Highlights

- As of 18:00 on the 15th May, latest figures by the Ministry of Health (MoH) indicate that 62 Palestinians were killed (including 8 children, one of which was an 8-month infant) and 2,768 were injured by Israeli forces from the 14th - 15th May.

- Out of the 2,768 injuries, 1,767 required immediate transfer to the MoH hospitals or to NGO clinics, (including 224 children, 86 females and 1,672 males). From the hospitalized injuries, 127 cases were critically life threatening, 1,294 moderate, the remaining 336 were mild cases.

- An additional 1,011 injuries were managed at primary healthcare centers and 10 trauma stabilization points by the MoH, Union Health Workers Committee (UHWC) NGO and by the Palestinian Red Crescent Society (PRCS).

Accumulative caseload

- As of the 15th May, 115 people have been killed since the start of the demonstrations. 110 have been reported by the MoH and an additional 5 reported by OCHA.

- The figure of people injured amidst ongoing demonstrations stands at 12,277. From this total, a cumulative 3,597 are live ammunition gunshot injuries.

Violations against health

According to the Ministry of Health (MoH) and Palestinian Red Crescent Society (PRCS), on 14th May 2018:

- 1 health worker from the Ministry of Health was killed

- 18 health personnel were injured (1 sustained a bullet injury, 1 was hit directly by a tear gas canister and 16 suffered with tear gas inhalation).

- 7 ambulances (2 MoH and 5 PRCS) were partially damaged due to targeting by tear gas canisters.

Access through Erez

31 patients injured in the demonstrations since 30th March applied to exit Gaza for health care, as of 14th May 2018. 11 applications were approved (acceptance rate of 35%, which is significantly lower than the overall rate of 60% for the first quarter of 2018), 19 were denied (denial rate of 61%, which is significantly higher than the overall denial rate of 8% for the first quarter of 2018) and one patient’s application is still pending. All applications were
for male patients and five applications were for children, of whom two were denied access and three granted access to health care outside Gaza. 11 patients referred out of Gaza had amputations and 2 patients referred out of Gaza died: one at Tel Hashomer Hospital in Israel after receiving approval to travel for health care and one at the European Gaza Hospital in the south of the Gaza Strip after being denied a permit to travel to access health care outside Gaza.

Emergency Response

- The Palestinian Red Crescent Society (PRCS) transferred 1,098 cases to hospitals
- UNICEF is releasing 10 drug items, 1 disposable item and 300 First Aid Kits
- MSF deployed the following surgical teams:
  - 1 trauma surgeon with 2 operating theatre (OT) nurses
  - 1 vascular surgeon, 2 orthopedic surgeons, 1 anesthetist, 3 OT nurses to Al Aqsa Hospital
  - 1 vascular surgeon, 1 orthopedic surgeon, 1 plastic surgeon and 1 OT nurse to Al Awda Hospital
- MSF-France also donated 15 consumable items to European Gaza Hospital, 2 external fixator sets to Nasser Hospital, and 7 consumable items to Al Aqsa Hospital
- ICRC delivered 7 Weapon Wound (WW) Kits, 49 dressing sets, 10 external fixator sets, 200 body tags, 10 fans for the tents, 32 items of medical equipment and 412 assistive devices to the MoH and NGOs
- Medical Aid for Palestinians (MAP-UK) released 30 external fixators, 16 drugs and 18 disposables to the MoH, 4 drugs and 6 disposables to Al Awda Hospital
- MAP-UK deployed specialised EMTs:
  - 1 orthopaedic doctor, 1 trauma surgeon, and 2 reconstructive surgeons to Shifa and Al Awda Hospital
- Union of Health Work Committees (UHWC) teams provided first aid and hospital services to 357 cases

Immediate unmet needs

- Due to the influx of the casualties on the 14th and 15th May, $1.2 million USD is needed immediately for drugs and disposables to respond to the casualties
- A further $3.9 million USD is urgently needed to cover the medical supply needs and EMTs specific to the event between the 15th May until the 15th August
- Due to the magnitude of the injuries, the stocks of medical supplies have significantly depleted and access to healthcare for non-trauma patients is being compromised. A further $19.5 million USD is needed to cover the medium term chronic needs of the MoH and NGOs providing essential healthcare until August.

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