



The WHO Regional Director for the Eastern Mediterranean Dr Ala Alwan addressed Ministry of Health officials and health workers on 11 August at Shifa Hospital during a visit to the Gaza Strip to view conditions and damaged health facilities. Photo credit: WHO. 13 August 2014 – The daily total of Palestinians killed and injured decreased dramatically between August 5 and 12 after agreement on two successive ceasefires in Gaza. The 8-day total of deaths was 86, which included those who had died from injuries received earlier, and bodies pulled from rubble of houses in areas which had been inaccessible. The number of injured was 444 persons during the same period, but most were persons who had been injured earlier but not registered.

Primary health clinics that had been closed due to their location in insecure areas reopened during the ceasefire which significantly improved access to health care.

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