

occupied Palestinian territory 2015

Appealing Agency	UNITED NATIONS CHILDREN'S FUND (UNICEF)
Project Title	Informing humanitarian programmatic and advocacy response through documentation of grave violations against children affected by armed conflict
Project Code	OPT-15/P-HR-RL/73748
Sector/Cluster	Protection
Refugee project	No
Objectives	To provide a timely, reliable and objective evidence base for emergency referral and response to appropriate services to victims of conflict violations and for targeted advocacy initiatives for the prevention of, and accountability for, grave violations against children
Beneficiaries	Total: 50,000 girls and boys Children (under 18): 50,000
Implementing Partners	Palestinian Centre for Human Rights (PCHR), B'Tselem, CPT, Save the Children, War Child Holland, DCI Palestine, EAPPI, Première Urgence - Aide Médicale Internationale, MDM, MSF, NRC, OCHA, OHCHR, UNRWA and WHO
Project Duration	Jan 2015 - Dec 2015
Current Funds Requested	\$962,280
Location	Projects covering both West Bank and Gaza
Priority / Category	Top
Gender Marker Code	2a - The project is designed to contribute significantly to gender equality
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Needs

The Child Protection Sector humanitarian programmatic responses and targeted advocacy is based on the ability to timely, accurately and objectively monitor the impacts of the conflict on girls and boys, which ensures effective and informed action including to the strengthening of the protective environment for children.

In 2014, 2,340 incidents of grave violations of children rights were reported affecting 512,000 children. In Gaza, the July and August military operation and escalations of hostilities posed a serious threat to children's life, liberty and security when 538 children were killed, 431 boys and 197 girls were killed and 3,374 children were injured. The ongoing blockade and severe restrictions on movement have depleted family coping mechanisms and led to significant deterioration of services, affecting all aspects of child well being such as adequate standards of living, access to medical care or access to quality education. Rising unemployment and poverty has contributed to drawing children into the labour market. This results in psychosocial distress and negative coping mechanisms such as child labour and early marriage of girls.

Across the West Bank, girls and boys are affected by home demolitions and increasing military operations, night raids, arrests, ill treatment, harassment at checkpoints, and attacks by settlers. In 2014, 877 children (833 boys and 44 girls) were injured, and 13 boys were killed, and 99 schools related incidents were reported affecting over 16,069 students. Adolescents girls and boys who make up one third of population are subject not only to the hardship of the prevailing political situation, but are also economically and socially marginalized; they have no productive outlets for their energy and are at a high risk of self destructive behaviour and negative influences. They are often highly politicized and factionalized, yet feel powerless young boys are particularly targeted for arrests, political violence and harassment. Both girls and boys are vulnerable to settler violence, intimidation and harassment but girls are perceived to be less able to protect themselves against physical attacks and this can further restrict their mobility.

In accordance with SC Resolutions 1612 and 1882, UNICEF coordinates and chairs a multiagency working group on grave violations against children comprised of UN and national and international non governmental agencies. The working group includes Palestinian and Israeli local organisations and reports on the six grave violations against children, as listed in SCR 1612, including a category of sexual violence targeting girls and boys; and three additional violations specific to oPt context.

In 2013 and 2014, in coordination with the Protection Cluster, the Chair of the Working Group liaised with the HCT Advocacy Task Force, to maintain children issues on the humanitarian agenda and to contribute to the development of the main messages.

Supporting the efforts of the Working Group on Grave Violations against Children is essential to ensure strengthened protective environment through evidence based advocacy and informed response. Accurate, reliable and systematized sex disaggregated data collection and thorough statistical analysis form the basis for improved protection of girls and boys and equal exercise of their human rights and the prevention of child rights violations.

Activities or outputs

To this effect, UNICEF will continue to chair and coordinate the multiagency Working Group on Grave Violations against Children comprised of UN and national and international non governmental agencies, and provide members with technical support and specialized and targeted capacity building. The multiagency working group includes a range of agencies that collect data on grave violations. For example, DCI monitors the situation on children in military detention and Save the Children monitors the situation of attacks on schools and denial of access to education.

- Coordinate and liaise with Working Group members in Gaza and the West Bank to ensure: verification of documented cases for accurate, objective and timely reporting; provision of data, analysis of trends and inputs to members of the Working Group for their individual agency reporting and to inform programmatic response; management of the Children and Armed Conflict Database to perform quality control, including liaison with other UN agencies to ensure that reporting on number of children affected by the conflict is the same across the humanitarian sector.
- Coordinate and liaise with Working Group members to ensure immediate and systematic referral of male and female victims of violations to response services, emergency psychosocial support in particular, within the Inter cluster Coordination Group and specifically with the Protection and Education Clusters in Gaza and the West Bank.
- Based on evidence collected through the Children and Armed Conflict reporting mechanism, implement at least one new emergency response initiative and support the existing protective presence coordination project to strengthen service delivery, for the protection of girls and boys and ultimately the reinforcement of their protective environment in the West Bank.
- In coordination with the protection cluster and the HCT Advocacy Task Force, identify and implement at least two humanitarian related advocacy initiatives linked to the reporting of the grave violations with specific references to the different impacts on girls and boys, including at least one on children in military detention in Gaza and the West Bank.
- Provide grants to members of the Working Group on Grave Violations against Children to support all aspects of documentation and reporting, information sharing, and data collection and analysis, with a gender breakdown of violations through the maintenance and regular upgrading of the Children and Armed Conflict database in Gaza and the West Bank. Following recent events, specific attention will be given to strengthen documentation of detention of children and education related violations in East Jerusalem; maiming of children as a result of the conflict in Gaza; and instances of child recruitment in Gaza.
- Prepare and disseminate reports on the effects of armed conflict on both girls and boys in oPt including: i) four quarterly Global Horizontal Note (GHN) to the UN Security Council Working Group on Children and Armed Conflict, ii) one report to the UN Secretary General Annual Report on Children and Armed Conflict, iii) four public bulletins on grave violations against children in Israel /oPt, with gender breakdown and analysis, iv) at least two inputs to other reporting mechanisms.
- Dialogue with UN member States and key civil society organizations to ensure sustained advocacy on specific issues around the need for improved protection of children in contact with the military detention in the West Bank.
- Produce public information material to support networks or partners working on arrest and detention of Palestinian children in the West Bank..

Indicators and targets

- Improved knowledge of trends and patterns related to grave violations against children in Israel and oPt, with a gender breakdown and analysis to improve accountability for violations against both girls and boys.
- Number of boys and girls accompanied to school and number of children provided with legal assistance;
- Number of advocacy on settlement expansion and detention of children are held in a coordinated fashion, with a gender sensitive approach, to inform humanitarian actors and direct and indirect duty bearers, including the SCWG CAAC.

Targets:

- Number of children maimed as a result of the war in Gaza, to indicate number of children now living with disability;
- All report will provide gender analysis of the different impact of the military occupation and escalation of violence on boys and girls;
- 1,500 (50% boys and 50% girls) accompanied to schools;
- 90 boys provided with legal representation;
- The two advocacy initiatives will include analysis of the different impact of the military occupation and escalation of violence on boys and girls;

Monitoring and evaluation

UNICEF will ensure monitoring and evaluation of the project on the basis of outputs delivered, including advocacy initiatives, monthly review of protective presence monitoring sheets and number of referrals to emergency services with a specific focus on psychosocial support. The project will be monitored and evaluated within the UNICEF Integrated Monitoring and Evaluation Plan applied across all UNICEF programs. Project implementation will be reviewed as part of the Annual Programme Review jointly conducted by UNICEF and project implementing partners. Regular field visits to project sites will be conducted. Partners will submit quarterly progress reports as a component of the project monitoring mechanism. In addition, UNICEF will provide technical support to partners through regular coordination meetings to ensure the quality of services provided by the project.

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Original BUDGET items	\$
MRM coordination	360,000
Grants to partners for improved monitoring and documentation	350,000
Advocacy on children in military detention, child recruitment and core humanitarian issues	100,000
Operational field support, supply, logistics, and security services	81,000
HQ recovery costs (8%)	71,280
Total	962,280

United Nations Children's Fund(UNICEF)	
Current BUDGET items	\$
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