

Ramallah, 18 August 2022 – The first-ever Health Cluster exhibition "Collective Action for Better Health" was held in Gaza Strip and Ramallah on 15 and 18 August, respectively. The exhibition was organized by the occupied Palestine territory (oPt) Health Cluster, under the leadership of the Ministry of Health and WHO.

Around 35 partners in the Gaza Strip and 30 in Ramallah showcased their work, which is supporting strengthening of the health system and improving the delivery of health for all. The exhibition provided an opportunity for collaboration and a platform for discussing challenges and existing needs.

"Health Cluster partners are playing an integral role in supporting the provision of health across oPt despite significant challenges. The recent escalations further highlight the enormous need and value of collective action and coordination for effectively addressing humanitarian and health emergencies. Consistent support and increased investment are needed to enhance the preparedness and response capacity of the health system for ensuring delivery of quality health care for all Palestinians," said Dr Rik Peeperkorn, Representative for WHO oPt.

The oPt Health Cluster is led by WHO, in coordination with the Palestinian Ministry of Health, and comprises 45 active organizations. It was activated in 2009 to support effective coordination of the humanitarian health response, placing affected populations at the heart of decision-making.

The Health Cluster partners' interventions cover primary and secondary health care, trauma and emergency, disease outbreak, mental health and psychological support, nutrition, and advocacy.

