

## UNFPA in the Occupied Palestinian Territory (oPt)

During its more than twenty years of support to the occupied Palestinian territory (oPt), UNFPA has contributed to the development of reproductive health strategies, upgraded the provision of reproductive health services, and has helped build the capacity of Palestinian Authority institutions and civil society. UNFPA also focuses on programmes meeting emergency needs, while maintaining alignment with the national development plans and the Millennium Development Goals to ensure sustainability.

### Highlights from the UNFPA 3rd Country Programme in the oPt (2006-2010)

- Improving accessibility to integrated, comprehensive, high-quality reproductive health services at national level, including development and adoption of standardized protocol/guidelines for obstetric care;
- Ensuring availability of reproductive health commodities and supplies;
- Ensuring access to basic life saving services (safe delivery) in areas with restricted mobility and in crises;
- Integrating sexual and reproductive health issues in Palestinian school curriculum;
- Advocating for protection of Palestinian women and girls within the framework of UN Security Council Resolution 1325;
- Increasing national capacity of integrated population, gender and reproductive health into development and emergency preparedness planning processes;
- Enhancing national capacity to generate and utilize disaggregated data; and
- Establishing WISAL coalition in the Gaza Strip to combat GBV within UNSCR 1325.

### Brief Summary of the UNFPA 4<sup>th</sup> Country Programme (2011-2013)

In line with the United Nations medium-term response plan (MTRP), the UNFPA country programme will support Palestinian state-building and national capacity-building through technical assistance, policy guidance, advocacy, and the facilitation of partnerships. UNFPA contributes mainly within the MTRP areas of social services (three health outcomes) and governance (two outcomes), with cross-cutting contributions in the MTRP areas of human rights and livelihoods.

The programme is divided along the three mandated components in line with the UNFPA Strategic Plan (2008 – 2013). In line with national development priorities, UNFPA oPt, jointly with its Government counterparts and other relevant stakeholders will strive to achieve the following six outputs, using a human rights based approach:

#### ***Reproductive health and rights:***

- (1) Strengthened capacity of the national health system to provide comprehensive, complementary, high-quality, rights-based reproductive health services, as well as HIV/AIDS prevention services.

(2) Increased capacity of providers to offer comprehensive, complementary, high-quality reproductive health services and information in identified geographical areas, with attention to the chronic humanitarian crisis.

(3) Increased national capacity to provide high-quality, equitable, youth- and gender-sensitive health services and information for young people.

***Gender equality:***

(1) Enhanced government and civil society mechanisms to promote gender equality and equity by addressing gender-based violence and women's empowerment.

***Population and development:***

(1) Enhanced national capacity to integrate, implement and monitor youth, reproductive health and emerging population issues in national plans and programmes.

(2) Enhanced national capacity to generate, analyze and use disaggregated data on population issues.

**UNFPA Comparative Advantage**

UNFPA has a significant experience in implementing programmes and specifically enjoys significant capacity in the following areas:

- Team of professionals working in programming (medicine, public health, advocacy, and gender), administration and finance.
- In addition to its main office in Jerusalem, the Fund has two sub-offices in Ramallah/West Bank and the Gaza Strip.
- Long-standing positive relationships with Palestinian governmental and non-governmental institutions, in particular the line Ministries, the Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics, the Women Center for Legal Aid and Counseling, Miftah, Red Crescent Society for Gaza Strip and The Culture and Free Thought Association and others; these have built UNFPA credibility in managing programmes and projects.
- UNFPA has a worldwide tested procurement system including long-term agreements for supplies, drugs and equipment for women's and infant's health and emergency needs in reproductive health.
- A long programmatic experience in oPt, including emergency and humanitarian work, that is linked to the community level.

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