



251
Killed



580
Attacks on
Health Teams



26797
Injured



6100
PMRS
Response

Situation Report



**Report covers PMRS response during March of Return
from 30 March to 31 December 2018**

The 'Great March of Return' began on 30th March 2018 and is organized as a series of demonstrations near the perimeter fence at the eastern borders of Gaza Strip. These demonstrations are held in protest of the nearly 11 year blockade imposed on the Gaza Strip and in recognition of the 'Nakba', when many of Gaza's current inhabitants were forcibly displaced from their homes.

The peaceful demonstrations were met with excessive use of force by the Israeli side leaving hundreds of martyrs and tens of thousands injured, many of whom are facing permanent disabilities.

The health sector in Gaza is struggling to respond to this sudden, extreme and significant need for emergency medical services, having already been unable to operate at the capacity required before the demonstrations started, with shortage in electricity and a chronic shortage of essential medication and supplies. Due to mass overcrowding, individuals requiring follow-up medical care have been prematurely discharged.

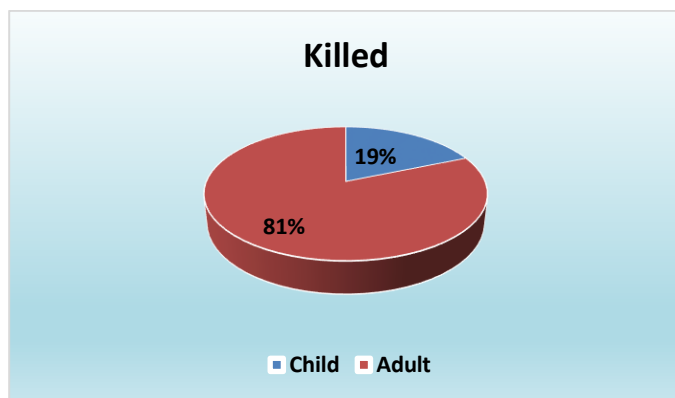
The Palestinian Medical Relief Society has been providing necessary health care services from the beginning through volunteers providing life saving first aid assistance at the demonstrations and through health teams that visit the injured at home and provide them with wound dressing, physiotherapy, assistive devices and medications.

Total casualties during the past 9 months

Over the past 9 months, thousands of Palestinians demonstrated peacefully, mostly on Fridays, and they were met with excessive use of force by the Israeli soldiers who responded by firing live ammunition, rubber bullets and tear gas canisters.

251 people were killed, including 47 children and 204 adults (graph 1).

Killed	Male	Female	Child	Adult
251	246	5	47	204

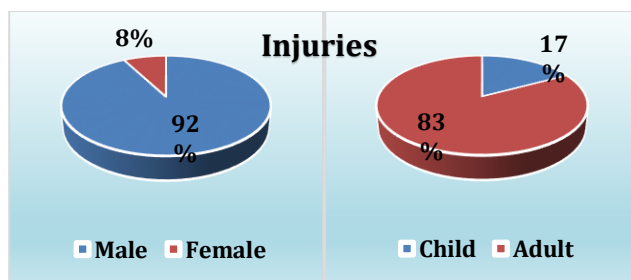


Graph 1

Figures from the MoH show that 26,797 people were injured including 2090 female and 24707 males. Out of those, 4603 were children and 22,194 were adults. (graph 2)

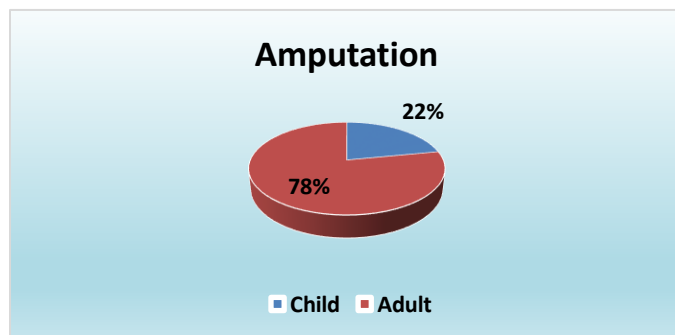
Out of those injured, 113 had amputations including 25 children and 89 adults. (graph 3)

Injuries	Male	Female	Child	Adult
26797	24707	2090	4603	22194



Graph 2

Amputations	Male	Female	Child	Adult
113	113	1	25	89

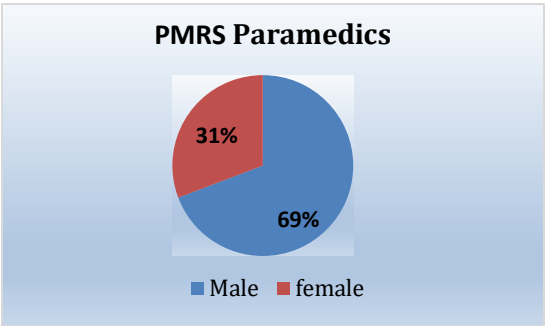


Graph 3

PMRS Response

1- PMRS-First Aid services:

PMRS mobilized 65 paramedics (Graph 4), 45 males and 20 females, to provide first aid assistance to victims during the protests at the borders. Since the beginning of the demonstrations, paramedics provided assistance to a total of **5017** victims, including 3799 gas inhalation cases, 1000 victims shot with live bullets, 218 shot with rubber bullets, and 342 cases transferred to hospitals or Trauma Stabilization Points.

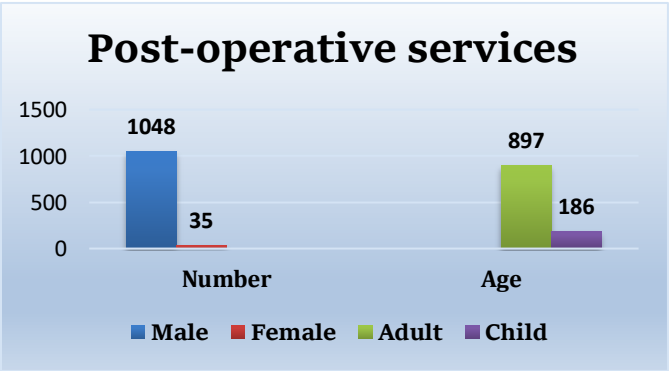


Graph 4

2- Post-operative services – Health Teams

PMRS mobilized 8 Through mobile health teams, PMRS was able to provide home-based services to victims in all governorates. Since the beginning of the emergency, 1083 people received comprehensive rehabilitation services (graph 5) including wound dressing, physiotherapy, occupational therapy, psychosocial services, medications, consultations by PMRS physicians, and assistive devices.

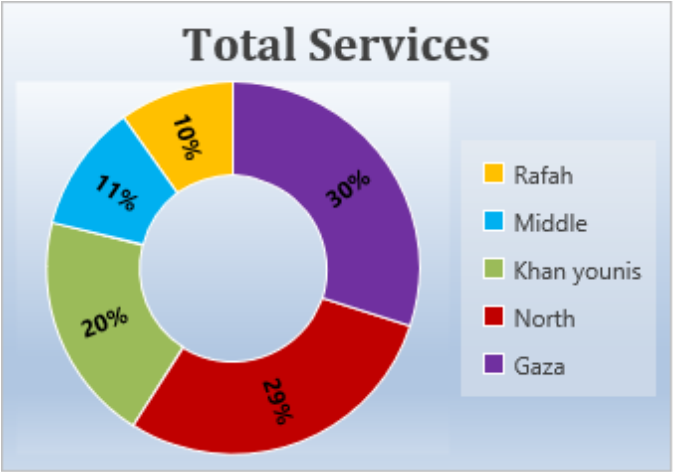
Total	Male	Female	Child	Adult
1083	1048	35	186	897



Graph 5

PMRS health teams provided service to the injured in all five governorates of Gaza Strip. (Graph 6)

Geographic distribution of post-operative service beneficiaries



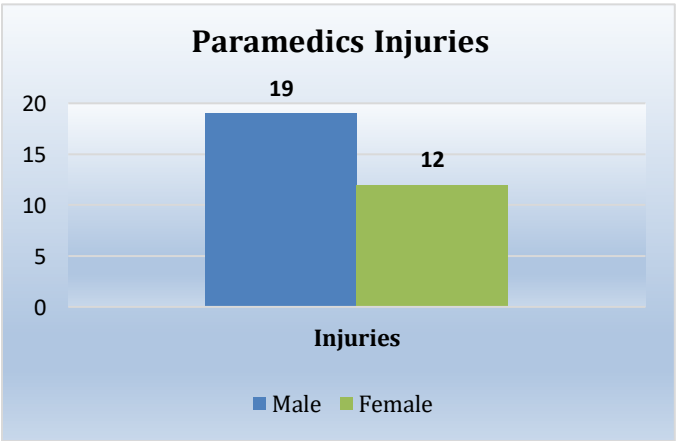
Graph 6

For more details on PMRS response, please visit the link below:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dse9oQFtBjs&feature=youtu.be>

Violations against PMRS paramedics:

580 paramedics were injured by Israeli attacks on health teams during the past 9 months. There were 94 attacks against ambulances. Israeli attacks on PMRS paramedics have caused 57 injuries to 31 paramedics (graph 7), including 12 female and 19 male, and left one paramedic killed.



Graph 7

Loss of a young soul

Palestinian Medical Relief Society volunteer paramedic Razan Al Najjar, 21 years old, was shot and killed by an Israeli sniper as she was trying to provide first aid assistance to injured protesters in Khan Younis.



This was not the first time Razan was targeted by Israeli snipers. Razan was previously injured during the protests, where on April 20, she was shot in the foot with a rubber bullet, and on April 28 she was directly hit with a gas canister in the chest leaving her with burns.

PMRS mourns this terrible loss and demands Israel gets held accountable for its crimes. Targeting medical personnel is a war crime under International Humanitarian Law and so is targeting unarmed civilians.



PMRS produced a film that outlines Israeli violations against health teams and facilities over the past ten years. You can see this film at the link below:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-SgMVOhXvMM&feature=youtu.be>

Partners role

PMRS is grateful to all its partners and supporters who helped and continue to help its operations in terms of providing funds and advocacy work.


We demand an immediate international response to Israeli humanitarian law violations in Gaza. PMRS calls on our international friends and partners to publicly condemn the killing of the Palestinian peaceful demonstrators and to demand that Israel be held accountable for its crimes under international law.


For more images on PMRS response, please visit link below:

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