

Gaza: Emergency Recovery Needs



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Priorities & Activities

During the recent conflict in Gaza more than 2,200 people were killed and some 11,500 wounded in 51 days of hostilities and as many as 400,000 people were displaced within the densely populated coastal enclave. Over 25,000 homes are uninhabitable – many reduced to rubble. As many as 25% of the victims are reported to be children. The International Committee of the Red Cross worked in Gaza throughout the crisis. During the coming weeks and months of recovery, we will be intensifying our efforts, in close collaboration with the Palestine Red Crescent Society (PRCS) to help with the recovery process.

Priorities for humanitarian action

ICRC and the PRCS are collaborating to bring emergency aid to 150,000 people in the most urgent need so they can start supporting themselves again.

- Undertake major repairs to the water and electricity systems.
- Help restore essential medical services.
- Mitigate the risks posed by unexploded shells and other ammunition.
- Monitor the treatment of people detained during the conflict.
- Restore contact between separated family members.
- Recover human remains.
- Document how hostilities were conducted in a confidential report to the parties concerned.

Activities in Gaza

Throughout the crisis, the ICRC maintained a confidential dialogue with all parties to the conflict which allowed for the coordination of emergency access to people in need. Real time interventions were made to the parties to help ensure emergency humanitarian evacuations.

- Donated medical and surgical supplies such as war-wounded, first-aid, dressing kits, surgical equipment, and drugs to help treat thousands of wounded people.
- 1900 wheelchairs, crutches and walkers were donated.
- 3,500 blood units were transferred into Gaza
- Surgical teams and medical specialists were deployed to help the busiest hospitals
- Wounded and sick were transferred for treatment out of Gaza.
- 12,000 emergency relief packages distributed.
- The assessment of 23,000 damaged homes and properties was undertaken.
- Rehabilitation and repair of 4 hospitals affected by hostilities.
- Support to mental health & psychosocial recovery was provided.
- A humanitarian cease fire was brokered with the parties by ICRC.



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ICRC helps with vital infrastructure repairs in Gaza

Water & Sewage

ICRC has so far donated 2.5 million litres of drinking water to over 75,000 displaced people in the most hard-hit areas. 470,000 people have been reconnected to the water network, and over 210 million litres of sewage has been prevented from overflowing.



ICRC restored access to **water** for more than **470,000** people

Electricity

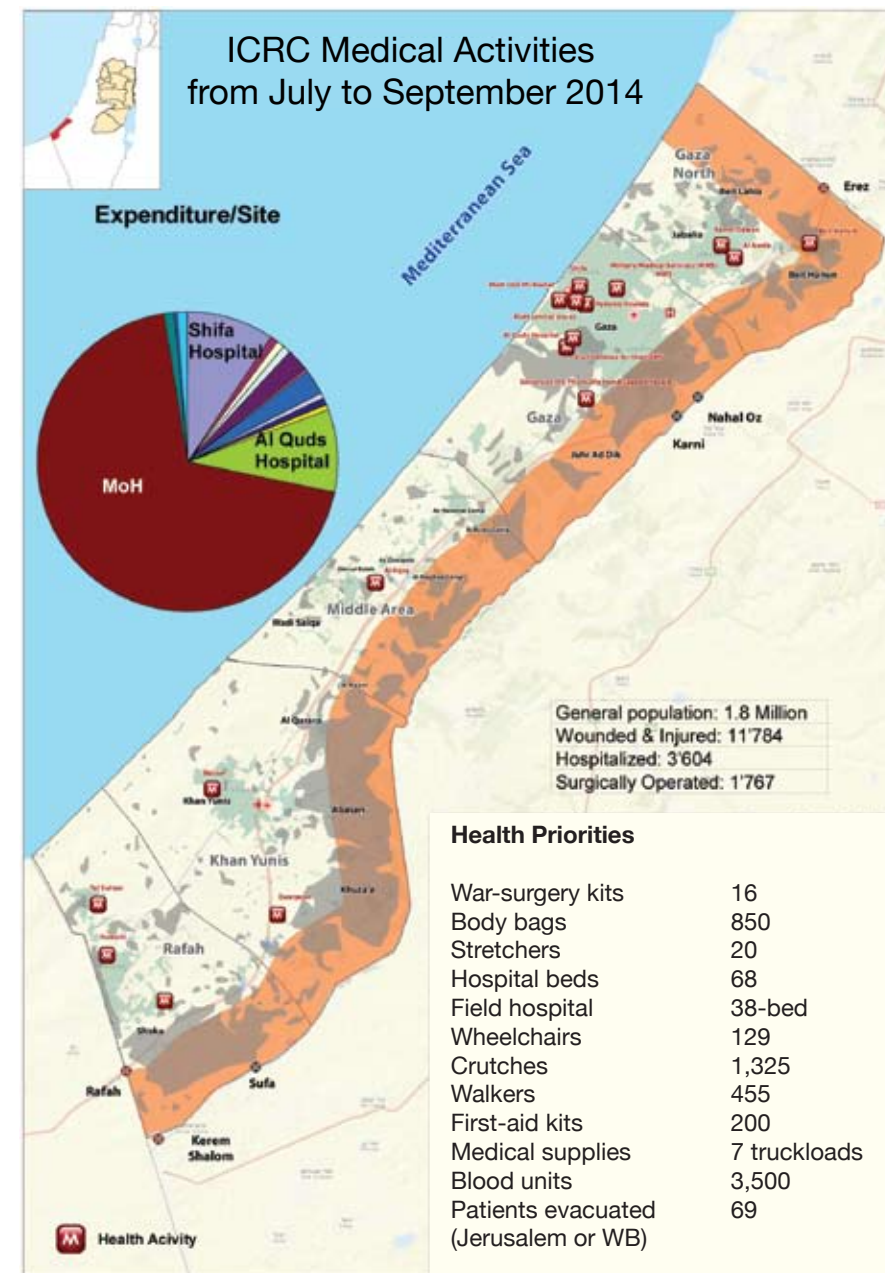
ICRC has repaired power plants and donated fuel to hospitals and helped local authorities to fix power lines. An average of approximately 5 hours of power a day has been restored.



ICRC restored **5** hours of **power** a day

Working Together

Throughout the hostilities, the ICRC and PRCS endeavoured to provide emergency care to thousands of people in the most affected areas of Gaza. The two organizations carried out assessments to see what people needed and to provide them with aid. We will continue to work with the PRCS, distributing aid to those in need and we are currently expanding our capacity to increase the number of people we can help.



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