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The decision represents a dangerous politicisation of humanitarian aid and poses a direct threat to Palestinian refugees’ access to healthcare, education and emergency food assistance, particularly in Lebanon where the poverty rate is 60% among Palestinian refugees and 90% among those double-displaced from the war in Syria.

GAZA

"Gaza health sector is collapsing"

The UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) has warned of growing despair in Gaza amid deepening crisis: Gaza’s health sector is collapsing in the wake of the now 11-year blockade, the deepening intra-Palestinian political divide, the energy crisis, inconsistent and reduced payment of public sector staff, and growing shortages in medicines and disposables.

APPEAL UPDATE

MAP would like to say a very special thank you to everyone who responded to our Gaza Emergency Appeal this year. With your support, MAP has been able to respond to the events following the "Great March of Return" protests along the perimeter fence. We have been able to provide medical teams with the resources and support they needed to respond quickly and effectively. Along with our partners IDEALS, MAP has sent several missions of surgeons and rehabilitation specialists to Gaza. The UK team has provided training and support to the local teams and performed surgeries on some of those injured during the protests.

These medical missions, and the equipment and resources needed, have only been possible thanks to the support we receive. Thank you from all of us at MAP. We continue to remain committed to helping those injured in the coming months and years and we greatly appreciate your ongoing commitment and support.

Thanks you!
In Gaza, the health system suffers from major fuel and drug shortages. This is an issue which started many years ago but has now reached an unbearable level. In 2018, we reached almost 50% zero stock levels in essential drugs, meaning that less than one month’s supply remained on shelves. Many patients cannot receive the medication or treatment they need, including those with kidney failure and cancer. This poses a direct threat to their lives. I had a meeting with the Director of the Central Drug Store and he explained that, for chemotherapy to work, patients need a treatment protocol that could include three to four types of medications. But recently at least one or two of these drugs have been out of stock, so their treatment will not work. Shortages in drugs mean that more patients need to be referred outside of Gaza for treatment. But it is not easy to get a permit from the Israeli authorities.

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Teams of surgical specialists visiting Gaza with MAP’s support estimate that some 1,500 people will need up to two years of painful limb reconstruction treatment to recover.

The number of patients in Gaza with devastating, disabling wounds requiring specialist limb reconstruction treatment and long-term rehabilitation continues to rise every week.

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This year, MAP delivered urgently needed limb reconstruction equipment to Gaza worth over $1 million thanks to the response we received to our Gaza Emergency Appeal.

MAP also delivered Tailor Spatial Frames to Gaza’s hospitals, a second frame used in later treatment. They allow deformed or shortened bones to be remodelled and straightened.

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LIFE IN THE SHADOW OF THE SETTLEMENTS

Demolitions are a day-to-day reality for many Bedouin communities living in Area C, where Israel maintains full civil and military control.

Previously individual homes and buildings such as schools were subject to demolition; now entire villages are threatened with the same fate, including Khan Al Ahmar, Abu Nawwar and Susiya. This places thousands at risk of forcible transfer, moving them to another area against their will, which would constitute a war crime.

Israeli authorities say the demolitions must be carried out because the structures were erected without an Israeli building permit. But, it is virtually impossible for Palestinians to obtain such permits. Between 2009 and 2016 Israeli authorities approved less than 3% of Palestinian applications.

With permission to build routinely denied, there is no meaningful development of permanent health infrastructure. There is not a single permanent Palestinian health centre in Area C, whereas Israeli settlers have access to modern hospitals and clinics. This, along with poverty and restrictions to water and livelihoods, dangerously undermines health.

Amongst Bedouin children, anaemia and malnutrition are rising rapidly, with 20% of under five year olds now showing symptoms that could have long-term implications, including stunted growth. The MAP-funded mobile clinic, run in partnership with the Islah Charitable Society, is a vital provider of primary health services, first aid training and maternal health to many Bedouin communities. For over 10 years, our clinic vehicle has driven across the Jordan Valley, making monthly visits to Bedouin communities. For over 10 years, our clinic vehicle has driven across the Jordan Valley, making monthly visits to Bedouin communities.

As we go to publication, one of the communities served by MAP’s mobile clinic, Khan Al Ahmar, is at imminent threat of demolition and forcible transfer. This summer Israeli bulldozers arrived to secure the road, ready for demolition. The mobile clinic treated Bedouin Palestinians injured defending their homes. Without this service, they would have faced lengthy and expensive journeys to hospital to access care. The mobile clinic is currently visiting the community twice a week to provide extra support.

Thanks to the generosity of MAP supporters, we raised £140,000 for a brand new mobile clinic. The van is being renovated to include the amenities of an entire GP clinic and will be ready and on the road in early 2019.

MAP-funded mobile clinic regularly visits the Bedouin communities in the Jordan Valley.
Since 30 March 2018, Gaza has seen widespread civil society-organised demonstrations, named the “Great March of Return”. Two thirds of Gaza’s two million-strong population are refugees and protesters are demanding their right to return to the lands from which their families were expelled or fled in and around 1948, as well as their wider rights relating to Israel’s unlawful 11-year closure of Gaza.

The Israeli military’s repeated use of shocking and often lethal force against protesters has resulted in scores of deaths, and many thousands of injuries. Health workers trying to reach, treat and evacuate wounded demonstrators have also come under fire. Scores have been shot with live ammunition, directly hit with tear gas canisters or have been killed and 428 injured by Israeli forces while carrying out vital and often life-saving work.

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The Government has instead called on Israel to investigate its own violations by carrying out an “independent and transparent investigation” which they insist should include “international members”. This is despite warnings from the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights of Israel’s “failure to consistently prosecute violations committed by members of security forces” and the “deficit in accountability for alleged extrajudicial killings and other violations [which] undermines confidence in Israeli justice”. By the admission of Foreign Office Minister Alistair Burt MP, the UK has “yet to have a full response” to their suggestion to Israel that their internal investigation should have an independent element. Israel is clearly unwilling to adequately and promptly investigate the killing and injuring of Palestinian health workers, and it is time for the UK to revise their position.

Sign our petition calling on the UK Government to protect Palestinian health workers: map.org.uk/gazaaction

TAKE ACTION: THE UK MUST ADDRESS ATTACKS ON PALESTINIAN HEALTH WORKERS

MUSA
On 14 May, 34-year-old field paramedic Musa Abu-Hassain was fatally shot while trying to evacuate wounded demonstrators east of Gaza City. Witnesses said Musa was about 200 meters from the perimeter fence at the time.

RAZAN
On 5 June, 21-year-old medical volunteer Razan al-Najjar was fatally shot while trying to reach injured demonstrators close to Israel’s perimeter fence in Khan Younis in the south of Gaza. Witnesses said Razan approached the fence wearing a white medic’s vest with both of her arms raised to show Israeli forces about 100 meters away that she posed no threat.

ABDALLAH
On 10 August, 22-year-old first responder Abdullah al-Qutati was fatally shot while providing care to a 55-year-old man who had been shot by Israeli forces east of Rafah, south Gaza. One of many short films produced by MAP in Gaza in 2018 shows the family, colleagues and friends of Abdullah al-Qutati describing the circumstances of his killing and the need for protection and accountability.

These deaths only tell part of the story. Over the past decade, health workers and facilities have repeatedly been attacked or impeded by Israeli forces. In total, 39 health workers were killed and 106 injured during Israel’s 2008/9, 2012 and 2014 military offensives on Gaza. 147 primary health clinics and 80 ambulances were also damaged or destroyed.

Attacks on healthcare have impacts far beyond the initial pain and damage. Impunity fuels further killings and injuries and such attacks also reduce the capacity of the health system to care adequately for the population, particularly during emergencies, undermining Palestinians’ right to health in the long-term. Failing to ensure accountability erodes the international norms which ensure the protection of health professionals and infrastructure in conflicts around the world.

A DANGEROUS DOUBLE STANDARD
In 2016, the UK Government championed UN Security Council Resolution 2286, condemning attacks on health services in conflict, demanding that states comply with international humanitarian and human rights law which prohibits such violations, and urging states to take proactive steps to hold perpetrators to account.

Yet, in the context of Israel’s use of force against protesters and health workers in Gaza, the UK has failed to put its principles into practice. In May 2018, the UK abstained on a resolution establishing an independent Commission of Inquiry to investigate violations of international law in Gaza at the UN Human Rights Council in Geneva.

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ZAHRA’S SCOTTISH DIARIES

MAP’s Community Fundraiser, Zahra Yassine, travelled to Scotland this September to meet our wonderful supporters there. My journey started in Edinburgh where I greeted the 26 fantastic cyclists who took part in Pedal for Scotland. Our cyclists managed to raise well over £7,000.

The second leg of my journey took me to Glasgow to attend ‘An Evening with Medical Aid for Palestinians at Sloans’. Around 70 of our supporters attended and got to learn more about our work and find out how they can help support us. Thank you to everyone who attended and helped make the evening such a success.

A TRIOLOGY OF CHALLENGES

Tariq Razzaq and MC Events organised three amazing challenge events for MAP this year: London to Paris Bike Ride, Skydive for Palestine and the O2 Challenge. All three events raised over £75,000. Thank you to all our supporters who took part and to Tariq Razzaq and MC Events for organising.

MOONWALKING IN FAIRFIELD

Supporter Paul Speight said: “Our third occasion of doing the Fairfield Horseshoe at night resulted in a magical experience. We owe a huge thank you to the many generous donors. Together we have once more been able to support the truly amazing work of MAP”. Fairfield Horseshoe Moonwalk raised over £1,200. The walk will take place again 15 June 2019 so get in touch with the fundraising team if you want to take part.

THANK YOU!

MAP is extremely grateful to everyone who has made a contribution to our work this year. Our response and the support we provide to Palestinians living under occupation and as refugees is only made possible thanks to the kindness and generosity of people like you.

MAP has many wonderful and incredibly generous supporters. Whether it’s responding to an appeal, holding an event or taking part in a sponsored challenge, we would like to say a BIG thank you for your support. Here are just a few examples of some of the many amazing things people have done to help raise money for MAP.

MAP LIKES YOUR POST

Since April, we have had thousands of our generous supporters set up Facebook fundraisers and Facebook birthday fundraisers for MAP. A HUGE thank you to everyone who has set up Facebook fundraisers for us, and Happy Birthday!

If your birthday is coming up and you are on Facebook, why not set up a fundraiser and support the work of MAP while celebrating your special day.

COME DINE FOR PALESTINE

This year we launched our community supper club, Come Dine for Palestine, which gives you the opportunity to try out Palestinian recipes for your friends and family and raise money for MAP by charging an attendance fee. Supporters who register to host ‘Come Dine for Palestine’ will receive recipes by chefs Joudie Kalla and Nisrin Abuorf.

You can register your interest today: map.org.uk/come-dine-for-palestine

TREK PALESTINE 2019

In March 2019, 30 trekkers will take part in the first ever MAP Trek Palestine. Their 6-day adventure will take them across ancient footpaths in the West Bank where they will get to witness the occupation for themselves and meet with the local people. Best of luck to all our trekkers and keep up the good fundraising!

PALESTINE CHALLENGE

We will be holding another two sponsored challenge events in Palestine in 2019. You can register your interest via our website.

TAKE ON A UK CHALLENGE WITH MAP

Here are just a few of the many challenge events you can get involved in to help raise money for MAP’s work.

HAMPION COURT PALACE HALF 17 March 2019
LONDON LANDMARKS HALF 24 March 2019
MANCHESTER HALF/ FULL MARATHON 7 April 2019
RUN HACKNEY HALF 19 May 2019
EDINBURGH HALF/ FULL MARATHON 26 May 2019
BRITISH 10K 14 July 2019
LONDON TRIATHLON August 2019
GLASGOW TO EDINBURGH BIKE RIDE September 2019
SECOND TREK PALESTINE 23-30 October 2019
ROYAL PARKS HALF MARATHON October 2019

WHATEVER YOU CHOOSE TO DO, OUR FUNDRAISING TEAM CAN HELP YOU EVERY STEP OF THE WAY.
**MAP NEWS**

**DEVELOPING PHYSIOTHERAPY CARE FOR GAZA’S YOUNGEST GENERATION**

This summer Sioned Davies, Senior Paediatric Physiotherapist at the Countess of Chester Hospital, and Colin Hamilton, Senior Paediatric Physiotherapist at Cambridge University Hospitals, joined MAP in Gaza to provide training to 32 local physios working with children and new-born babies.

**READ MORE:** map.org.uk/physiotherapy

**FIRST COHORT OF PALESTINIAN ONCOLOGY AND PALLIATIVE CARE NURSES GRADUATE IN BETHLEHEM**

University Faculty of Nursing and Health Sciences Oncology and Palliative Care Nursing Higher Diploma – the first course of its kind in the occupied Palestinian territory.

**READ MORE:** map.org.uk/labourconference2018

**MAP FILM: GAZA HEALTH WORKERS RISKING LIFE AND LIMB**

Health workers describe being injured by direct hits from tear gas canisters whilst carrying out their crucial, life-saving work at the “Great March of Return” demonstrations.

**WATCH:** map.org.uk/riskinglifeandlimb

**NEW REPORT: HEALTH IN EXILE**

MAP released a new report in 2018, warning that the health ‘system’ for Palestinian refugees in Lebanon is scarcely fit for purpose. We show not only how dismal socioeconomic conditions impact their health and dignity, but how a chronically under-resourced and jumbled system of healthcare is struggling to deliver adequate services.

**READ MORE:** map.org.uk/nakba70

**SOCIAL MEDIA**

**Brendan O’Hara**
@BrendanOHarasNP
Fikr Shalltoot, spoke at the Labour Party Conference in Liverpool, highlighting the devastating impact of Gaza’s humanitarian emergency on the health and welfare of its youngest residents.

**Brian Roy**
@BrianFrancisRoy
Very moving first-hand accounts of #Gaza and the #GreatReturnMarch from @MedicalAidPal tonight at an event in Glasgow. What incredible work they do in such difficult circumstances www.map.org.uk give them a follow.

**Colin Hamilton**
@Colinthephysio
Had the most amazing day of my working life. I have had the privilege of meeting and promoting #CPD and #EBP with some amazing physios working in a very challenging environment in the Gaza Strip. All children should be able to access high quality physio.

**Jamie McGoldrick**
UN Humanitarian Coordinator for oPt

“If new funds are not received immediately, we will be facing a potentially catastrophic breakdown in essential service delivery”

To support MAP’s work improving cancer care in Palestine, go to: map.org.uk/donate

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