



UN Women collaborates with partners to deliver a more accurate picture of the gender dimensions of conflict and humanitarian crises and to ensure that the response is more effective for women and girls. In this edition of *This Week in Palestine*, UN Women is proud to share a selection of its recent publications with the magazine's readers to enhance their understanding of the impact of current crises, including COVID-19, on Palestinian women.

COVID-19: Gendered Impacts of the Pandemic in Palestine and Implications for Policy and Programming

COVID-19 has worsened an already dire humanitarian and economic situation in Palestine and weakened its already fragile and vulnerable population. But its impact has not been felt evenly across the population. To increase understanding of the gender-specific impact of COVID-19 and ensure that the needs and priorities of all Palestinians are fairly and effectively addressed in response and recovery plans, UN Women conducted a rapid gender analysis. Based on preliminary data collection, surveys, and meetings that UN Women had with more than 30 women-led organizations and woman leaders in the West Bank and Gaza, the report shows how the pandemic disproportionately affects women, creating and exacerbating preexisting gender-specific risks and vulnerabilities and widening inequalities. To address this, the paper also provides a set of recommendations to guide the response to the pandemic and recovery from it.

For more information, please visit <https://palestine.unwomen.org/en/digital-library/publications/2019/02/covid-19-gendered-impacts-of-the-pandemic-in-palestine-and-implications-for-policy-and-programming>.

The Imperative of Mainstreaming Gender in Humanitarian Action in Palestine: Six Case Studies from Gaza

The Gaza Strip remains in a chronic humanitarian crisis due to an Israeli blockade, successive rounds of conflict, and the ongoing internal Palestinian divide. Of the 2.1 million people living in Gaza, 1.5 million, or 71 percent, are estimated to be in need of humanitarian aid and 53 percent live below the poverty line. Women and girls are disproportionately impacted by the humanitarian situation because of gender norms and preexisting inequalities. Gender can intersect with other factors, such as age, sexual orientation, gender identity, ethnicity, disability, education, and employment, to further compound challenges in emergencies. This makes integrating gender into all humanitarian actions an imperative to ensure that aid is provided effectively and fairly to women, men, girls, and boys. Through six case studies from Gaza, this document illustrates the

necessity of taking gender into account both in understanding the impact of the humanitarian situation on Gazans and in providing aid that is responsive to the needs of all.

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Two Years Later: The Gendered Impact of the Great March of Return in the Gaza Strip

The "Great March of Return" (GMR) is a Palestinian grassroots movement that started in March 2018 to demand the lifting of the Israeli blockade on the Gaza Strip. Two years on, the repercussions of the GMR are still felt by large segments of the society in Gaza. In this new report, UN Women examines the GMR's direct and indirect impacts on women and gender power relations in Gaza. The analysis shows that even when empowered, women and girls are more vulnerable to the adversity of consequences of the GMR because they often lack protection and positive coping mechanisms. The report also provides a set of recommendations for humanitarian actors, governmental institutions, nongovernmental organizations, and international actors to effectively address the lasting impacts of GMR on women.

For more information, please visit <https://palestine.unwomen.org/en/digital-library/publications/2020/12/the-gendered-impact-of-the-great-march-of-return-in-the-gaza-strip>.

Gender Alert: Needs of Women, Girls, Boys, and Men in Humanitarian Action in Palestine

Humanitarian situations are experienced in different ways by women, men, girls, and boys. Gendered needs are increasingly being mainstreamed in humanitarian assistance planning, implementation, and monitoring. Integrating gender analysis into humanitarian programming bolsters human rights-based approaches and the ability to effectively help vulnerable populations. A gender analysis assesses relationships between women, girls, boys, and men, reviewing their respective roles, access to resources, control of resources, and constraints. Women and girls are disproportionately impacted by gender norms and preexisting inequalities. Gender along with other factors (such as age, sexual orientation, gender identity, ethnicity, disability, education, employment, and location) can intersect to further compound challenges in emergencies. This Gender Alert was developed to inform the 2021 Humanitarian Needs Overview and Humanitarian Response Plan by providing a robust analysis of gender-specific vulnerabilities to support humanitarian actors in addressing the specific humanitarian needs of Palestinian women, men, girls, and boys.

For more information, please visit <https://palestine.unwomen.org/en/digital-library/publications/2020/10/gender-alert-needs-of-women-and-men-in-humanitarian-action-in-palestine>.