons in the area.

Field Hospitals in Khan Younis

Kuwaiti Field Hospital

During the reporting period, hospital staff provided approximately (11,969) medical services to emergency cases and injuries resulting from Israeli shelling.



Cumulative number since its inception on 28/5/2024 until 31/12/2024:

The hospital provided about (57,876) medical services including (1,353) surgeries to emergency cases and injuries resulting from the Israeli bombing. It is distinguished by the presence of an intensive care unit with a capacity of 8 beds, and a nursery unit with a capacity of 6 beds.

The hospital was established in Al-Amal neighborhood in Khan Younis city with a capacity of 51 beds and is fully equipped with support from the Kuwait Red Crescent.

About (64) volunteers supported the crews in the two field hospitals.

Community Health and Awareness Services:

During the reporting period, PRCS teams implemented various community health services and activities benefiting approximately (73,981) people.



Community services provided:

- Community Health and Community Awareness
- Psychosocial support

Cumulative number during the period (10/7/2023 - 31/12/2024):

PRCS crews have implemented various activities, benefiting approximately (498,954) individuals to date.

- Community volunteers, numbering about (209) throughout the Gaza Strip, carry out activities that include holding awareness meetings, following up with patients with chronic diseases, pregnant women and children, providing them with first aid, distributing health packages when available, and other community health activities.

Psychosocial support services:

During the reporting period, PRCS teams provided psychosocial support services to approximately (46,698) individuals.

About (94) volunteers supported the crews in implementing various activities.

Cumulative number during the period (7/10/2023 - 31/12/2024):

PRCS teams provided psychosocial support services to approximately (204,672) individuals.



Rehabilitation and capacity development services:



During the reporting period, PRCs provided rehabilitation services to around (2,356) people in different IDPs centers.

PRCS College of Capacity Development has resumed studying electronically for about (222) students. The College also has started to host higher education institutions (University of Palestine, Al-Aqsa University, Al-Azhar University, Islamic University, University College of Science and Technology) in its buildings to contribute to their students completing their education.

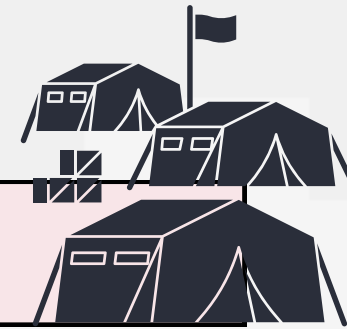
Cumulative number during the period (7/10/2023 - 30/11/2024):

- PRCs teams provided rehabilitation services to approximately (12,023) people.**

ID Ps Centers:

Relief services:

- Shelters
- War remnants awareness
- Receiving and distributing relief and food supplies
- Water and sanitation
- Electricity points



About (245) volunteers support the PRCs's crews in their relief work.

- Since the beginning of the war on the Gaza Strip, the PRCs has established (30) shelters for the displaced in the southern Gaza Strip. The PRCs is redistributing its shelters in new areas due to the violent shelling and forced evacuation orders that the southern Gaza Strip is being subjected to.
- During the reporting period, the PRCs managed (20) ID Ps centers.
- The PRCs has allocated two camps for displaced persons in the central governorate for people with disabilities and cancer patients.

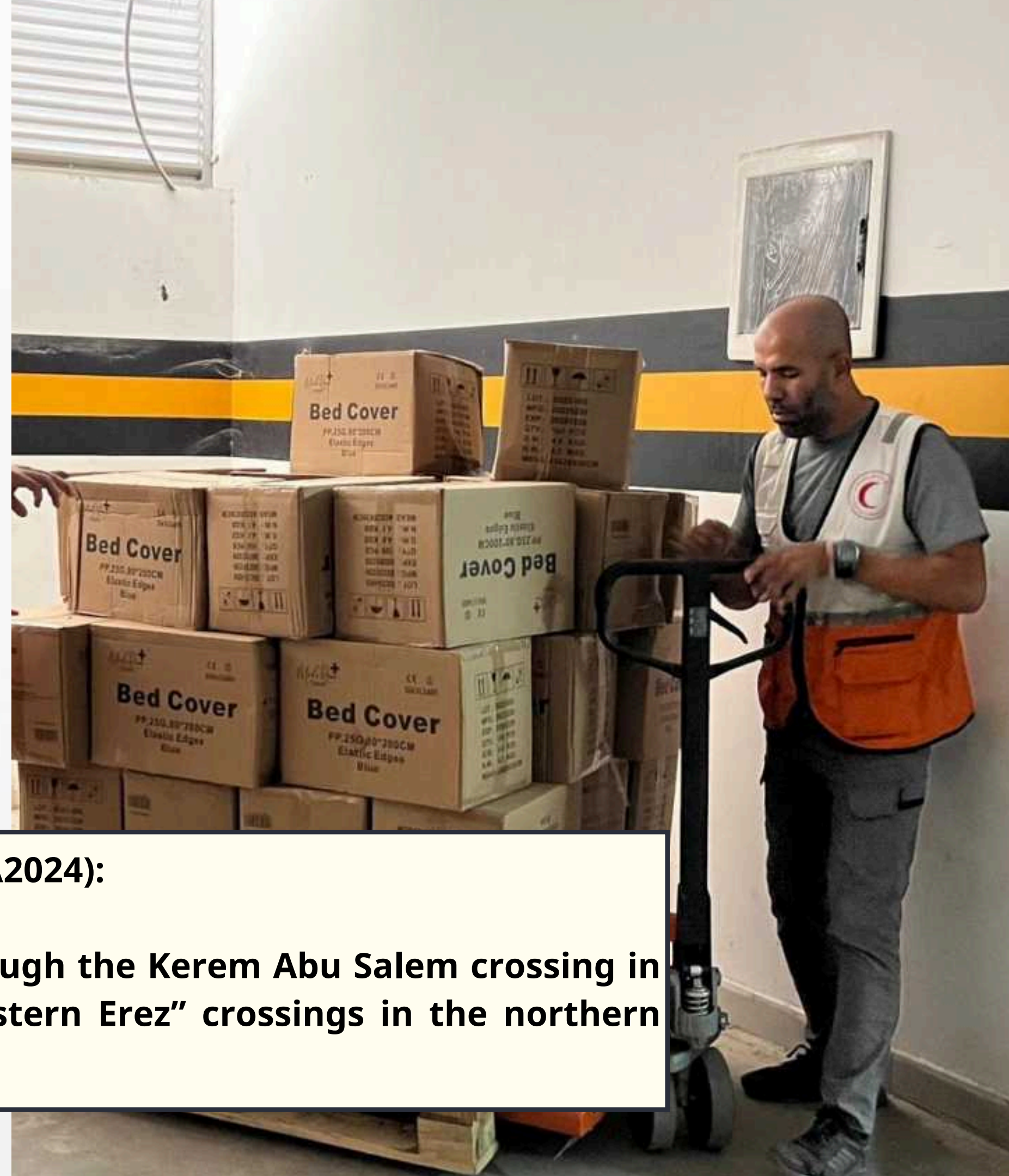
Raising awareness of the dangers of war remnants:

- **Since 10/4/2024, PRCS crews have implemented awareness sessions and activities on the dangers of war remnants in the areas of the Central Governorate, Khan Younis Governorate, and Rafah Governorate before its invasion, and about (129,395) people joined these activities.**



Aid trucks received after the closure of the Rafah crossing on 5/5/2024

During the reporting period, the PRCS has not received any trucks of relief aid and food items.



Cumulative number during the period (5\5\2024 - 31\12\2024):

- The PRCS received only (58) trucks of relief aid through the Kerem Abu Salem crossing in the southern Gaza Strip and the "Zikim" and "Western Erez" crossings in the northern Gaza Strip.

Distribution of Relief Materials:

During the reporting period, the PRCS distributed approximately (1,674) relief aid items including bread, hygiene items and relief supplies.

Cumulative number during the period 7/10/2023 - 31/12/2024:

The PRCS distributed about (1,697,331) relief aid items, including food, tents, blankets, mattresses, water, cleaning supplies, kitchen utensils, and others.

Food items: 1,506,799 

Relief materials & hygiene items: 190,532



Bread distribution initiative:

- No bread was distributed during the reporting period.

Total number of relief aid trucks received by the PRCs

7\10\2023 - 5\05\2024

22,692 Aid Trucks



Water and Sanitation

- **PRCS provided tens of thousands of cubic meters of drinking and bathing water to the IDPs centers it manages.**
- **The crews established points for distributing potable water around the PRCS branch in Khan Younis Governorate by installing two water purification stations with a production capacity of 100,000 liters per day, benefiting the displaced and residents around the Al Amal Complex in Khan Younis.**
- **The crews established points for distributing washing and bathing water around the Al Amal complex, benefiting more than 1,000 families daily.**
- **The crews prepared approximately 606 mobile latrines in the displaced persons' gatherings supervised by the PRCS, according to standards that guarantee the health and safety of the beneficiaries.**
- **Within the framework of community participation and cooperation with communities, the PRCS, in partnership with the International Committee of the Red Cross, distributed 500 mobile latrines in gatherings and IDPs centers in the Mawasi area of Khan Younis and Deir al-Balah.**



Humanitarian Response in the West Bank

Challenges Faced in the West Bank including occupied Jerusalem:

- **Disrespect for the Red Crescent emblem and direct targeting of medical personnel by the occupation forces, which puts their lives at risk.**
- **Ambulance crews are held at multiple military checkpoints for extended periods of time.**
- **Difficulty in coordination and movement of medical and relief crews.**
- **Obstructing the movement and operation of PRCS ambulances.**
- **Obstructing PRCS crews at the entrances to hospitals and searching ambulances upon their entry and exit from the hospital.**
- **Difficulty in reaching crews and obstructing response to injuries and emergency cases due to the destruction of streets and infrastructure in the camps, which are constantly exposed to incursions by the Israeli occupation forces.**

Emergency Medical Services:

During the reporting period, PRCs crews dealt with (4) fatalities, and provided first aid services to approximately (64) wounded persons distributed as follows:



Medical services provided:

- Emergency medical services
- Clinics and medical points

PRCS team evacuated (49) persons from different public places and residential buildings in Jenin refugee camp.

Cumulative number during the period from (7/10/2023 to 31/12/2024):

According to the Palestinian Ministry of Health in the West Bank, the total number of fatalities reached (835), and the number of injured reached about (6,700) injuries.

PRCS crews dealt with (320) fatalities, and provided first aid services to about (8,428) injured.



Psychosocial support:

During the reporting period, PRCS teams provided psychosocial support services to approximately (363) people in a number of areas in the West Bank that were more exposed to Israeli occupation attacks.

Cumulative number during the period from (7/10/2023 to 31/12/2024):

- The teams provided psychosocial support services to approximately (30,156) people in all areas of the West Bank, including a number of Gaza Strip workers residing in the West Bank.**

Distribution of relief materials:



During the reporting period:

- PRCS teams distributed relief aid to about (106) families comprising (617) individuals in Tulkarm refugee camp, Hiwarah and khirbet Tawil in Nablus governorate which were stormed by the Israeli occupation forces.
- PRCS teams distributed food parcels and hygiene kits to around (2,405) economically vulnerable families in Dura, Nablus, Salfeet, Jericho, and Bethlehem.

- Cumulative number during the period from (7/10/2023 to 31/12/2024):
- The total number of families to whom PRCS teams distributed relief aid was about (39,861) families, consisting of (223,153) individuals, in different areas in the West Bank that were subjected to attacks by the Israeli occupation and settlers.
- These emergency relief aids include food parcels, tents, blankets, mattresses, water, cleaning supplies, kitchen utensils, and more.



Israeli Violations Against the PRCS and its Teams

7/10/2023 - 31/12/2024



West Bank

29 Injured staff and volunteers

221 Violation against patients and the injured

181 Violation against teams

142 Delay of access

2 killed employees and volunteers

142 Violation against ambulances

5 Violation against buildings and facilities

172 Denial of access



Gaza Strip

20 Killed employees and volunteers


3 Detained staff and volunteers

29 Ambulances out of service


34 Injured staff and volunteers

75 Assault on PRCS buildings and facilities

15 PRCS members were also killed outside working hours as a result of the Israeli war on the Gaza Strip.



The direct targeting of PRCs medical missions constitutes a clear violation and breach of the provisions of international law, especially the Geneva Conventions, which stipulate the protection, respect and facilitation of the work and movement of medical missions, including crews, vehicles, centres and hospitals of the PRCs bearing the internationally recognised and protected Red Crescent emblem.

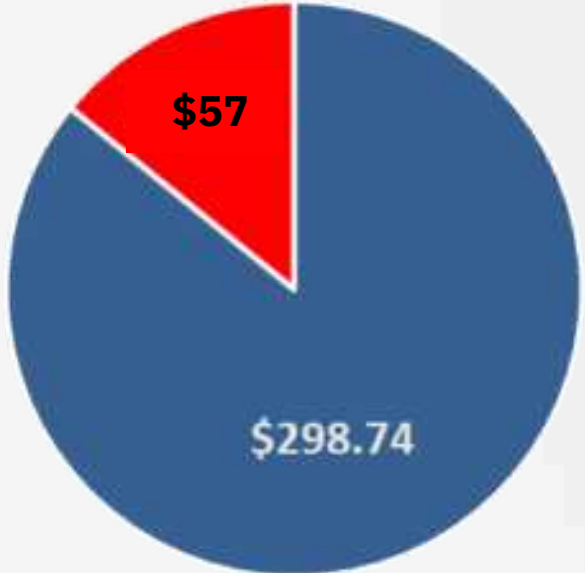


Emergency Appeal

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Since the start of the Israeli war on the Gaza Strip, the PRCS launched the second modified version of the distress appeal on 12/12/2023, with **a value of 298,736,550 US dollars** for all partners and supporters in the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement and outside it.

Budget



Total budget amount ●

Pledged amount ●

Estimated cost of in-kind assistance:

Materials	Estimated cost
Relief Supplies	\$19,853,321
Medical Supplies	\$30,610,200
Ambulances	\$14,800.000
Equipment	\$55,000
Fuel	\$6,775,068
Kuwait Field Hospital	\$2,080,530



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