

8 August, 2018, Gaza Strip –The World Health Organization (WHO) is delivering 36 trauma kits to the Ministry of Health that are urgently needed to ensure the wounded receive appropriate emergency treatment.

With resources from the United Nations Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF), WHO has delivered 18 trauma kits, which will be used to treat up to 1800 patients who are in need of surgical care. Each emergency trauma kit comprises 2 parts (A and B) and contains pharmaceuticals and disposable items to treat 100 trauma patients.

"The medical supplies procured by WHO will directly support the treatment of trauma casualties, enhance trauma management in 6 major hospitals to respond to the casualties in the Gaza Strip and reduce the trauma-related suffering of the wounded," said Dr Gerald Rockenschaub, WHO's Head of Office for the occupied Palestinian territory.

As of 6 August, according to the Ministry in Gaza, a cumulative total of 165 people have been killed and 17 557 people were injured by Israeli forces, since the mass demonstrations began in Gaza on 30 March 2018.

