



Country card

Palestine





HI Team and intervention areas

The HI Palestine program has 39 staff members.

Palestinian Territories





General data of the country

b. General data

Country	Palestine	Neighbouring country	France, Belgium, UK (choose one)
Population	4,952,168 ¹		
Sex ratio (n of males/females)	103.3 ²		
Inequality-Adjusted HDI	0,686 ³		
Gender development	0.877 ⁴		
Maternal mortality (2015) ⁵	24.7 per 100,000		
GINI Index	35.5 ⁶		
Social support	0,77		
Population under HCR mandate	2 109 738		
INFORM index	4,6 ⁷		
Fragile state index	78.5 ⁸		
Mines victims	74 ⁹		
Development aid (in millions USD)	2 402 ¹⁰		
Humanitarian Mine Action aid (in millions USD)	3,80		

c. Humanitarian law instruments ratified by the country

Humanitarian law instruments	Status
Mine Ban Treaty	Adhered on 2/4/14
Convention on Cluster Munitions	Not signed
UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities	Not signed

¹ PCBS, Census Final Results Summary, 2018 for 2017 Indicators

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³ HDI, UNDP, 2017

⁴ GDI, UNDP, 2017

⁵ MMR was 30.6 in Gaza Strip compared to 19.8 in West Bank.

⁶ UNDP, 2013 (no data on GINI in Palestine since then).

⁷ http://www.inform-index.org/Portals/0/Inform/2018/country_profiles/PSE.pdf

⁸ Data for Israel/West Bank: <https://fundforpeace.org/fsi/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/951181805-Fragile-States-Index-Annual-Report-2018.pdf>

⁹ For 2017, <http://www.the-monitor.org/en-gb/reports/2017/palestine/casualties-and-victim-assistance.aspx>

¹⁰ According to OECD data for 2018



d. Geopolitical analysis

The Occupied Palestinian Territories, the West Bank the Gaza strip and East Jerusalem, have been the scene of perpetual on and off fighting with the Israeli army, since Israel declared the Establishment of the State of Israel in 1948. This resulted in an exodus of refugees in neighbouring countries, namely Jordan, Lebanon, and Syria and an ever increasing number of refugees and internally displaced Palestinians within the disputed territory. To this date, the UN agency for Palestinian refugees (UNRWA) estimates that there are over 4,500,000 Palestinians that are refugees or internally displaced. The recent months have seen a worsening of the humanitarian situation, particularly in the Gaza strip, due to several factors, mainly the COVID pandemic and the US proposed peace plan “Deal of the century”.

1. Political context

The occupied Palestinian territories lack real leaders since the unified government failed, and while they are still trying to embody a political leadership, their resources are scattered and reveals their current weaknesses and inability to confront the Israeli forces. On the other hand, the international support towards the Palestinian cause is getting weaker, including within the Arab world, leaving the Palestinian population in a highly vulnerable situation, leading to sporadic individual acts of violence towards the Israeli population, consequently leading to more control and over-reaction from the Israeli forces, perpetuating the decades old vicious cycle.

After a first tentative to implement the so-called “deal of the century” suggested by the Trump administration including annexation on part of the West Bank, the situation remains volatile.

2. Economical elements

According to the World Bank report, following three consecutive years of economic growth below 2%, 2020 is proving to be an exceptionally difficult year as the Palestinian economy faces triple reinforcing crises: resurgent COVID-19 outbreak, a severe economic slowdown, and another political standoff between the Palestinian Authority and Government of Israel, disrupting clearance revenues.

Furthermore, the restriction of access to Palestinians in over 60% of the West Bank is dramatically hindering Palestinians’ access to employment opportunities.



Summary of HI presence in the country

HI has been working in Palestine since 1996 with its main mandate being to support disability organisations. In 1999, the organisation set up first anti-personnel landmines and other explosive remnants of war education initiative. A large number of development initiatives have been run since then in a number of fields in partnership with local associations: functional rehabilitation (technical assistance, equipment, training, and publications), psycho-social support, Disabled People Organisations empowerment, and local inclusive development, access to education and access to employment.

Following the summer 2014 humanitarian crisis in Gaza, HI complemented its development intervention with emergency and post emergency response in the fields of rehabilitation, reconstruction and anti-personnel landmines and other explosive remnants of war risk reduction.



Overview on ongoing projects

Sectors of services where HI conducts projects and focus on beneficiaries and operational partnerships

Main sectors of intervention	Objective of project in the sector	Main activities	Beneficiaries	Final beneficiaries	Partners	Location	Dates of beginning and end of the project and donors funding it
Emergency Preparedness and Response	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Needs of PWDs are addressed through disaster risk management . Updated contingency plan for rehabilitation response to disasters is available. . 90% of 250 trained rehabilitation volunteers (50 from each of the 5 governorates) demonstrate ability to provide rehabilitation relief services in time of 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Update HI and partners' emergency response plan by HI and rehabilitation service providers. . Training of volunteers on emergency preparedness by HI. . Creation of contingency rehabilitation stock by rehabilitation services with HI technical support. Identification of vulnerable households affected by the pandemic and rapid assessment of impact of pandemic on HHs income generation. . Assess impact of the pandemic on market functioning, on inflation and on value chains . Develop protective messages related to COVID-19 based on results of the regional mapping 	250 emergency volunteers (50% Male, 50% Female)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . 19 local organizations members of the emergency committee . 250 emergency volunteers (116 Male, 134 Female) 2077 persons with disability benefited from stocks (1394 M, 683 F) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Disability Representatives Bodies Network (DRBN) . Maan Developmental Center . The Culture and Free Thought Association (CFTA) . National Society for Rehabilitation (NSR) . Palestine Avenir Childhood Foundation (PACF) . Society for Physically Handicapped People (SPHP) 	Gaza Strip	8.2017 – 12.2020 BMZ



	<p>crisis.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> . A contingency stock and related management system is in place in each of the 5 governorates of Gaza. 						
Accessible construction	<p>PWDs’ access to services and their home environment is enhanced through accessible physical infrastructures</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> . At least 100 home modifications and 8 service premises (4 rehabilitation centres, 4 humanitarian and development actors) and 1 public area are adapted to fit with accessibility standards. . 80% of people with disabilities using adapted premises (home and services) acknowledge 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Training of persons with disability members of DRBN on accessibility by HI . Training of engineering consultants and contractors on disability accessible construction, by HI as identified with the support of DRBN . Support the rehabilitation and accessibility of health and other service providers premises and public area. . Support accessible home adaptation for PwDs with HI technical support . Technical support to construction on ad hoc basis with DBRN accessibility audits. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . 100 persons with disability benefited from homes adaptation targeted 100 homes adaptation . 120 engineers (50 % male and 50% Female) benefited from Accessibility capacity building . 20 persons with disability (50% male, 50% female) benefited from accessibility capacity building 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . 146 persons with disability benefited from homes adaptation targeted 100 homes adaptation . 120 engineers (82 male and 38 Female) benefited from Accessibility capacity building . 27 persons with disability (12 male, 15 female) benefited from Accessibility capacity building 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Palestinian Contractor Union (PCU) Disability Representatives Bodies Network (DRBN) 	Gaza Strip	8.2017 – 12.2020 BMZ



	<p>improved mobility . At least 90% of the trained DRBN members are involved at least once as disability expert in assessing the accessibility of service provider premises and proposing reasonable accommodation . At least 80% of trained engineering consultants and contractors are able to propose reasonable accommodations for rehabilitation construction projects or include universal design for new public construction projects</p>		<p>4 beneficiary organizations 1 public beach area</p>	<p>. 4 beneficiary organizations 1 public beach area</p>			
Disability multi-sectoral inclusion	<p>Enforcing persons with disabilities (PwDs) access to basic and specialised services</p>	<p>. Develop and disseminate an Inclusive inter-sectorial emergency guideline, by HI with DRBN . Training of multi sectoral service providers on inclusive service provision and accessibility by HI as identified with the support of PCU and DRBN</p>	<p>. 100 organizations members of the clusters system</p>	<p>. 100 organizations members of the clusters system</p>		Gaza Strip	8.2017 – 12.2020 BMZ



	<p>at time of crisis and post emergency through construction/rehabilitation of accessible infrastructure and humanitarian and development actor's empowerment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">. Inter-cluster emergency plan mainstreams disability by including in the emergency plan at least 5 tailored measures for people with disabilities and/or injured. At least 95% of the actors and/or NGOs who have requested the technical support of Handicap International (HI) receive it. At least 70% of multi sectorial service providers	<p>. Financial Grants Technical support to humanitarian and development actors on ad hoc basis.</p>	<p>. Organizations benefited from technical support on disability inclusion and accessibility</p>	<p>51 organization benefited from technical support on disability inclusion and accessibility</p>			
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	<p>trained are able to develop recommendations based on the results of inclusion gaps.</p> <p>. An inclusive inter-sectorial emergency guideline is developed and disseminated to humanitarian and development actors to improve the responsiveness to people with disabilities and injuries' needs</p>						
Inclusive Education	<p>. Improved learning outcomes for women and girls in the Gaza Strip and West Bank (GAC Ultimate outcome 1000)</p> <p>. Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all</p>	<p>. Awareness raising in mainstream schools and community on disability, inclusion and the rights of children with disabilities to access pre and primary education.</p> <p>. Assess the social and medical needs of CWDs to complement individualized education plans and develop if needed related personal support plan</p> <p>. Provision of Adaptive equipment and/or Assistive Technology for children with disabilities in mainstream schools</p> <p>. Technical support to the main early child development stakeholders in Gaza to promote and mainstream children with disabilities needs in their kindergarten programmes</p> <p>. Improve the capacity of the Education and Protection</p>	<p>. 1000 Children with disabilities</p> <p>. 2219 Children without disabilities</p> <p>. 520 Parents of children with disabilities</p> <p>. 290 Parents of children</p>	<p>. 351 (201Gaza + 150 WB) Children with disabilities</p> <p>. 245 (180 GAZA + 65 WB) Parents of children with disabilities</p> <p>. 26 Special education</p>	<p>. Palestine Avenir for Childhood Foundation (PACF)</p> <p>. Al-Maghazi for Community Rehabilitation Society (MCRS)</p> <p>. El-Amal Rehabilitation Society (ERS)</p>	Gaza Strip / WB	06.2019-12.2021 Government of CANADA / Ministry of Foreign affair of Luxembourg



	(SDG No 4)	<p>Cluster members and of the national education coalition members to identify the project’s good practices and propose action plans for their replication</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Build the capacities of partners, directorate team, end beneficiaries and school personnel to adopt safeguarding principles and mechanisms into the school policies . Provision of psychosocial counselling services for parents, teachers and children (debriefing sessions, provision individual and collective sessions) . Review and update partners emergency preparedness plans . Support the development and dissemination of an Inclusive Education guideline under the IE policy of the MoEHE including review of existing infrastructure standards . Provision of specialized educational materials and equipment for mainstream schools resource room . Support the development of accessible infrastructures and gender-responsive school facilities with the participation of boys, girls and their parents . Improve partners capacities to access and secure funds for their special schools services to sustain quality of services . Conduct an analysis on the interaction of gender and disability-related barriers on access to education, with the participation of children and parents and in coordination with the Education Cluster at the oPt level, to inform the design of “back to school” activities and to fine-tune other project activities, methodologies and tools <p>Implement awareness raising sessions at schools on changing school principals’ and teachers’ own gender and disability biases and stereotypes about ideal women/girl,</p>	<p>without disabilities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> . 40 Special education teachers . 55 Cluster members . 140 Education stakeholders . 200 Mainstream teachers . 1650 Community members . 30 KG staff . 14 Directorate staff . 15 CBR workers . 15 Taxi drivers . 25 Rehab workers . 36 HI Staff . 900.000 Cluster members/ media campaign 	<p>teachers</p> <p>30 Cluster members</p> <p>87 (26 Gaza + 61 WB)</p> <p>Mainstream teachers +157.000</p> <p>Cluster members/ media campaign (Indirect benef.)</p> <p>. 9 rehabilitation staff</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . The Culture and Free Thoughts Association (CFTA) . Teacher Creativity Center . Women Affairs Technical Committee . In collaboration with MoE on the WB side 		
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		ideal man/boys, ideal persons as persons with disabilities, including division of labour, and on the right of girls/children with dis-abilities to education to have their own autonomy and a future as a breadwinner	(Indirect beneficiaries).				
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Donors

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