



Left: A 9-year-old boy was injured in his back when a rocket hit in front of his home where his mother was baking bread in Qarara village, Gaza, November 18. His 2-year-old brother was killed and other family members were injured. **Right:** The child is being treated in the emergency room of Nasser Hospital in Khan Younis. Photos by Eyad al Baba – WHO.

Background: oPt health statistics

Total population in thousands	4169
Maternal mortality ratio (per 100 000 live births)	16.0
Primary health care units and centres (per 10 000 population)	1.8
Total life expectancy at birth (years)	72.5

Source: Country statistical profiles (2011)

Key Points

Following eight days of violence in Gaza from November 14-21, a cease-fire was declared effective 9:00 pm, November 21, 2012. The latest cumulative casualty figures reported by the Ministry of Health (MoH) in Gaza are (as of November 26, 2012; 2:00 pm):

--175 persons killed (151 males; 24 females) of whom 43 (25%) are children; 16 children were less than 5 years old. The total includes 5 persons who had later died of their injuries.

--1399 persons injured, of whom 431 (34%) are children and 141 are less than 5 years old. (Earlier MoH data with gender disaggregation was based on uncorrected figures of 1404 injured (994 males; 410 females).

MoH estimated that 50% of injured persons treated in emergency rooms were admitted to hospital as inpatients. MoH hospitals in Gaza are still treating injured patients, including 27 persons in intensive care units. The MoH reported on November 20 --- before inventory could be made of emergency donations --- that 192 (of 478) essential drug list items were at zero stock and 102 additional items were in short stock, sufficient for less than 3 months. Of the 902 items on the medical disposable list, 535 were at zero stock and 90 were in short supply. The cost of only filling this gap and resupplying the 294 drugs and 625 disposables at zero or low stock is approximately \$2.5 million for one month.

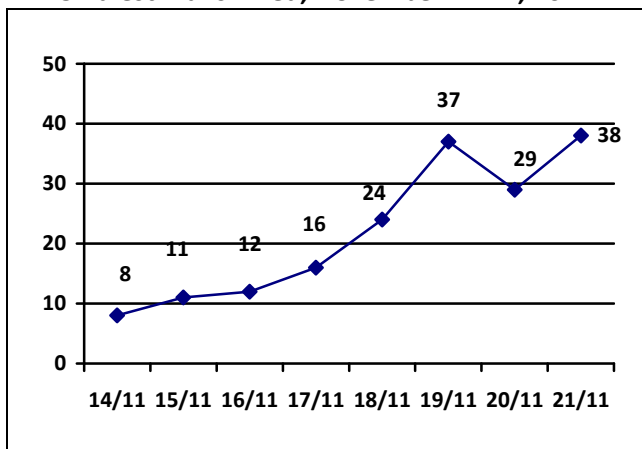
10 health facilities were damaged: the Jordanian field hospital in Gaza city suffered extensive damage, and the Palestine Red Crescent Society EMS station behind al Quds Hospital was slightly damaged. MoH Beit Hanoun Hospital and the MoH European Gaza Hospital suffered minimal collateral damage. Also 4 primary care centers, the Central Archive of the MoH and the Department of the Medical Commission) were damaged. 6 ambulances suffered collateral damage, injuring four ambulance workers.

WHO is participating in a UN multi-sectoral initial rapid assessment (health, education, water and sanitation, and protection) with WHO leading the health sector assessment of the impact of the attacks on emergency needs. Results will be communicated by OCHA within one week. WHO is conducting an in depth assessment of the impact on health systems and population health, coordinating with members of the health sector.

WHO has appealed to the international community for support in providing \$10 million in needed essential medical supplies by coordinating donations according to specifications of the MoH in Gaza.

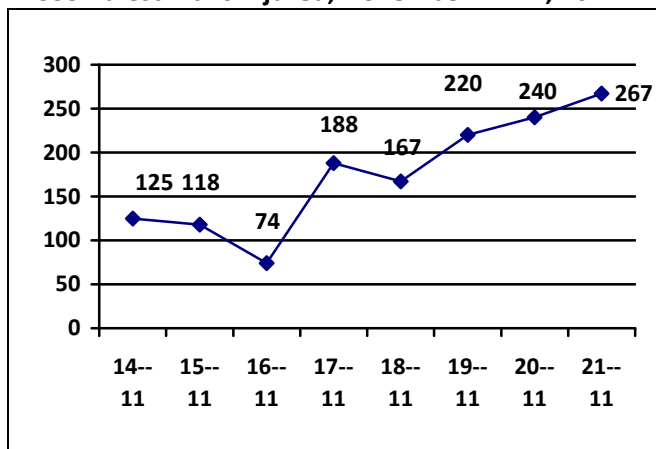
Casualties

175 Palestinians killed, November 14-21, 2012.



Source: MoH Gaza.

1399 Palestinians injured, November 14-21, 2012.



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Donors and funding

Agency	Donation
MoH (Delivery coordinated by WHO and ICRC.)	200 pallets of 92 disposable items, 50 drug items and IV fluids (according to the list of urgently needed items from Gaza); also coordinated a donation from Qatar of spare parts for CT scan and ultrasound equipment, and drug items from a US-based foundation.
UNICEF	Provided \$984,041 emergency medications, pediatric drugs, therapeutic milk, blood factors, and local procurement of water and electrolytes.
UNRWA	\$400,000 worth of drugs and disposables from its stock to WHO to help meet essential needs of the MoH hospitals in Gaza
UNFPA	\$300,000 worth of medicines according to the list of MoH most needed drugs
Palestine Red Crescent Society	Provided 3 Norwegian surgical kits (each for 150-200 surgical operations) to MoH.
West Bank Doctors'	A 17-member delegation of Palestinian physicians from the, both specialists

Syndicate	and general physicians, traveled to Gaza through Egypt to assist physicians in the MoH.
Morocco	MoH in Morocco deployed a 120-bed field hospital on premises of PRCS al Quds hospital with 90 staff including 23 physicians for seeing outpatients; patients to be admitted are transferred to al Quds hospital
Medicins du Monde-France	donated its pre-existing emergency stock of drugs and disposables to the MoH Central Drug Store in Gaza to support the PHCs Emergency rooms and Hospitals Emergency department.
ICRC	Emergency kits to al Awda hospital, wheelchairs and orthopaedic aids
Medical Aid for Palestine –UK	\$50,000 in prepositioned supplies and \$20,000 in subsequent donation to the MoH hospitals in Gaza including 14 drug items, 23 medical disposable items and 16 items of disposables for blood banks.
Medicins Sans Frontiers	provided the MoH with \$57,000 worth of narcotics and medical disposables for regular surgeries (plastic reconstructive surgeries in Nasser hospital) and outpatient, dressing and burns kits for Abu Youssef An Najjar hospital.
Medical delegations	Delegations of trauma surgeons and specialist physicians were sent by the Sudan, Libya, Norway, Turkey and Tunisia to assist the Gaza MoH.
Other donations	Islamic Relief (drugs, blankets and food for hospital patients; Dan Church Aid (for the Blood Bank Society); Arab Medical Union (IV fluids and hemodialysis supplies); Save the Children (first aid kits)

WHO appeals to the international and regional community for urgent financial support to provide essential medicines to cover pre-existing shortages. WHO will be pleased to collaborate with donors to ensure that any donations are consistent with the needs in Gaza and conform to the drug donation guidelines endorsed by WHO and a number of international partners. See WHO oPt's Good Practice for Donations of Medications and the MoH list of needed medicines and disposables at: <http://www.emro.who.int/pse/palestine-news/drug-donation-practice.html>

See WHO Guidelines for drug donations at: http://whqlibdoc.who.int/hq/1999/WHO_EDM_PAR_99.4.pdf
All offers and enquiries about donations should be directed info@who-health.org.

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