



SITUATION UPDATE

Since the collapse of the ceasefire in Gaza on the night of March 17-18, military hostilities have intensified, resulting in the deaths and injuries of hundreds of individuals and causing further devastation to civilian infrastructure, including hospitals.

The situation in Gaza is catastrophic, with no humanitarian or commercial supplies entering the region for nearly two months. The World Food Programme (WFP) has exhausted its entire food supply, resulting in the closure of all bakeries supported by WFP, which has deprived 800,000 individuals of access to bread. All food parcel reserves have been depleted, and the last of the available supplies have been sent to hot meal kitchens, which are anticipated to run out within a matter of days.

As of April 15, approximately **420,000 individuals** are estimated to have been displaced once more, according to the Site Management Cluster (SMC), leaving them with no safe refuge. Humanitarian efforts have been severely hampered by a mixture of increased military operations, a blockade instituted by the Israeli government that has prevented the entry of humanitarian aid and commercial supplies for **52 days (since March 2)**, the killing of aid workers along with assaults on their facilities, and strict movement limitations within Gaza.

As of 22nd April 2025, **66%** (23 out of 35) of hospitals functional, all are partially, 8 field hospitals functional, including 4 fully and 4 partially, **47%** (73 out of 154) of primary health care centers functional including 9 fully and 64 partially, **30%** (8 out of 27) of UNRWA health centers functional.

¹Reliefweb.int/report/occupied-palestinian-territory/wip-palestine-emergency-response-external-situation-report-51-23-april-2025

²Humanitarian Situation Update #282 | Gaza Strip, 23rd April 2025

³Impact snapshot/Gaza Strip, published by OCHA OPT, 22nd April

SAMS INTERVENTIONS IN GAZA STRIP

Promoting Access to Dental Health Services in fragile and conflict-affected regions in Gaza strip



JANUARY 18 - MARCH 31, 2025

SAMS has launched a partnership with the Healthcare and Development Association (HCDA) aimed at enhancing access to dental health services in fragile and conflict-affected regions of the Gaza Strip through a project designed to equip a comprehensive dental unit at the Palestinian Medical Center, operated by HCDA. Commencing on January 18, 2025, the project will run for six months.

The primary objective of this initiative is to improve the oral health of the most affected groups by offering advanced dental services that include gum treatments, preventive dentistry and solutions for oral diseases. Additionally, the project aims to alleviate pressure on the existing dental clinic and reduce the workload attributed to the scarcity of available services.

SAMS currently supports the operation of two fully equipped dental clinics through provision of dental material and consumables. The clinics are staffed by a dedicated team that includes two dentists, one orthodontist, two dental assistants, two nurses, and one receptionist. The clinics operate from Saturday to Thursday, between 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

The comprehensive range of services provided by the dental team includes diagnosis and treatment of tooth decay, root canal, tooth extraction, gum disease treatment, and educating patients on best oral and dental care practices and more

From January to March 2025, the clinic served **2971 patients**, including **1,620 new patients** and **1351 returning patients**. The most common cases encountered included tooth decay among children and adults, gum inflammation and bleeding, tooth loss necessitating dental prosthetics, emergency injuries such as tooth fractures from accidents, advanced nerve infections requiring root canal treatment, and tooth extractions due to prolonged neglect and lack of treatment follow-up.

This project is a vital step towards addressing the dental health needs of Gaza's population, ensuring that those most in need receive the care and support necessary for their well-being.

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TOTAL JANUARY - MARCH 2025



EXISTING
CLINIC



404



752



195

TOTAL
1,351




NEW
CLINIC



1,131



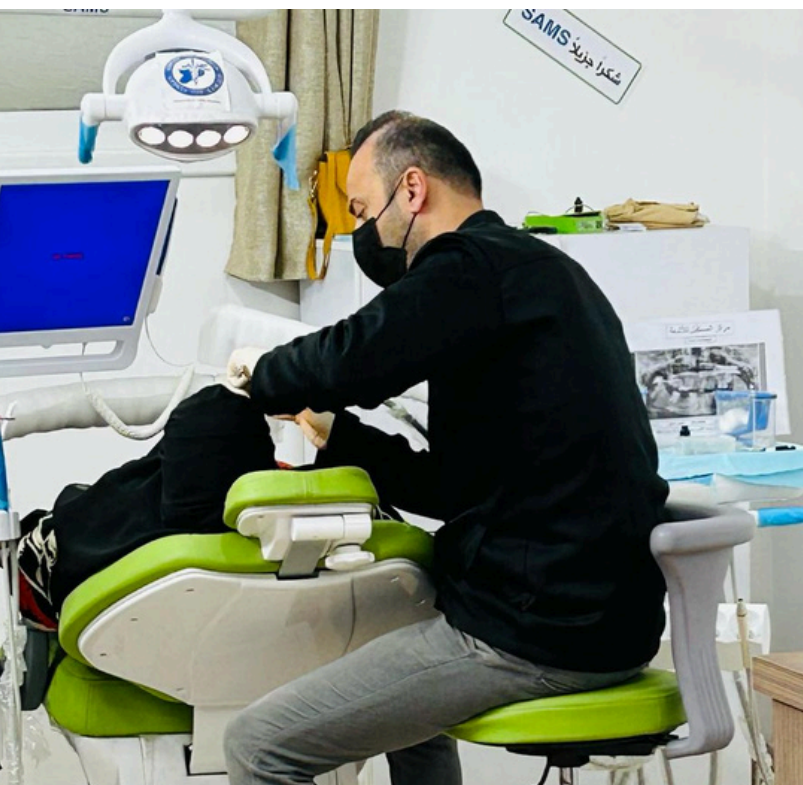
190



299

TOTAL
1,620

Total beneficiaries: **2,971**



IMPROVING ACCESS TO MATERNAL, CHILD, AND YOUTH HEALTH CARE AND PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT IN GAZA



JANUARY 2025

In January, the dedicated teams from SAMS and PMRS made significant strides in delivering essential services to internally displaced persons (IDPs) residing in shelters throughout Gaza. Operating in key locations such as Al Nakheel Shelter, Al-Horreya Shelter, in addition to a mobile team in Gaza City. The teams ensured that those affected by displacement received critical care amid ongoing challenges.

During this month, **4,381 individuals** accessed primary healthcare services, highlighting the commitment to meeting urgent medical needs. Additionally, **955 internally displaced persons** benefited from vital sexual and reproductive health services tailored to address the specific health requirements of this vulnerable population.

Emergency services were also a focus, with **912 individuals** receiving prompt attention for urgent health and trauma cases. Furthermore, mental health and psychosocial support services were provided to **1,215 individuals**, offering essential emotional and psychological care in a climate of ongoing stress and uncertainty.

Through these concerted efforts, SAMS and PMRS play a crucial role in supporting the health and well-being of displaced individuals in Gaza, ensuring that they receive the care they desperately need.



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FEBRUARY 2025

In February, **3,190 primary healthcare cases** were addressed, encompassing both acute illnesses and non-communicable diseases (NCDs). This achievement significantly reduced the burden of infectious diseases by facilitating early treatment and improving access to chronic disease management, thereby enhancing patients' long-term health.

Additionally, the teams treated **881 cases related to sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR)**, contributing to improved maternal and newborn health outcomes and reducing pregnancy-related risks. The mobile health teams played a crucial role in enhancing women's access to reproductive health services, empowering them with various medical and family planning options, and facilitating early detection and treatment to curb the spread of sexually transmitted infections (STIs).

Emergency medical intervention was provided for **762 urgent cases**, which included **69 emergency situations** and **693 wound dressings**, ensuring timely care for injured civilians. Regarding mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS), **599 consultations** were offered, incorporating community-based interventions to help individuals cope with challenging circumstances, particularly those affected by conflict or crisis.



**PRIMARY HEALTHCARE
SERVICES**



1,483



1,156



1,160



1,034

Total beneficiaries: **4,833**

This comprehensive outreach ensured access to essential care for a diverse range of age and gender groups

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MARCH 2025

In March, the SAMS-PMRS teams continued their vital work providing critical health services to affected communities across Gaza despite the challenges posed by escalating insecurity, forced displacement, and severe supply shortages. The teams delivered services through mobile teams and fixed medical points in Gaza City and North Gaza, adapting their locations as necessary in response to evacuation orders and security constraints.

Throughout the month, the teams reached **5,123 individuals** across various service areas. They treated **3,191 patients** for acute and chronic illnesses, including infection management and support for non-communicable diseases (NCDs). These efforts were critical in controlling disease outbreaks and mitigating long-term complications, especially among displaced populations.

In addition, SAMS-PMRS teams provided urgent care to **693 individuals**, including trauma cases and wound dressings, ensuring an immediate response to injuries sustained during bombardments and displacement.

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Psychological support was extended to **489 individuals** through one-on-one counseling sessions and group therapy, particularly focusing on women and children dealing with trauma, loss, and displacement.

Notably, more than **79%** of the beneficiaries served in March were women and children, highlighting the teams' commitment to providing gender-sensitive and inclusive care. A total of **1,791 women and 1,235 girls** received services, especially in sexual and reproductive health (SRH) and mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS). Additionally, the teams provided services to **2,097 men and boys**, ensuring comprehensive health support for the entire community.



LOOKING AHEAD

- SAMS is planning an **Emergency Response** to support the resilience of the health system in Gaza following the recent escalation and breach of the ceasefire agreement. This initiative includes the rehabilitation of electric generators in operational health facilities and minor renovations of essential health facilities.
- SAMS will **support medical education** in collaboration with Palmed Academy by providing resources for the clinical training of dental students at both Al-Azhar and Palestine Universities.
- There will be an **expansion of the dental program**, which includes adding dental units to serve vulnerable communities in areas with insufficient or overcrowded dental clinics.
- **Essential Infection Prevention and Control (IPC)** supplies, along with medical Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), will be shipped, once the borders are open, to replenish the remaining operational health facilities that are currently overwhelmed.
- Two static **Comprehensive Primary Health Care Centers (PHCC)** to be operated, one in the Northern Gaza strip and one in the Southern Gaza strip.





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