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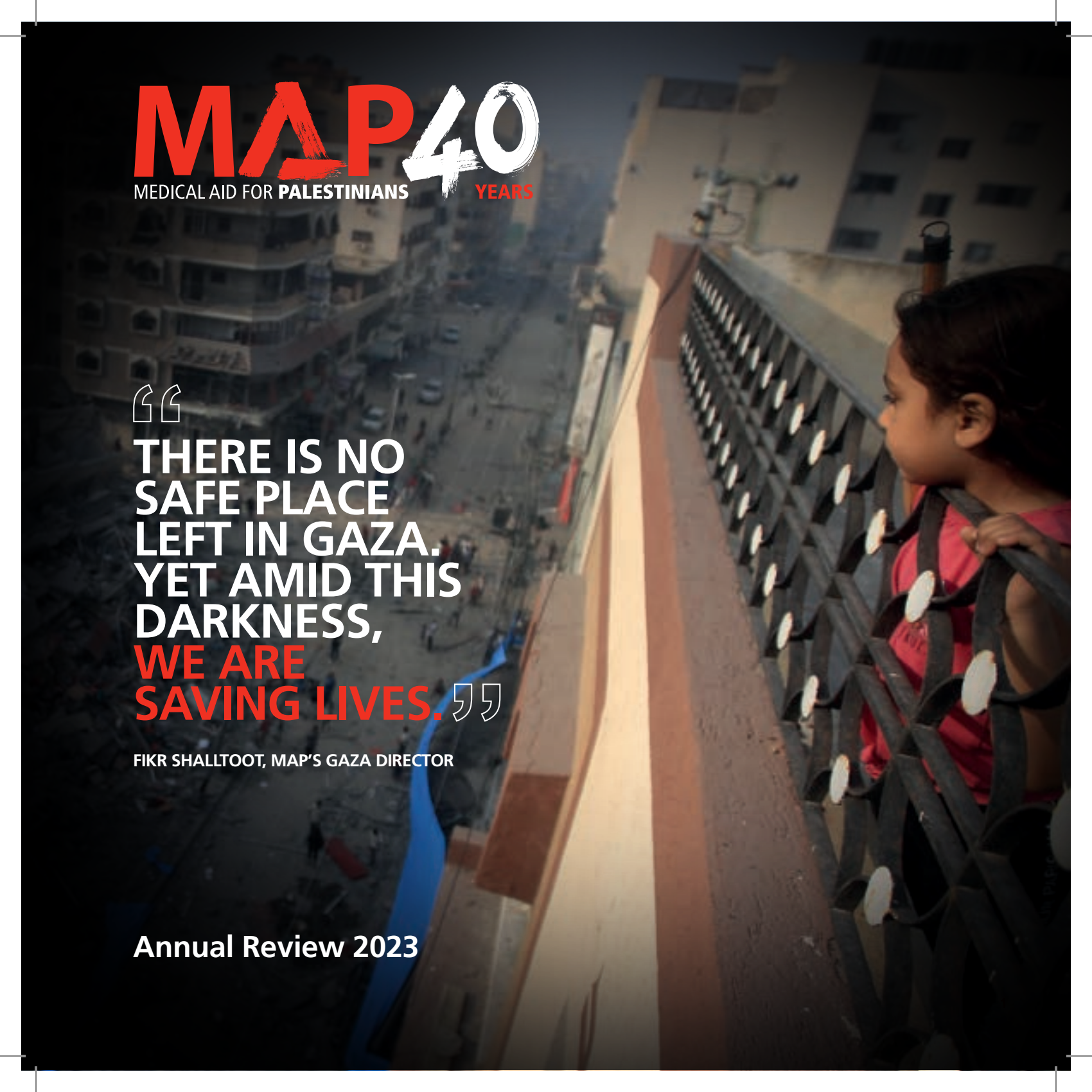
MEDICAL AID FOR PALESTINIANS YEARS

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THERE IS NO
SAFE PLACE
LEFT IN GAZA.
YET AMID THIS
DARKNESS,
**WE ARE
SAVING LIVES.**”

FIKR SHALLTOOT, MAP'S GAZA DIRECTOR

Annual Review 2023



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MAP's tireless work has continued protecting the Palestinian communities we founded to support.

A massive surge in Israeli military and settler violence and the war on Gaza meant 2023 was a devastating year for Palestinians.

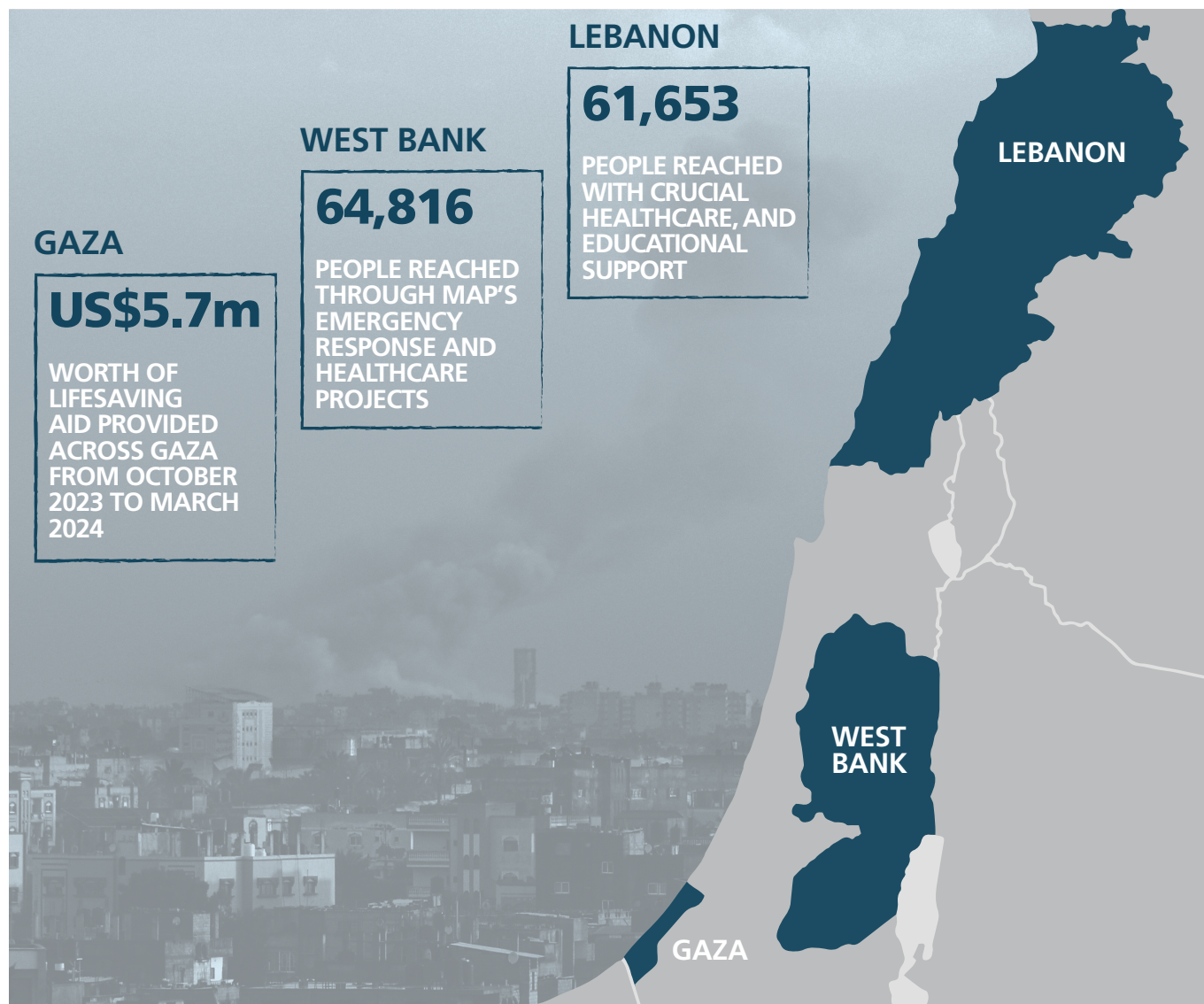
As soon as Israeli military began bombarding Gaza, MAP began our urgent humanitarian response. And together, with your support, we'll remain in Gaza as long as we are needed.

Throughout 2023 and into 2024, we worked tirelessly to provide lifesaving medical care and supplies in Gaza, while across Lebanon and the occupied West Bank, we continued responding to critical healthcare needs and preparing for future emergencies.

Bolstered by your support, we will continue our vital work upholding Palestinians' rights to safety, health and dignity throughout this emergency and beyond.

The data contained in this report reflects our vital work during 2023 and Q1 2024.

WHERE WE WORK



A MESSAGE FROM FIKR SHALLTOOT



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MAP'S GAZA DIRECTOR

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The past 12 months have brought a depth of pain and sadness that is difficult to express in words. Everyone I know in Gaza has lost someone close to them – a family member, a friend, a colleague. All are tired. All have gone without food.

But reality is, the harrowing stories that make it to the news or social media are only a fraction of the extreme suffering in Gaza.

Israel's indiscriminate military bombardment has now killed or injured more than 111,000 people, and driven 1.7 million people from their homes. UN human rights experts and the International Court of Justice say this situation may now plausibly amount to genocide.

When Israel's offensive began in October, I was already outside Gaza, and today, I remain displaced in Egypt. Although it has been devastating to be apart from family and friends, I was relieved to continue my work with MAP, quickly establishing operations in Cairo to import lifesaving aid. We also organised the arrival of multiple

emergency medical teams (EMTs) into Gaza to provide critical care and support Palestinian healthcare heroes – despite being targeted themselves.

Although Israel's destruction of Gaza is beyond anything we could have feared, the solidarity shown by people worldwide is greater than we could ever have hoped. Thank you so much for your incredible support.

Together, bolstered by your help, MAP is now delivering our largest humanitarian response in our 40-year history, providing more than US\$11m of aid that's reaching tens of thousands of Palestinians, with more to come.



MAP is responding to an unprecedented level of destruction and humanitarian crisis in Gaza. Photo: Mohammed Zaanoun



**MAP IS NOW DELIVERING
OUR LARGEST
HUMANITARIAN
RESPONSE IN OUR
40-YEAR HISTORY.**

Outside of Gaza, MAP is also providing support and aid in the occupied West Bank where Israeli military and settler violence is skyrocketing, as well as in Lebanon where instability is growing. From mobile health clinics in remote Bedouin communities to midwifery support in refugee camps, we continue to stand in solidarity and provide essential healthcare.

None of this could happen without the compassion of our supporters and partners. And, as MAP marks our 40th anniversary, I'm also overwhelmed with gratitude for everyone who has stood with us for the past four decades.

Sadly, MAP still has much to do as we stand with Palestinians in their struggle for their right to health and dignity. Please know it is your unwavering support that fuels our efforts and inspires us to continue the fight for a better future for Palestinians.

We do not know what the future will hold. But one thing is for certain: MAP will persist in our lifesaving mission, as long as it takes, because we must.

This document offers a first look at the next phase of our response, as we continue to scale up both MAP and our programmes. As we embark on this journey, I ask that you continue support MAP to the greatest possible extent at this critical time, and, when the time comes, to help make our six steps to rebuilding health and dignity in Gaza a reality.

Thank you for your continued support and solidarity.

Yours,

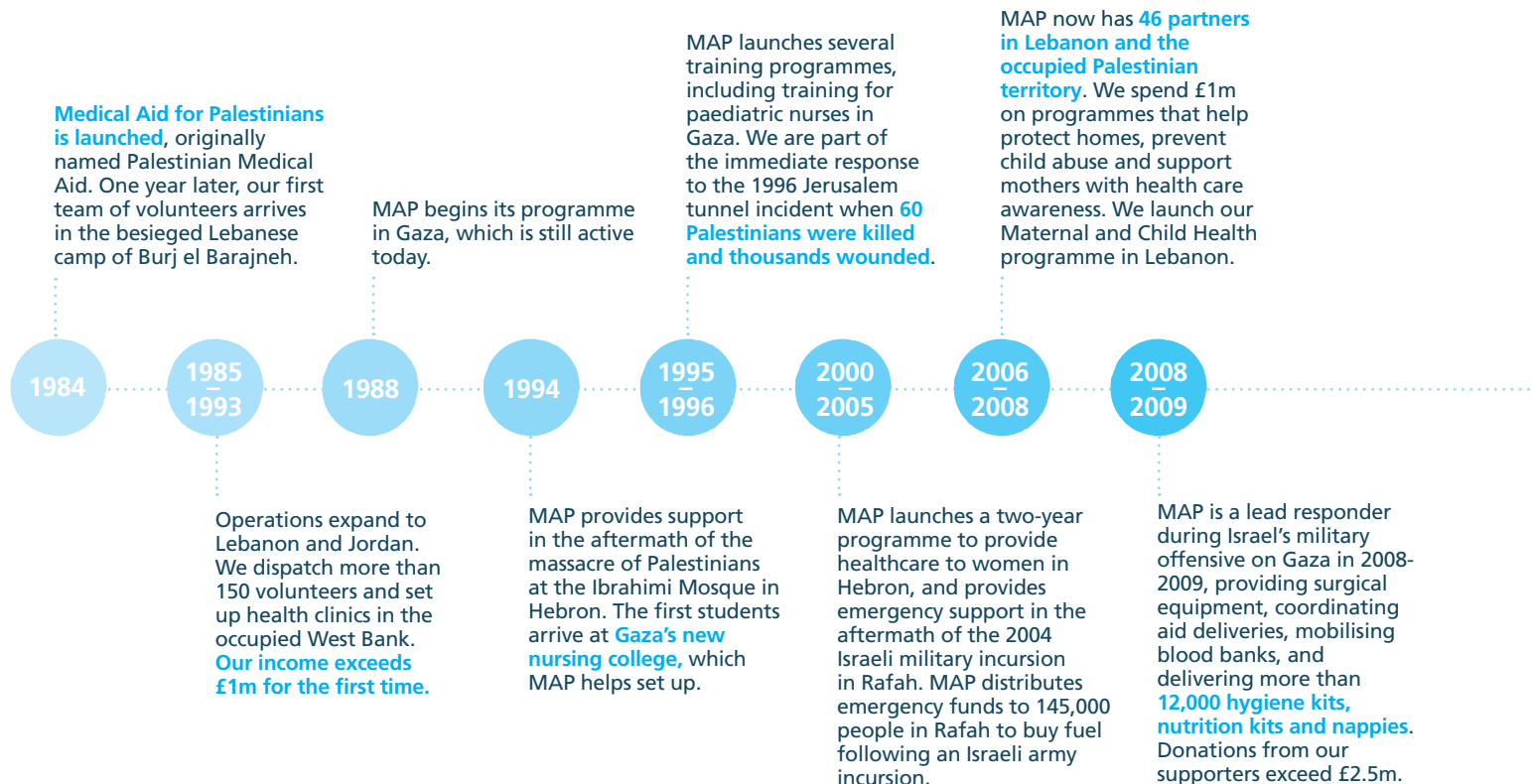
Fikr Shalltoot,
MAP's Gaza Director

MAP: 40 YEARS OF DELIVERING LIFESAVING AID

As we reflect on 2023, we must also mark the significance of 2024 – MAP's 40th anniversary. In the four decades since our founding, much has changed. But now, as it was in 1984, our purpose remains the same – to stand in committed solidarity with the Palestinian people and work towards a future where all Palestinians can access their rights to health and dignity.



Explore how MAP came to be, and our journey to today.





In Lebanon, MAP supports more than 3,000 mothers and babies with home visits from midwives and volunteers. In the south of the West Bank, we carry out **62,000+ consultations**, including paediatric, women's health and emergencies.

We immediately respond to Israel's 2014 military offensive on Gaza by releasing **3,000+ units of drugs**, delivering more than **US\$450,000 of medicines** during the 51-day assault. MAP commences developing Gaza's first dedicated limb reconstruction unit in Shifa Hospital.

70 years since the Nakba, the Great March of Return protests take place in Gaza and MAP launches an emergency appeal in response to save the limbs and lives of those affected by Israel's violent response.

MAP responds to the **largest humanitarian crisis in Gaza since our creation**, with an unprecedented outpouring of support from donors.

2011

2012
2013

2014
2015

2017

2018
2020

2020
2021

2023

2024

MAP joins 50 international charities and UN agencies in calling for Israel to lift the blockade of Gaza. **We run our first obstetrics training sessions** in Gaza and provide perinatal care and family planning information to 6,000+.

After 50 years of Israel's occupation, **MAP launches the Health and Dignity for Palestinians Campaign**, calling on the UK government to demand an end to the occupation.

MAP responds to COVID-19, highlighting the work of Palestinian healthcare workers during the pandemic while under occupation with our **#isolatedbuttogether campaign**. Gaza suffers its deadliest attack since 2014, and we launch an emergency appeal response.

MAP's **40th anniversary**. With Gaza facing an unfathomable crisis and rapidly escalating emergencies in the West Bank and Lebanon, it is an urgent turning point for our organisation.

OUR IMPACT



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RESPONDING TO THE HUMANITARIAN CATASTROPHE IN GAZA




When Israel's indiscriminate bombardment began in October, MAP was the first organisation in Gaza to respond, immediately distributing our prepositioned stocks of lifesaving medical aid.*

* Our response is ongoing; thanks to our generous supporters, we have provided additional supplies since this report was published

The emergency in Gaza is an unprecedented humanitarian catastrophe. Since the start of Israel's military bombardment in October, airstrikes, a ground offensive, and a suffocating siege by Israel have killed tens of thousands of Palestinians and injured many more. It has resulted in mass displacement, starvation and the destruction of countless homes, hospitals and essential infrastructure.

MAP's team have worked tirelessly throughout this crisis. We've released prepositioned medical aid, supplied hot meals, procured and distributed shelters, and sent Emergency Medical Teams of expert doctors and humanitarian volunteers to work inside Gaza's beleaguered hospitals.

SITUATIONAL UPDATE



When the first bombs fell on Gaza, our team there was ready to respond.

We were able to immediately release US\$570,000 of lifesaving aid, helping hospitals and first responders cope with the unprecedented influx of casualties, from medications and drugs to disposables and lab reagents. After stocks were depleted, we then sourced a further US\$2.7m worth of additional supplies locally.

Our team has also supplied at least 30,000 internally displaced Palestinians in the north of Gaza with basic necessities like mattresses, blankets and hygiene kits, which are particularly needed to help curtail the rapid spread of communicable diseases.

Hunger is a deadly threat. In November, we ran an eight-week programme with local partners to provide hot meals to more than 54,300 people. December 2023, the entire population of Gaza – 2.3m people – was classified by the Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC) as facing crisis levels of acute food insecurity or

worse. We plan to expand our programme to deliver high-calorie and therapeutic foods and supplements.

Despite extremely challenging circumstances, MAP remains one of the only international organisations still operating in northern Gaza.

THE LARGEST EMERGENCY RESPONSE IN MAP'S 40-YEAR HISTORY



MAP has delivered some US\$5.7m worth of lifesaving supplies to Gaza. Photo: MAP



WE ARE MOBILISING THE LARGEST EMERGENCY RELIEF EFFORT IN MAP'S 40-YEAR HISTORY.



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1.9m

**syringes delivered,
used to treat
injured patients
with lifesaving
medications**



As Gaza's stocks of vital supplies grew scarce following Israel's military offensive and siege, we established operations in Egypt to allow us to deliver newly procured humanitarian aid through the Rafah crossing.

MAP was among the first international NGOs to deliver aid into Gaza. In addition to what we have delivered locally, we have successfully delivered at least 27 trucks of aid carrying \$3.2m of urgently needed supplies through the Rafah crossing.

These deliveries have included critical emergency medications like pain relief drugs and antibiotics, as well as disposables,

surgical items and other equipment needed in operating theatres. After crossing, this aid was dispatched to hospitals all over Gaza where local medical staff have used it to save lives and treat casualties.

Despite Israel's closure of crossing points and arbitrary restrictions, MAP will continue working to procure and deliver these essential items into Gaza via whatever viable and safe routes we can find.

THE VOLUNTEER DOCTORS SAVING LIVES IN GAZA

219+
surgical
procedures
completed
by our EMTs



MAP's EMTs have provided urgent relief, saved lives and treated the wounded.
Photo: Belal Khaled for the IRC

In late December 2023, we partnered with the International Rescue Committee (IRC) to send our first Emergency Medical Team (EMT) to Gaza.

This group of experienced trauma doctors, anaesthetists, surgeons, paediatricians and disaster experts travelled to Gaza to work with local doctors and healthcare staff in Al Aqsa Hospital. There, they helped exhausted local medics cope with the huge number of patients wounded by Israel's indiscriminate bombardment.

Guided by over 30 years of experience in Gaza, MAP has already successfully sent six separate EMTs to Gaza at the time of writing. This has meant a total of 37 specialist medical volunteers have been able to carry out a minimum of 360 surgical procedures, of which 76% are conflict trauma-related, plus over 1240 consultations.

Our EMTs carry out this vital medical work in extremely challenging circumstances, often with the bare minimum of resources needed.

“
I BELIEVE WITH ABSOLUTE CLARITY THAT MAP IS GOING TO BE CENTRAL TO THE REBUILDING OF THE HEALTHCARE SYSTEM IN GAZA.”

PROF. NICK MAYNARD, MAP EMT

Working together with local doctors, they have provided urgent relief, saved lives and treated the wounded through expert clinical care, emergency treatments and resuscitations, undertaking complex surgeries in hospitals that wouldn't otherwise be able to offer this treatment.

This work will continue throughout 2024.

PROVIDING LIFESAVING HEALTHCARE IN THE WEST BANK

As Israel's military attacks on Gaza continue, military and settler violence towards Palestinians in the occupied West Bank has skyrocketed. Amid this crisis, we're providing more supplies, training and support.

For Palestinians in the West Bank, where Israel has been an occupying power for more than 57 years, life is extremely challenging.

In Area C, which comprises 60% of the West Bank, an estimated 300,000 Palestinians live under complete Israeli civil and military control. The threat of forced displacement, settler violence and property damage is soaring, while access to essential services like healthcare, water and electricity is restricted.

This was before Israel's attacks on Gaza began. Now, Israeli military and settler violence is soaring in the region, with hundreds killed and thousands injured since October.

**SITUATIONAL
UPDATE**



While the world focuses on Gaza, Palestinians living in the occupied West Bank are enduring one of the most intense escalations of military and settler violence in its history.

Last year was the deadliest year for Palestinians in the West Bank since UN records began in 2005. Between October 2023 and April 2024, Israeli forces and settlers killed more than 450 Palestinians in the West Bank, including at least 112 children, and injured almost 5,000.

Attacks on healthcare have also skyrocketed. Medical staff have been attacked and prevented from travelling, health facilities have been damaged, and ambulances are regularly obstructed from reaching and transporting the wounded. Meanwhile, checkpoints and restricted roads have made it even more difficult for Palestinians to access medical care.

In response, MAP is increasing our support, providing four urgent care centres with vital medical supplies, organising trauma training

for over 150 health workers and donating lifesaving bulletproof vests to paramedics.

We have also released prepositioned stocks of emergency medical items to hospitals in Tulkarem, Jerico and an urgent care centre in Silward, and replenished stocks in Nablus and Ramallah for future escalations.

HOW YOUR DONATIONS HELP FIGHT BREAST CANCER

939

women with breast cancer treated by MAP's breast cancer care clinic



I CAN'T FORGET HAVING CANCER, BUT WHEN I THINK OF MAP'S BREAST CARE UNIT TEAM, I FEEL STRONG. ”

MAP BREAST CARE UNIT PATIENT



MAP has helped build Nablus's first ever purpose-built breast cancer, which is helping provide lifesaving cancer treatment to Palestinian women. Photo: MAP

Although breast cancer is a well-understood and treatable form of the disease, it is the most common cause of cancer mortality among Palestinian women, accounting for about 21.5% of cancer deaths.

More than 57 years of Israel's systematic discrimination against the Palestinian people have severely limited the healthcare system and restricted access to essential services. As a result, obtaining basic diagnostics and care in the West Bank is often extremely difficult for women affected by breast cancer.

MAP's Breast Cancer Care project has been running in the West Bank since 2017. It helps Palestinian women fight breast cancer by improving access to care and treatment by sending multidisciplinary medical teams (MDTs), training local doctors, and procuring and delivering essential cancer care treatments.

In 2022, we helped develop Nablus's first purpose-built breast unit, helping women across the northern West Bank access lifesaving treatment without the need for long distance travel through checkpoints.

We've continued this vital project throughout 2023, dispatching additional MDTs, providing more equipment and offering additional training.

We remain committed to our long-term strategic goal to significantly lower morbidity and five-year mortality rates associated with breast cancer in the occupied Palestinian territory.

MOBILE HEALTH CLINICS: A MEDICAL LIFELINE



I USED TO PAY 80 ISRAELI SHEKELS JUST TO TRAVEL TO A DOCTOR, BEFORE EVEN PAYING THE COST OF TREATMENT. NOW I NO LONGER HAVE TO DO THAT. ↵↵

MAP MOBILE HEALTH CLINIC PATIENT

18,489

consultations provided by MAP mobile health clinics between January 2023 and March 2024



MAP's mobile health units provide remote West Bank communities with vital access to healthcare, including cancer screenings and regular GP visits. Photo: MAP

Of the many challenges faced by Palestinians in the occupied West Bank, finding regular, reliable access to healthcare is perhaps one of the hardest.

57 years of Israel's occupation and the denial of permanent healthcare facilities for communities in Area C means most people struggle to find even basic medical services. Those well enough to travel must contend with movement restrictions, checkpoints and poor roads, often leaving walking as the only viable option.

MAP's mobile health clinics address these critical gaps in healthcare by providing thousands of Palestinians, particularly those who are disabled, elderly or living in remote communities, with

regular weekly visits from teams of GPs, women's health specialists and mental health experts. These mobile teams can be a lifeline in isolated Palestinian communities where there is almost no access to healthcare.

In 2023, we also launched two state-of-the-art mobile health clinics with ultrasound scanning facilities. These clinics provide 25 communities in remote areas like Hebron and the Jordan Valley with essential healthcare services and can screen for illnesses like cancer, diabetes, high blood pressure and anaemia.

Our mobile health clinics are the result of a four-year partnership with the Palestinian Medical Relief Society.

SUPPORTING PALESTINIAN REFUGEES IN LEBANON



MAP is responding to growing instability in southern Lebanon, with continued clashes between armed groups and Israeli forces across the border.

Even before October, life for the estimated 250,000 Palestinian refugees residing in Lebanon was exceptionally hard, making it challenging to access even basic necessities like nutrition, non-food items and healthcare.

As a result, pregnant and breastfeeding women and their newborns suffer from shockingly high mortality rates, while adolescents planning for their future have only a fraction of the resources and opportunities they deserve.

In response, MAP is continuing our work providing accessible healthcare, and psychosocial support.

SITUATIONAL UPDATE



In October, violence between armed groups and Israeli forces erupted across Lebanon's southern border.

To date, these clashes have killed more than 114 people according to the Lebanon Ministry of Public Health. The villages closest to the south Lebanon border have felt the attacks the hardest, with more than 93,000 people already forced to flee their homes.

In response, MAP rolled out psychosocial first aid (PFA) training to a total of 67 local social and health workers in the Palestinian refugee camps in south Lebanon and Beirut as part of the emergency preparedness activities. We also provided mental health and psychosocial support to those displaced from Ein el Helweh Palestinian refugee camp following localised armed conflict there.

We also trained our midwives on how to treat people burned by white phosphorus, a toxic chemical used by Israeli forces

in southern Lebanon, and all MAP staff were given extra first aid and safety training.

MAP has also developed emergency preparedness plans in case the cross-border clashes escalate in Lebanon and begins to impact Palestinian refugee camps.

Lebanon continues to experience economic and political difficulties with no progress made related to the election of a new president for the country.

THE LIFESAVING MIDWIVES OF LEBANON



I FELT SO ANXIOUS DURING MY FIRST TRIMESTER BECAUSE OF MY PREVIOUS MISCARRIAGES. MAP'S MIDWIFE SUPPORTED ME WITH MY HIGH-RISK PREGNANCY.

EXPECTANT MOTHER VISITED BY A MAP MIDWIFE

15,751

home visits from MAP midwives to pregnant women, new mothers and their newborns



MAP's midwives have been saving the lives of newborns and their mothers since 2008 through our pioneering midwifery service in Lebanon. Credit: Ahmad Laila

An estimated quarter of a million Palestinian refugees live in Lebanon, where they endure severe poverty, marginalisation and the cramped, unsanitary conditions of the refugee camps.

For pregnant and breastfeeding women and their newborns, the consequences can be deadly. In 2020, the mortality ratio for pregnant Palestinian women was 24.1 per 100,000 live births, in stark contrast to the Lebanese average maternal mortality ratio of 16.9 per 100,000 live births.

Since 2008, MAP has helped reduce child mortality and morbidity with our pioneering community midwifery service supporting refugee women in Lebanon. MAP community midwives currently support two-thirds of all pregnant women and new mothers in the

refugee camps, where nearly half of pregnancies are considered high-risk. Their home visits have helped increase breastfeeding rates, reduce anaemia and lower pregnancy-related complications.

Each home visit lasts 45 minutes – long enough to provide detailed health assessments for mother and child, and developmental screening of the baby, while also providing extensive reproductive and post-natal healthcare and advice. Uniquely, we also screen for postnatal depression and signs of domestic violence, referring visitors to specialised services, including MAP-supported programmes in mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) and gender-based violence (GBV) projects, before following up with home visits.

INSPIRING AND EMPOWERING TEENAGE PALESTINIAN REFUGEES

89%



of participants said they felt more confident after attending sessions



A MAP peer education session at Sumoud Burj el Barajneh camp in Beirut, providing young people with critical access to support programmes. Photo: Ahmed Kassab

Young Palestinian refugees in Lebanon planning their future are currently doing so against a backdrop of economic turmoil, making the transition to adulthood even more challenging.

Instead of enjoying the opportunities afforded to their peers, young Palestinians in Lebanon must contend with limited access to education, denial of the right to work, discrimination, insecurity, and restrictions on movement. As a result, isolation, low self-esteem and depression are common – yet

access to critically needed mental health support is extremely limited. In response, MAP's Adolescent Health Project is working to support young Palestinians in Lebanon, in partnership with the National Institution for Social Care and Vocational Training.

Our programme empowers adolescents in Lebanon with the knowledge to make informed choices while boosting their self-esteem, wellbeing and communication skills through activities and workshops. The sessions are safe, non-judgemental



I USED TO BE SHY, BUT THANKS TO MAP'S AWARENESS SESSIONS, MY SELF-CONFIDENCE HAS INCREASED AND I'VE GOT THE COURAGE TO SPEAK UP.

MAP WORKSHOP ATTENDEE

spaces where young people can discuss any health and psychosocial issues freely.

Crucially, our sessions cover reproductive and adolescent health, tackling this longstanding taboo by affirming young people's right to advice and information on these important subjects. Our programmes also focus on gender equity and women's rights, which encourages better relations between men and women among young people, reducing gender-based discrimination and helping prevent gender-based violence.



CAMPAIGNING FOR PALESTINIAN HEALTH AND DIGNITY

MAP's Advocacy and Campaigns Team (ACT) advocates in the UK and internationally to break down the barriers to Palestinians' rights to health and dignity while addressing the root causes of health needs.

In 2023, the team focused much of its attention on calling for an end to Israel's indiscriminate bombardment and siege of Gaza, while also advancing longer-term advocacy, campaigning and communications objectives.

We pursued change through five key areas of impact:

- Promoting better policy
- Public mobilisation
- Shifting narratives
- Strengthening networks
- Communities taking the lead



1

PROMOTING BETTER POLICY

In 2023, we ran three delegations to the West Bank for British parliamentarians with the Council for Arab-British Understanding (Caabu). Delegates have since raised issues including attacks on healthcare and settler violence.

From October we pressed political leaders in the UK and internationally to call for an immediate ceasefire and an end to violations of international law. We briefed key policy-makers, including Foreign Secretary David Cameron, Deputy Foreign Secretary Andrew Mitchell and Leader of the Opposition Keir Starmer. We also briefed His Majesty King Charles.

We provided 30+ briefings to parliamentarians and Select Committees, with MAP referenced at least 56 times in debates.



EMT Dr Nick Maynard travelled to the US to brief the White House, State Department and USAID officials and Members of Congress.

MAP also advocated for ending attacks on healthcare at the UN Human Rights Council, including a panel for diplomats alongside the Al Mezan Center for Human Rights.





2

PUBLIC MOBILISATION

As a trusted voice with teams on the ground in Gaza and the West Bank, MAP recognises the importance of sharing the human stories and data from our teams, partners and the communities we serve, helping mobilise our supporters to take action while raising awareness of the situation across the occupied Palestinian territory among the broader public.

Our social media content was viewed more than 120m times and more than 1.6m people engaged with our content and actions, including reading and sharing news articles, donating, and participating in campaigns.

MAP's most successful campaign action resulted in almost 40,000 people emailing their MP to demand a ceasefire and the protection of Palestinians in Gaza from atrocity crimes.



3

SHIFTING NARRATIVES

Our continuous, impactful work across the region has helped position MAP as one of the go-to expert organisations on Palestinian health in the UK and internationally, enabling us to amplify the voices of our staff, partner organisations and Palestinian healthcare workers.

MAP's work in the occupied Palestinian territory and Lebanon, our advocacy for health and dignity, and the voices of our staff appeared in the media more than 25,000 times. Our coverage was featured in media outlets across the world, from Chile to Japan. This included regular coverage across influential outlets in the UK and US like the BBC, New York Times, Washington Post, Channel 4 News, CNN, the Daily Telegraph and the Times.



4

STRENGTHENING NETWORKS

MAP continues to partner with like-minded networks of partners to collectively build change.

We supported Gaza Medic Voices' vigil for healthcare workers in Gaza and released joint statements with other charities calling for international action to address the humanitarian crisis in Gaza. MAP also led several joint campaign actions including a vigil for children in Gaza, a lobby of parliament by British healthcare workers, and a campaign stunt outside the Global Hunger Summit calling for an end to Israel's siege. We helped Safeguarding Health

in Conflict Coalition launch its annual report, briefing journalists on the damaging impact of attacks on Palestinian medics.

Since 2023 MAP has led the advocacy task force of the health cluster network in the occupied Palestinian territory, and stepped up to the Steering Committee of the Association of International Development Agencies contributing to their advocacy statements and engagement.



5

COMMUNITIES TAKING THE LEAD

We keep the voices of the communities MAP serves at the forefront of our advocacy work, working collaboratively on our activities including delegations for parliamentarians, virtual tours for journalists, and communications outputs such as blogs and videos.

In 2023, we revised our approach to programme visits, to ensure that our work better protects these communities, and invited local partners to feedback on our advocacy and campaigning strategies.

During the war on Gaza, we worked closely Social Development Forum (SDF) to create and promote social media content on the impact of the war on people with disabilities.

AN UNWAVERING COMMITMENT: OUR PLANS FOR GAZA RESPONSE AND RECOVERY

When Israel's military assault on Gaza began in October, MAP was one of the first international NGOs to respond, immediately releasing lifesaving humanitarian aid and supplying it where it was needed most.

Since then, Israeli forces have killed more than 34,844 Palestinians, displaced over 75% of the population, and decimated Gaza's infrastructure, leaving people with extremely limited access to basic services.

The Israeli military's attacks have dismantled the health system, leaving the basic right to health utterly out of reach for Palestinians. Meanwhile, systematic restrictions of aid, severe overcrowding in shelters, and a lack of clean water and sanitation means young children are now dying from treatable diseases. Additionally, vital infrastructure has been critically damaged, from power grids, sewage systems and communication networks to education and health facilities.

Today, MAP remains one of the only international NGOs still operating in Gaza. Whatever comes next, we know that it will take years, if not decades for Gaza to recover. When Gaza is eventually able to move towards rebuilding, MAP will be there as long as we are needed, widening our emergency response areas and planning for the next phases around key scenarios.



A father and his two sons among the ruins of their former home, Gaza. Photo: Mohammed Zaanoun

1

NUTRITION

Hunger and starvation in Gaza are now at the highest level recorded on the Integrated Food Security Phase Classification scale.

In response, on 1 June MAP is launching an established nutrition program that procures and supplies food packets to families, conducts screening of vulnerable groups and provides nutrition treatment for those malnourished including therapeutic food supplements, and emergency treatments at our two newly established nutrition stabilisation centres.

Based on initial planning, before 2025 we aim to have screened and treated an estimated 50,000 children, women and people with chronic health conditions in Khan Younis and Deir al Bhalla.

As the conflict, needs and funding context change we plan to expand into the rest of Gaza and reach an additional 100,000 people, and by April 2026 aim to have supported over 150,000 people. We will adapt and develop the programming as the context changes.

We are working in partnership with local NGO Ard El Insan who MAP has been working with for over a decade.



CHILDREN IN GAZA ARE BEING STARVED AT THE FASTEST RATE THE WORLD HAS EVER KNOWN. THEIR SURVIVAL DEPENDS ON MORE FOOD, FUEL AND WATER ENTERING GAZA IMMEDIATELY, AS WELL AS A LASTING CEASEFIRE.

FIKR SHALLTOOT,
MAP'S GAZA DIRECTOR



2

MEDICAL CARE

MAP will deliver effective, sustainable medical interventions in Gaza, building off our extensive experience, local staff, and longstanding links with community partners, hospitals, and health providers.

Our team in Gaza were the first to respond to the current emergency, releasing US\$570,000 of prepositioned supplies to healthcare providers working under bombardment. Between then and end of March 2024, we have delivered a further US\$5.7m+ of lifesaving medicine and supplies.

MAP also sent one of the first Emergency Medical Teams (EMTs) to support local healthcare staff. Since then, we've dispatched a further five teams with plans to

send at least seven more between May and December, including to the north of Gaza if possible. The EMTs work alongside local healthcare workers, treating patients in need of critical orthopaedic, vascular and trauma surgery.

We are coordinating with WHO and others to repair and rehabilitate services at Nasser Hospital in Khan Younis, the most important referral hospital in southern Gaza before its recent near-destruction.

Once the immediate conflict ends we plan to expand our support, rebuilding prepositioned stocks of medical supplies, rehabilitating hospital departments providing specialist care and offering medical training to medical staff for complex injuries and conditions.

3

PUBLIC HEALTH AND COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

Communicable diseases are spreading rapidly in Gaza due to a lack of water, basic hygiene, sanitation, food, and primary healthcare. As of May 2024, 650,000+ cases of acute respiratory tract infections have been recorded.

In response, MAP is supplying camps and shelters with hygiene kits and health education, and collecting data from 15 health facilities as part of coordinated health monitoring.

Providing displaced people with access to frontline services is key to addressing this serious issue, which is why throughout Gaza, MAP is establishing mobile health



THE EXCESS DEATHS FROM COMMUNICABLE DISEASES WILL DWARF THE NUMBER OF TRAUMA-RELATED DEATHS.

PROF. NICK MAYNARD,
MAP EMT

outreach centres and primary healthcare clinics that will treat infectious diseases. This includes at least four in the south and two in the north, each estimated to serve 30,000 patients annually.

As of early June, 12 medical points providing sexual and reproductive health services have been set up.

Beyond this, we will establish new water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) groups in key displacement sites, provide access to clean drinking water and toilets, and repair water systems used by at least 10,000+ people.

4

MENTAL HEALTH AND PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT

Even before October, Israel's ongoing occupation and blockade placed the Palestinian people under extreme, prolonged stress. Now, the relentless bombardment of densely populated civilian areas in Gaza has worsened this mental health crisis, with children left particularly vulnerable.

We will ensure Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS) is a key focus by integrating into all areas of our response.

As well as ensuring programmes are accessible to those suffering psychological distress, MAP will provide psychological first-aid training to our staff and partners, and build on our existing work with local partners to integrate



WE HAD NO TIME TO MOURN OUR LOVED ONES. WE WERE BUSY TRYING TO SURVIVE.

MAP STAFF MEMBER

MHPSS services across all functioning medical points. This work will be informed by IASC Guidelines.

Our Gaza team will recruit staff to oversee the delivery of psychological first aid, our partner the Royal College of Psychiatry will help us strengthen psychiatric care through training, and future missions of mental health professionals will provide response support in the same way as EMTs.

5

DISABILITY

Disability is a programme priority area for MAP, with people injured by previous conflicts still waiting for complex surgeries to reconstruct shattered limbs.

However, the number of life-changing injuries emerging from the current crisis is staggering. Around 10 children each day lose a limb. Others have sustained vision and hearing loss from the firing, shelling and bombing, while those already living with a disability have been severely impacted.

In response, disability will become fully mainstreamed throughout MAP's programming, improving access and removing barriers to services. We will deliver assistive devices to at least 5,000 people



I SAW 15 PATIENTS NEEDING LIMB AMPUTATIONS, THE MAJORITY OF WHICH WERE ONLY NECESSARY BECAUSE THEY WERE LEFT WITHOUT ANY PROPER MEDICAL CARE DURING ISRAEL'S SIEGE OF SHIFA HOSPITAL.

DR TAYSEER AL-TANNA,
VASCULAR SURGEON,
AL-AHLIA HOSPITAL

in the next year, work towards providing physiotherapy to 2,000+ people, and identify new partners to help us provide community-level disability interventions.

We'll also recruit disability staff in Gaza, and develop a new programme for the early identification and treatment of disability in children. Our medical teams will undertake corrective surgery for people with limb injuries to improve their movement and quality of life. In the recovery phase, we aim to support the rebuilding of physiotherapy services in hospitals.

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PROTECTION

The protection environment in Gaza has been devastated, leaving its entire population exposed to multiple intersectional protection risks, including attacks on civilians, child and forced family separation, gender-based violence, denial of access to humanitarian aid and forced displacement. Everyone is at significant risk of wide-ranging human rights violations – no one in Gaza is safe.

MAP's protection programme will establish services that can be integrated across our programming, including case management for gender-based violence which will be scaled up and integrated along with health, nutrition and other sector responses. We will also set up psychosocial support and individual protection assistance for people with specific needs. Protection Mainstreaming staff will monitor the programmes' progress, and recommend and carry out any necessary remedial measures.

KEY POLICIES AND PROCESSES



DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

MAP is committed to diversity and inclusion both in the workplace and in our programmes. We are also working to strengthen our approach in this area. Our staff are 68% women and the majority are Palestinian. We are a Living Wage Employer.



TRANSPARENCY

We are always as transparent as possible about our governance, activities and finances. We publish the names of our trustees and directors, details about our activities in Palestine and Lebanon, our annual review, and our fully audited annual accounts on our website.



CORE HUMANITARIAN STANDARDS

MAP works in accordance with humanitarian principles. Accountability to the communities we work alongside is central to our ethos. The Core Humanitarian Standard (CHS) sets out nine commitments that humanitarian organisations make throughout their programme delivery. The CHS Commitments' overall aim is to put people at the centre of humanitarian response. As a member of the CHS Alliance, we work in line with these commitments and continuously review our practice.



ACCOUNTABILITY

We aim to give our stakeholders trust and confidence in MAP's work by ensuring funds raised for our development and humanitarian aid programmes are used efficiently and directed to appropriate projects. We always comply with international regulations and industry standards.

MAP has a comprehensive project approval and control process which is implemented in line with best international practice.



SAFEGUARDING OF VULNERABLE PEOPLE

Given the environments within which we work and the complexity of some of our projects, the protection of children and vulnerable adults is critical. We are committed to maintaining the highest standards within our organisation and partners, and to the regular review of our policies and protocols and the training of all staff.



GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATION (GDPR)

Protecting the data of the people we support, our donors, and our partners is of paramount importance. Our processes are in accordance with GDPR and our team is fully trained to keep your data safe and communications in accordance with your wishes.

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