

**occupied Palestinian territory 2016**

<b>Appealing Agency</b>	<b>UNITED NATIONS CHILDREN'S FUND (UNICEF)</b>
<b>Project Title</b>	Informing humanitarian programmatic and advocacy response through documentation of grave violations against children affected by armed conflict
<b>Project Code</b>	OPT-16/P-HR-RL/87480
<b>Sector/Cluster</b>	Protection
<b>Refugee project</b>	No
<b>Objectives</b>	Evidence base for emergency referral and response to appropriate services to child victims of grave violations in place ensuring the rights Palestinians under occupation are protected in accordance with IHL and IHRL
<b>Beneficiaries</b>	Total: 15,000 children Children (under 18): 15,000
<b>Implementing Partners</b>	DCI Palestine, War Child Holland, Wadi Hilweh Information Centre, Adadameer, B'Tselem
<b>Project Duration</b>	Jan 2016 - Dec 2016
<b>Current Funds Requested</b>	<b>\$547,267</b>
<b>Location</b>	Projects covering both West Bank and Gaza
<b>Priority / Category</b>	Other
<b>Gender Marker Code</b>	1 - The project is designed to contribute in some limited way to gender equality
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<b>Cash based Intervention</b>	<p>Is any part of this project cash based intervention (including vouchers)? <span style="float: right;">No</span></p> <p>Conditionality:</p> <p>Restrictions:</p> <p>Estimated percentage of project requirements to be used for cash/vouchers: <span style="float: right;">0</span></p>

**Needs**

In 2015 the escalation in violence is gravely affecting children impacting on their rights to protection, life, and education, as well as their social and emotional well-being. Children living in the State of Palestine are growing up in a state of insecurity enhancing their vulnerability for their future. The protracted occupation and related violence is pervasive and negatively affects society as a whole, impacting on the coping mechanisms and resilience of children and their caregivers leading to feelings of fear and frustration among the community at large, as well as increased levels of violence in the home, at school, and in the community.

Across the West Bank, at least 400 children were injured and 19 were killed during demonstrations, and military operations increasingly with the use of live ammunition. Some were attacked and killed by Israeli settlers, and arrested and detained including at very young ages (the youngest documented is 6 years) and increasingly for security offences. Children also face regular harassment at checkpoints on their way to and from school. Escalations of violence between armed elements in Gaza and Israeli security forces remain a constant feature in the lives of children living in Gaza, where military camps are being held for youth including children. The impact of the 2014 escalation of conflict is still felt by children in Gaza who are suffering the ongoing consequences and need access to protection services, including psychosocial support and individual case management support.

The situation of children arrested by the Israeli Security Forces and prosecuted before military courts is being monitored. Following an increasing number of allegations of ill-treatment of children in military detention, in 2013, UNICEF published a review of practices related to children who come into contact with the military detention system. Despite a two year dialogue with the Israeli authorities and efforts by the Military Advocate General to instigate a number of reforms, many of the practices of the military detention system remain in violation of international law. This requires specific measures are taken to protect children against ill-treatment when in conflict with law enforcement, military and judicial institutions.

As part of its mandate, UNICEF implements the Children and Armed Conflict (CAAC) Reporting Mechanism in line with Security Council Resolution 1612(2005) and documenting grave violations against children. This documentation aims to provide an accurate overview of the situation of children affected by the conflict. As shown by the data collected through the CAAC Reporting Mechanism, emergency interventions are required to provide protection assistance to children, such as legal support prior to their interrogation and referral to appropriate services. An additional need is advocacy with relevant authorities to raise attention to the needs of children killed, detained and whose access to education is being hampered, and the militarization and recruitment of children in Gaza.

#### **Activities or outputs**

Through this action, UNICEF will chair and coordinate the multiagency Working Group on Grave Violations against Children comprised of UN, national and international Non Governmental Organisations, and provide members with technical support and specialized and targeted capacity building. The documentation of grave violations against children will also inform the provision of child protection services to victims of grave violations including legal assistance and psychosocial support. Furthermore, the documentation will inform advocacy within relevant authorities to increase the protection of children affected by escalations of the conflict, the eight years Gaza blockade and the military occupation of the West Bank. Specific activities include to:

Activity one: Maintain and strengthen the CAAC reporting mechanism in Israel/State of Palestine.

Includes i) funding a Research officer to maintain a high quality documentation on grave violations, and strengthening the knowledge base and analysis on grave violations through the CAAC Database, and ii) funding a Child Protection specialist to lead the Working Group on Grave Violations against children to further develop the capacity of partners to document grave violations and use the information collected for evidence based programmatic response.

Activity two: Strengthen capacity of civil society partners to document grave violations.

Includes i) a refresher trainings for the members of the Working Group in Gaza and the West Bank, and ii) five workshops completed in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem to address the underreporting on education related violations.

Activity three: Increase generation of knowledge on impact of armed conflict and military occupation on children.

Includes funding implementation to regularly publish in depth updates on the impact of the escalations of conflicts in Gaza and military occupation in the West Bank, including a collection of soldiers' testimonies.

Activity four: Increase access to child protection services for children affected by armed conflict. Includes funding partners to provide legal assistance to children arrested by the Israeli security forces in the West Bank and East Jerusalem, and referring children to other protection services.

Activity five: Engage with state and non state authorities to advocate for increased protection for children from grave violations. Includes to i) maintain regular dialogue with the Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs to provide information on progress in relation to children in military detention; ii) establish a dialogue with authorities in Gaza on recruitment and use of children, iii) establish and maintain regular communication with key member States to maintain the issue of military detention as a priority on their agenda, and iv) contribute to the messages that members States are using in their dialogue with Israel by including systematic reference to Israel's obligations and practical recommendations.

#### **Indicators and targets**

- HRP indicator: # of incidents of grave violations against children monitored and documented
- HRP indicator: # of people affected by recent conflict that receive legal counselling and assistance
- Children and Armed Conflict database updated and used to produce quarterly and annual updates, including quarterly Global Horizontal Note to Secretary General.
- Two refresher trainings held with members of the WGGV - in Gaza, and the West Bank.
- Five workshops held in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem, to address the underreporting on education related violations.
- Two partners funded to monitor grave violations against children.
- Number of updates published by members of the WGGV on the impact of the escalations of conflicts in Gaza and military occupation in the West Bank.
- 300 boys provided with legal representation in the West Bank and East Jerusalem.

#### **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, which include the 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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