

Nour, a 10 years old student, pausing for the camera in her classroom after coming back to school during the COVID-19 pandemic

# State of Palestine Humanitarian Situation Report

End of Year 2020



for every child

# Reporting Period: 01 January to 31 December 2020

## **Highlights**

- In 2020, the global COVID-19 pandemic severely affected the State of Palestine, with 154,097 cumulative confirmed cases, of which 50 per cent were women and 14 per cent were children under the age of 18. A total of 1,539 deaths were confirmed.
- In 2020, UNICEF provided over 320,600 Palestinian children and their families with safe drinking water, sanitation services, and the promotion of safe hygiene.
- UNICEF reinforced the capacities of over 50,000 education staff on safe school operation protocols and provided essential hygiene and cleaning materials to 2,250 schools.
- UNICEF with partners reached 11,900 vulnerable children (49 per cent girls) with structured psychosocial support including individual counselling, group counselling, life skills, child-parent interaction sessions and other psychosocial support group activities.
- More than 5,000 health professionals and 78,000 other people benefited from COVID-19 medical supplies distributed to health facilities across the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, including 22 treatment centres. UNICEF led the procurement process of medical supplies, including 65 Oxygen Concentrators, 57 items of equipment and supplies for Intensive Care Units (ICUs), 1,402 testing kits, 374,858 items of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and medications.
- The 2020 UNICEF Humanitarian Appeal funding requirement was US\$ 19.6 million, and US\$ 5.4 million (28 per cent) of the requirement was available.

# Situation in Numbers



## 1,100,000

Total children in need of humanitarian assistance



### 2,200,000

Total people in need (HRP 2020)



#### 123,000

# of children to be reached (HAC 2020)



#### 280,000

# of people to be reached (HAC 2020)

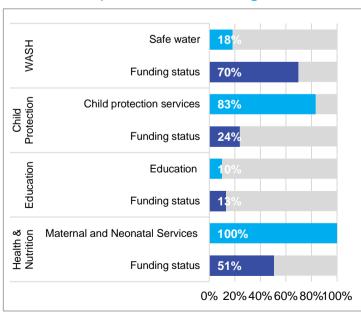
# UNICEF's Response and Funding Status





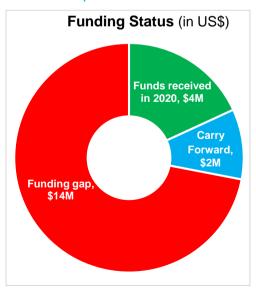






# **UNICEF Appeal 2020**

US\$ 19.6 million



<sup>\*</sup> This is a summary table of response, with selected indicators only, with funding for the year. For full results see Annex A.

## **Funding Overview and Partnerships**

In 2020, UNICEF received emergency funding from Japan, ECHO, UNOCHA and the UNICEF Global Thematic Humanitarian Fund. The 2020 UNICEF Humanitarian Appeal funding requirement was US\$ 19.6 million for 2020, and US\$ 5.4 million (28 per cent) of the requirement was available.

## Situation Overview & Humanitarian Needs

The State of Palestine is affected by a protracted protection crisis and suffers from chronic humanitarian concerns. This has significantly impacted the daily lives of 2.3 million Palestinian children and youth. More than a million children remain vulnerable and in need of humanitarian assistance.

The spread of the COVID-19 virus aggravated existing vulnerabilities, affected children's well-being, and limited children's access to essential services such as education, health, nutrition, water and sanitation and protection services. As of 31 December 2020, there were 154,097 cumulative confirmed cases, of which 50 per cent were women and 14 per cent were children under the age of 18.1

The COVID-19 pandemic has affected the education system in the State of Palestine and resulted in the intermittent closure of schools, colleges and universities. In response, schools moved to distance learning programmes and platforms to limit the disruption to the educational process and the spread of the

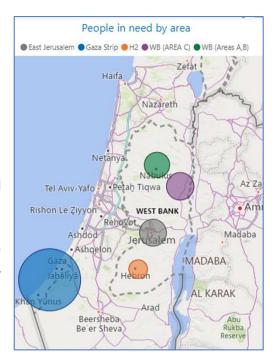


Figure 1: Humanitarian Needs Overview Map - 2020

virus. However, in the Gaza Strip, more than 575,000 children and teenagers (over 50 per cent of the school aged population) lack access to computer equipment, a reliable power supply and the internet. Additionally, it is estimated that only 30 per cent of households in the Gaza Strip have internet, and these internet connections are often unreliable.<sup>2</sup>

The 13-year closure of the Gaza Strip continues to limit the population's access to basic social services and social assistance and restrict people's freedom of movement. More than one million children have severely limited access to essential services and at least 500,000 children have restricted access to safe and clean drinking water.<sup>3</sup>

Furthermore, Palestinian children's access to healthcare continues to be severely affected. The Israeli permit system and the complex system of movement restrictions in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem, as well as the closure of the Gaza Strip, have all posed serious challenges to accessing healthcare services. In the Gaza Strip, children continue to face denial or delay in accessing healthcare facilities and specialized treatment outside of Gaza. On average, over 2,000 medical permit applications are submitted monthly (46 per cent females and 33 per cent children) a third of whom are cancer patients seeking medical treatment in the West Bank or in Israel.<sup>4</sup>

Despite the temporary suspension of Israel's announced annexation plan in the West Bank, the situation continues to be a source of concern. In 2020, the annexation plan led to significant tensions

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> https://covid19.who.int/region/emro/country/ps

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> https://www.un.org/unispal/document/report-of-the-special-rapporteur-on-the-situation-of-human-rights-in-the-palestinian-territories-occupied-since-1967-report-a-75-532/

<sup>3</sup> https://unctad.org/system/files/official-document/a75d310 en 1.pdf?utm source=UNCTAD+New+York&utm campaign=7bf909c01f-EMAIL CAMPAIGN 2019 05 17 11 42 COPY 01&utm medium=email&utm term=0 4a8f1ec85a-7bf909c01f-70671945

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between Israel and the Palestinian Authority (PA), with the latter responding by suspending civil and security coordination with Israeli authorities between May and November. This had significant repercussions on several aspects of the lives of Palestinians, including health referrals, protection services, travel, amongst others. Additionally, the PA's refusal to accept its clearance tax revenues from the Israeli government, which makes up over 60 per cent of its total revenues, coupled with a decline in overseas development aid, had serious socio-economic consequences for Palestinians. It impeded the provision of many essential public services and restricted the PA's capacity to pay the salaries of its employees. Although the PA announced its return to security coordination with Israel and overturned its decision to refuse to receive its clearance revenues from Israel on 17 November 2020, the relationship remains tense and there are fears of escalations if Israel resumes implementation of its annexation plan.

## **COVID-19 Response**

UNICEF supported the Ministry of Health (MoH) in responding to the needs of the Palestinian people during the COVID-19 crisis, especially for women and children, UNICEF led the procurement of medical supplies, including 65 Oxygen Concentrators, 57 items of equipment and supplies for Intensive Care Units (ICUs), 1,402 testing kits, 374,858 items of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and medications. More than 5,000 health professionals and 78,000 people benefited from the COVID-19 medical supplies distributed to health facilities across the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, including 22 treatment centres. As many primary healthcare services were suspended during the COVID-19 pandemic, UNICEF worked with partners to ensure continued access to essential life-saving services for pregnant and lactating women during the COVID-19 pandemic in the Gaza Strip.

UNICEF, in partnership with the MoH and local NGOs, facilitated the transformation of traditional face-to-face approaches to service delivery. These new approaches reached vulnerable women and children through postnatal mobile clinics. Furthermore, a total of 6,947 high-risk pregnant and lactating women (PLW) and their babies benefited from the health and nutrition care services delivered during the lockdown in the Gaza Strip.

As the WASH cluster lead agency in the State of Palestine, UNICEF continued to lead the development of the COVID-19 WASH Response Plan in coordination with cluster partners and the Palestinian Water Authority (PWA). The plan aims to limit the impact of the pandemic by providing safe water and improving sanitation and hygienic conditions for institutions and vulnerable people living in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip. Moreover, cluster partners have aligned their priorities to ensure: i) access to WASH services in healthcare facilities by the procurement and provision of Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) supplies, and cleaning and waste management material such as bins and plastic bags; (ii) support to vulnerable families and communities through the provision of hygiene and cleaning items aligned with awareness-raising messages; and (iii) support to service providers and municipalities to ensure business-continuity and provision of minimum WASH services.

Through partnerships with national and sub-national cluster partners, international NGOs and local CSOs, UNICEF reached 228,000 vulnerable people with COVID-19-related response activities. UNICEF supported safe drinking water for vulnerable communities and children in the West Bank through the rehabilitation and construction of water pipeline networks in Area C, as well as through developing hydraulic maps to ensure the fair distribution of water to all communities and households.

UNICEF provided hygiene kits through e-vouchers for 18,000 households in the Gaza Strip and 5,000 households in the West Bank. UNICEF also provided 86,520 water bottles and 2,040 hygiene kits to quarantine and health centres in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip as well as to Community

Councils and CBOs in East Jerusalem. UNICEF distributed both medical and waste management supplies to 50 quarantine centres in the West Bank to ensure safe and proper waste management during the COVID-19 emergency response. The number of beneficiaries reached by the end of 2020 was approximately 18,711 (12,989 men, 4,722 women, 673 boys and 327 girls).

Furthermore, children were supported to continue their learning through distance/home-based systems, with UNICEF providing 3,496 tablets loaded with offline self-paced interactive learning materials to children lacking access to the internet and/or the necessary devices. UNICEF supported the Ministry of Education (MoE) to develop and operationalize safe school operation protocols and provided capacity building for over 50,000 education staff on the same subject matter. UNICEF also provided essential hygiene and cleaning materials enabling the disinfection and cleaning of 2,250 school premises. Additionally, health committees were established in 190 schools, and 2,826 committee members have been trained on how to develop and implement school-based action plans/initiatives to prevent infections.

As co-lead of the Education Cluster, UNICEF provided technical support to the MoE to develop a holistic national COVID-19 response plan, Back to School Strategy, and a coordinated response with partners through four thematic taskforces on distance learning, hygiene promotion, renovation of school WASH facilities and the provision of Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS).

In 2020, UNICEF supported the Child Protection Area of Responsibility (CP AoR) to undertake a Needs Identification and Assessment Framework which found increased levels of domestic violence as well as increased mental health needs for boys and girls. In response to COVID-19 and other humanitarian situations, the partners in the UNICEF coordinated CP AOR reached over 62,100 children (25,700 girls) with Child Protection and MHPSS services, including 4,500 children (1,600 girls) who accessed case management, including 122 children with disabilities.

In Social Protection, UNICEF supported national institutions to generate evidence for policy action, including through direct technical support to the Ministry of Social Development (MoSD) in developing its COVID-19 Emergency Response Plan. UNICEF also supported the MoSD and the Prime Minister's Office to conduct a Social Impact Assessment of COVID-19. As a result, the MoSD and other partners have begun piloting a Shock Responsive Social Protection Mechanism through the National Cash Transfer Programme to support vulnerable households thrown into poverty by the pandemic.

# **Summary Analysis of Programme Response**

## Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)

In 2020, UNICEF programmes have reached over 320,650 Palestinian children and their families who benefited from the provision of safe drinking water, sanitation services, and the promotion of safe hygiene. The completion of sanitation works in the Gaza Strip provided 70,000 people with safe sanitation facilities. UNICEF, with the Palestinian Water Authority (PWA) successfully completed the rehabilitation/construction of water networks in the southern West Bank providing approximately 5,000 people in vulnerable communities with safe drinking water. Furthermore, in coordination with local municipalities, UNICEF provided water for 1,045 children and their caregivers in the southern West Bank.

#### **Child Protection**

Throughout 2020, the COVID-19 pandemic and resulting school closures, movement restrictions, and its socio-economic impact on households, exacerbated protection vulnerabilities and the humanitarian needs of Palestinian children already exposed to high levels of violence, exploitation

and abuse. UNICEF and its partners adapted protection responses to reach the most vulnerable and affected children.

Through family centres in the Gaza Strip, UNICEF with partners reached 11,912 vulnerable children (49 per cent girls) with structured psychosocial support, including individual counselling, group counselling, life skills, child-parent interaction sessions, and other psychosocial support group activities. Moreover, 1,993 children (42 per cent girls) benefited from individual case management in the Gaza Strip. Furthermore, 2,755 caregivers (78 per cent women) attended awareness-raising sessions on positive parenting and the protection of their children, strengthening families' capacity to prevent violence at home. In addition, 8,938 children (54 per cent girls) and their caregivers (12,079 total beneficiaries, 56 per cent female) were provided with educational sessions on dealing with Explosive Remnants of War (ERW).

#### **Education and Adolescents**

The COVID-19 pandemic worsened the already dire socio-economic situation in Palestine and pushed more families deeper into poverty, compromising their capacity to afford their children's education, and placing them at risk of dropping out of school. To mitigate this, UNICEF provided 36,336 vulnerable children (50 per cent girls) with essential stationery kits. A remedial programme facilitated by UNICEF will also enable 5,000 children to improve their basic skills in numeracy and literacy to mitigate learning loss during school closures.

The increased number of attacks against education in the West Bank registered through CAAC mechanisms confirms the continuous and critical need for protection of children and teachers in accessing schools as well as for psychosocial support services. To address and mitigate the effects of violence on children through the continued work with the education cluster, UNICEF advocated for children's safety and facilitated safe access to schools by supporting a protective presence partner in the first quarter of the year for 658 children (168 girls) and 32 teachers (22 women) in the H2 area of Hebron.

#### **Health & Nutrition**

In response to the continued emergency-related needs and acute shortages of essential drugs and equipment, UNICEF procured essential and lifesaving drugs, medical consumables and assistive devices for children with disabilities. These devices and medications were delivered to the MoH in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, benefiting 60,600 high-risk women and 63,400 young children.

In 2020, as part of inter-agency health systems strengthening efforts, UNICEF and partners in the Gaza Strip supported the upgrade of the quality of maternal, neonatal and child health (MNCH) care services in six hospitals, which benefitted 13,700 neonates. UNICEF also continued supporting the renovations of the Khan Younis maternity hospital during the COVID-19 pandemic, through which a total of 7,400 women and 1,600 new-borns accessed improved MNCH care services.

UNICEF continued its coordination of the Health Cluster's Nutrition Technical Working Group in the Gaza Strip, focusing on updating the Maternal, Infants and Young Children Nutrition Emergency Plan. In coordination with an INGO and WFP, UNICEF supported the update of the National Protocol for Treatment of Malnutrition among Infants and Young Children.

A total of 8,987 young children (49 per cent women) were assessed for malnutrition and developmental delays and 1,328 children were treated for moderate malnutrition and 194 for severe malnutrition. In total, 16,355 high-risk pregnant and lactating mothers benefited from individual hotline counselling sessions on child health, nutrition and hygiene in the Gaza Strip's middle and northern governorates. In response to the COVID-19 crisis, UNICEF supported the development and distribution of leaflets for promotion and protection of infants and young child feeding.

## **Supply and Logistics**

Expenditures on supplies of goods and services for 2020 amounted to over US\$ 16.1 million, compared to US\$ 7.4 million in 2019. There was increased procurement of programme goods of 167 per cent and decreased procurement for vaccines of over 50 per cent due to the fund problems faced by the PA.

In 2020, UNICEF facilitated the procurement of life-saving medical equipment for the West Bank and the Gaza Strip projects, including essential PPE items and ICU equipment for the COVID-19 response and other medical consumables and drugs.

Construction work continued and there were key procurement service activities in 2020 worth \$1.5 million. UNICEF also has a stock of prepositioned supplies worth over US\$ 360,000.

## **Humanitarian Leadership, Coordination and Strategy**

UNICEF is part of the UN and Humanitarian Country Team and regularly coordinates its action with other organizations and local stakeholders. Within these partnerships, UNICEF leads the WASH Cluster and co-leads the Education Cluster with Save the Children. Within the Protection Cluster, UNICEF leads the Child Protection Working Group and the Mental Health and Psychosocial Support Group. UNICEF also co-leads the Nutrition Working Group under the Health Cluster in the Gaza Strip and at the national level in close collaboration with the World Health Organization.

UNICEF and partners continued to foster synergies between humanitarian and development assistance in the State of Palestine, while emphasizing emergency preparedness. For health and nutrition, UNICEF supports neonatal emergency healthcare, postnatal care, and early childhood development, focusing on children with developmental delays and disabilities. With the deterioration of the water and sanitation situation and the ongoing energy crisis, UNICEF provides safe drinking water through solar power installations, water tank rehabilitation and network upgrades. Vulnerable households are supported with drinking water taps, latrines, sewage connections and hygiene promotion activities. UNICEF also supports flood preparedness and mitigation activities in high-risk areas. Additionally, UNICEF regularly delivers critical health and other supplies to the Gaza Strip in response to humanitarian needs.

#### Human Interest Stories and External Media

Since the spread of the COVID-19 virus, UNICEF in cooperation with the MoH, WHO and other public and private sector partners, established a national task force to assist the Palestinian government in its efforts to stop the spread of COVID-19 in the State of Palestine. The task force is leading the Risk Communication and Community Engagement (RCCE) Plan. Since March 2020, the task force focused on messaging to address the significant spike in COVID-19 cases and community transmission in the Gaza Strip, back to school safe operations, and stigma over contracting the virus. The messages were shared by UNICEF, other UN agencies, and over 30 partners across multiple channels and platforms, including social media platforms, radio networks, national TV stations, 32 billboards, 100,000 risk communication brochures, and 2.5 million SMS messages targeting marginalized and high-risk communities. To date, more than 2,379 RCCE COVID-19 posts have been shared on UNICEF State of Palestine's social media platforms, achieving some 42.1 million content views.

A new partnership with the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs was established to strengthen early childhood healthcare, protection, and development, and to support UNICEF's COVID-19 response activities in the State of Palestine.

Throughout 2020, different press releases on children's issues and UNICEF work, news, partnerships and ceremonies with different local and international partners were published in our press centre: UNICEF-SoP's website.

In May 2020, UNICEF and OHCHR issued <u>a joint statement</u> calling on the Israeli and Palestinian authorities to immediately release all children in detention amidst the COVID-19 pandemic and to put a moratorium on new admissions into detention facilities. On 15 July, UNICEF and OHCHR issued another <u>joint statement</u> calling for greater protection from domestic violence for children in the State of Palestine. The statement was disseminated through international and local media outlets as well as social media platforms.

As part of the back to safe school operations, UNICEF cooperated with the MoE to produce and disseminate three social media videos and TV spots, print and distribute 3,000 posters, and design the back to school protocol.

Additionally, UNICEF provided visibility to the delivery of life-saving equipment and COVID-19 testing kits on different social media platforms as well as the distribution of hygiene kits and brochures to 12th grade/ Tawjihi examination halls in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip. The following is a short list of the posts shared:

- Delivery of medical equipment
- Celebrating World Health Day
- Acknowledging our donors support DFID, Canada, Poland, Switzerland
- Delivery of COVID-19 testing kits
- Distribution of hygiene kits to 12th grade testing centres
- World Hand Hygiene Day
- Delivery of oxygen concentrators
- Delivery of hygiene kits to Gaza
- Delivery of Influenza vaccines to the Palestinian MoH
- Acknowledgment of donor support to enable UNICEF to continue support Palestinian with drugs, hygiene kits, and COVID-19 testing kits
- Acknowledgment of donor support to the safe schools training- ECW and Poland

Furthermore, two stories have been published to document UNICEF-SoP's response to ensure safe back to school procedures amid the pandemic. The first story was on UNICEF's <u>support for conducting the 12<sup>th</sup> grade general exams</u> and the second on <u>the safe back to school support to the Palestinian MoE</u>.

## Next SitRep: 20 April 2021

UNICEF State of Palestine: http://www.unicef.org/oPt

UNICEF State of Palestine on Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/unicefstateofpalestine

UNICEF State of Palestine on Twitter: https://twitter.com/UNICEFpalestine

UNICEF Humanitarian Action for Children 2019: https://www.unicef.org/appeals/state\_of\_palestine.html

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## Annex A

# Summary of Programme Results

	UNICEF and IPs			Cluster / Sector			
Sector	2020 Target <sup>5</sup>	Total Results	Change since last Report <sup>6</sup> ▲ ▼	2020 Target	Total Results	Change since last Report ▲ ▼	
WATER, SANITATION & HYGIENE							
# people in humanitarian situation benefited from improved access to water (direct or through operations and maintenance of systems)	280,000	51,000 <sup>7</sup>	1,000	1,025,729	606,361	90,106	
# people in humanitarian situation benefited from improved access to sanitation and hygiene services (direct or through operations and maintenance of systems)	259,495	76,080 <sup>8</sup>	1,280	722,540	506,417	318,139	
# students and teachers with access to improved WASH facilities in schools	18,000	3,8409	320	109,000	170,951	320	
# people in humanitarian situation who benefitted from hygiene promotion activities and hygiene materials/kits	11,480	24,04110	320	722,540	314,547	74,813	
# people benefit from strengthened preparedness and response capacity of flood-prone communities in Gaza	40,000	200,0011	0	200,000	349,954	29,991	
CHILD PROTECTION							
# beneficiaries receiving legal awareness sessions	1,000	8812	0	3,031	88	0	
# beneficiaries who received ERW risk education sessions	15,606	12,079 <sup>13</sup>	5,676	43,606	12,079	5,676	
# children benefiting from structured psychosocial services and child protection interventions	14,352	11,966	4381	60,272	15,089	915	
# children benefiting from specialized individual case management	2,880	1,993	521	10,674	1,993	294	
EDUCATION							
# students and teachers benefiting from protective presence and accompaniment to/from school	6,900	69014	0	6,900	690 <sup>15</sup>	0	
# students and teachers benefiting from the provision of material support, additional learning inclusive child-friendly spaces and teaching/learning supplies	78,000	79,937	0	347,237	96,883	16,946	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> The overall need per cluster is aligned to the needs reflected in the Humanitarian Response Plan (HRP) 2020 published by UNOCHA. The relevant targets reflected in 2020 HAC were rounded down.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> The change reflected the change reported data as per the second SitRep for 2020.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> The coverage of WASH projects activities has been hindered due funding availability.

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 The coverage of WASH projects activities has been hindered due COVID-19 pandemic resulting in schools' closure.
 The coverage of this activity was expanded after additional funding was made available to respond to the hygiene needs of affected people during flooding in the rainy seasons. A total of 13,4076 people benefited from by hygiene promotion activities and hygiene materials/kits through UNICEF COVID-19 response plan.

<sup>11</sup> The coverage of this activity was expanded after additional funding was made available to rehabilitate critical WASH facilities in Gaza.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> The coverage of legal and child protection services activities has been hindered due COVID-19 pandemic and movement restrictions.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> Reporting under this indicator will be made available end of Q4 with new partnerships in place.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> The coverage of Education projects activities has been hindered due COVID-19 pandemic resulting in schools' closure.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> Education Cluster data are updated on semi-annual basis.

# students benefiting from remedial education services	5,000	O <sup>16</sup>	0	19,749	470	470
# students, parents and school staff benefiting from school-based psychosocial support services <sup>17</sup>	50,000	018	0	136,378	21,133	21,133
HEALTH AND NUTRITION						
# of women in reproductive age, pregnant and lactating women receiving quality maternal services	26,750	44,250 <sup>19</sup>	29,429	NA	NA	NA
# of neonates receiving quality lifesaving and health services in NICUs	10,420	13,748	1,809	NA	NA	NA
# of children under the age of five (boys and girls) benefited from targeted nutrition and health interventions	42,300	8,987 <sup>20</sup>	2,142	NA	NA	NA
# of women in reproductive age, pregnant and lactating women receiving quality nutrition services	39,100	6,947 <sup>21</sup>	0	NA	NA	NA
# of people directly benefitting from awareness sessions and health education	5,300	17,029 <sup>22</sup>	12,545	NA	NA	NA

#### Annex B

# Funding Status\*

Sector	Requirements	Funds availa	ıble	Funding gap		
		Received Current Year	Carry-Over	\$	%	
WASH	2,510,007	627,967	1,121,214	760,826	30%	
Education	10,661,197	1,230,667	159,202	9,271,328	87%	
Child Protection	3,255,160	677,205	100,107	2,477,848	76%	
Health and Nutrition	2,243,147	732,719	403,248	1,107,180	49%	
Cluster Coordination	935,999	287,912	156,163	491,924	53%	
Total	19,605,510	3,556,470	1,939,934	14,109,106	72%	

<sup>\*</sup> As defined in Humanitarian Appeal of 2020 for a period of 12 months

<sup>18</sup> The coverage of Education projects activities has been hindered due funding availability.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> The coverage of Education projects activities has been hindered due COVID-19 pandemic resulting in schools' closure. Reporting under this indicator will be made available Q1 in 2021 with new partnerships in place.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> This indicator has been included in the HAC under Child Protection.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> The coverage of this activity was expanded after additional funding was made available to support maternal and health services in Gaza.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup> The coverage of nutrition and health services activities has been hindered due COVID-19 pandemic and movement restrictions.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup> The coverage of nutrition services activities has been hindered due COVID-19 pandemic and movement restrictions.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>22</sup> The coverage of this activity was expanded after additional funding was made available to support awareness sessions and health education telecounselling and media coverage.