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### Drugs and Supplies Situation by the middle of July 2006

#### *Drugs*

The Essential Drug List of the MoH contains 30 categories. All categories contain 473 items from which the MoH uses 416 items on a regular basis.

By the middle of July, 104 drug items were at zero level<sup>1</sup> in the West Bank central drug stores while 67 items were at zero level in the Gaza Strip central drugs stores. Still other 74 items are available for less than three months<sup>2</sup>. These include:

- Drugs for chronic disease management (including hypertension and diabetes);
- Cancer and palliative treatments;
- Special solutions for open-heart surgery (Ramallah Hospital);
- Intravenous and parental dehydration solutions;
- Anti-inflammatory drugs;
- Solutions for hemodialysis;
- Drugs for chronic kidney diseases management;
- Drugs used for surgical operations including anesthesia and muscles relaxants;
- Nutritional supplementations;
- Antibacterial and antiviral drugs and
- Psychotherapeutic drugs.

#### *Disposables*

The MoH classifies the supplies into 5 categories:

- 1- General disposables and supplies: this category includes 596 items. Out of them, 106 items are at zero level stock and other 83 items are available at stock for less than three months.
- 2- Orthopedic supplies: this category includes 177 items. Out of them, 15 items are at zero level stock and other 17 items are available at stock for less than three months.
- 3- Ophthalmology supplies: this category includes 57 items. Out of them, 27 items are at zero level stock and other 11 items are available at stock for less than three months.
- 4- X-ray supplies: this category includes 10 items. Out of them, 4 items are at zero level stock and the other 6 items are available at stock for less than three months.
- 5- Dental supplies: this category includes 46 items. Out of them, 16 items are at zero level stock and other 3 items are available at stock for less than three months.

Ramallah Hospital is the only Hospital performing open-heart surgery in the oPt; 11 items for open-heart surgery are at zero level.

**NB:** Details on items in shortage are available at WHO upon request.

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<sup>1</sup> **Zero level:** all pharmaceutical items that are out of stock or available for less than one month according to the monthly consumption rate.

<sup>2</sup> **Three months stock:** all pharmaceutical items available in stock for one month up to less than three months according to the monthly consumption rate.