

# MAUK Flash Update: Gaza Escalation – 08/08/2022

## Context Update

### Protection:

- The death toll from the Israeli assault on Gaza rose to at least 44, including 15 children. More than 300 people have been injured.

### Shelter:

- 40 families are known to be displaced, including 30 families that were in the tower building in Gaza city that sustained damage due to an airstrike.
- The Ministry of Public Works and Housing confirmed that some 650 housing units have been partially damaged, of which 29 are uninhabitable, 11 are totally destroyed.
- The Gaza Electricity Distribution Company (GEDCO) indicated that a number of electricity lines are being fixed after sustaining some damage.

### Health:

- Medical and diagnostic devices are in some cases not functional due to the long-standing restrictions in bringing some supplies into the Gaza strip. Additionally, there are concerns regarding shortages of fuel for ambulances and for generators in hospitals.
- Trauma care supplies are in place, but there is a chronic shortage of essential drugs in Gaza. According to the MoH, there is a shortage of 40 per cent in medications, 32 per cent in medical supplies, and 60 per cent in laboratory consumables

### WASH:

- No damage to water or sanitation infrastructure has been reported. Nevertheless, the announced power supply reduction plan in the Gaza Strip, due to lack of fuel, is anticipated to significantly interrupt the delivery of WASH services, including the reduction of water supply from the water wells and desalination plants, in addition to the reduction of the quality of the output of the wastewater treatment.

### Education:

- As schools are closed on summer vacation until 28 August, no direct impact on schooling has been observed. At least five higher education institutions in the Gaza Strip have suspended operations until further notice. Reports indicate that at least one higher education institution was damaged in a bombardment that hit nearby.

## Response Update

Egyptian-brokered truce in place. MAUK to continue its current projects and to monitor the situation should further escalations happen.

### **MOSA Intervention Request:**

Based upon the current escalation the Ministry of Social Welfare has requested the following support (which is being provided by local partners) :

- Food vouchers for 5000 families for 3 months with \$100/ month = \$1,500,000
- NFIs (mattresses, blankets, kitchen tool, clothes.....) vouchers for 5000 families with \$350 = \$1,750,000
- Cash support for 5,000, \$250 each family = \$1,250,000
- Hygiene kit for 5,000 families (\$100 each kit = \$500,000)
- Cash for rent for 500 families (\$200 x12 months) = \$1,200,000

### **MAUK Existing Programming:**

- **Health 2021-65:** 2 year project - supporting a medical clinic with salaries, medical supplies and equipment in Gaza.
- **WASH 2021-90 and 83:** Extensive WASH programming (2 projects) rehabilitating water and sewage networks across Gaza increasing access to clean water and functional sanitation facilities.
- **Education 2021-59:** RF CBM project support 300 children with case management and psycho-social support to deal with conflict related trauma, and to increase access to education.

### **MAUK Planned Programming for 2022/23:**

- **CASH:** Cash programming (2 projects) in Gaza and Al Quds
- **WASH/GBV:** Increasing equitable access to WASH and GBV services for women affected by conflict in Gaza.
- **Livelihoods:** Supporting young people with disabilities into employment through supporting tailored vocational training.
- **AI AQSA:** Supporting rehabilitation of and access Al Aqsa compound and library. And supporting girls access to services and educations in the same locality.