

**MAP**

MEDICAL AID FOR **PALESTINIANS**

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# Introduction to Medical Aid for Palestinians



# What we do

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MAP's vision is a future where all Palestinians can access an effective, sustainable and locally-led system of healthcare and the full realisation of their rights to health and dignity.

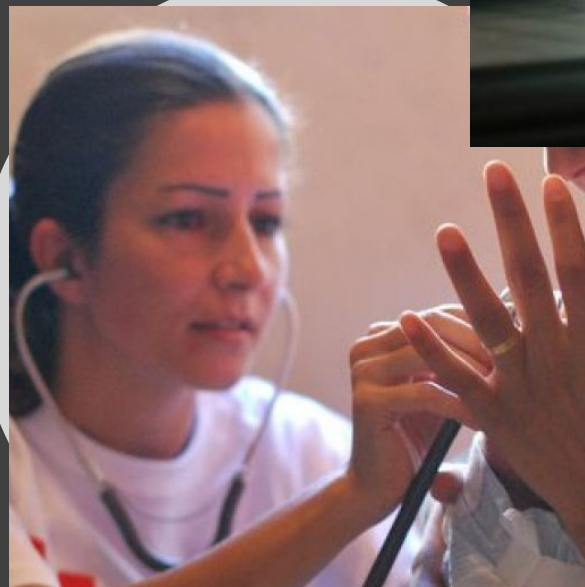
Through our offices in the West Bank, Gaza, East Jerusalem, Lebanon and London, we work with trusted and experienced local partners to achieve this vision.

Our programmes provide access to essential health services and build local knowledge and skills to address local health problems. In times of humanitarian emergency, we are ready to respond rapidly with aid and assistance.

# Women and children's health

MAP takes an integrated approach to women and children's health, encompassing reproductive health, safe motherhood and essential child health services, together with psychosocial care, parenting support and recognition and response to cases of child abuse, neglect and domestic violence.

**Examples:** Management of malnutrition (Gaza); Neonatal life support (Gaza); Community midwives (Lebanon); Breast cancer care (West Bank & Gaza)





# Mental health & psychosocial support

MAP supports Palestinians in their determination to be resilient and active survivors, helping communities to build collective coping mechanisms. Our aim is to help people to rebuild meaning and coherence, relieve stress, and limit the development of further complications, whilst also addressing interpersonal, family, social and cultural issues.

**Examples:** Al Saraya Centre (East Jerusalem); MHPSS for children and families affected by the war in Syria (Lebanon)





# Disability

MAP takes a social and rights-based approach to disability. We focus on removing the barriers to the participation in society by people with disabilities which complements medical care. Our projects provide rehabilitation support as well as advocating a rights-based approach to change practices and challenge public perceptions of disability by empowering people with disabilities to break down the barriers in the communities they live in.

**Examples:** Physiotherapy Centre and Early Intervention Unit (Lebanon); Community-Based Rehabilitation and Advocacy (Gaza); Palestinian Circus School – working with children with learning disabilities (West Bank).

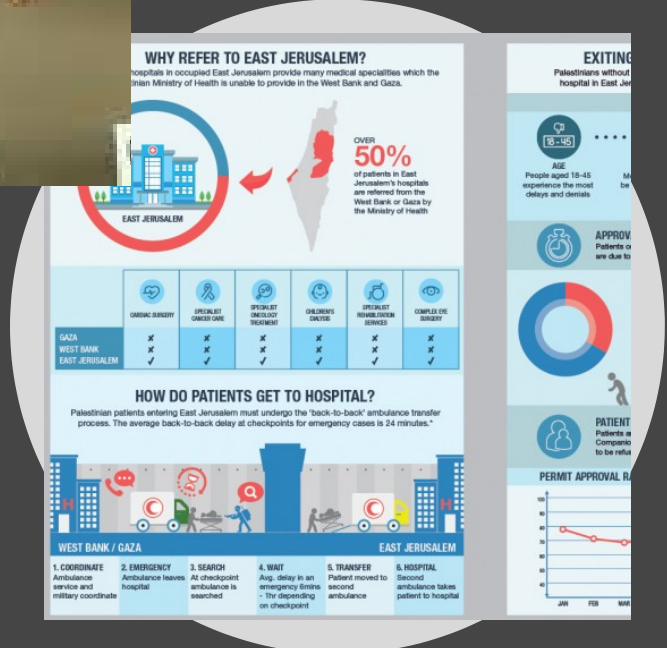


# Emergencies & emerging needs

In emergencies, MAP is ready to act fast to get vital aid to those in need. We are improving local capacity to deal with emergencies and empowering communities to develop strong systems and protocols to respond in crisis. We ensure that hospitals are appropriately stocked and equipped and ready to respond to emergencies.

**Examples:** Limb reconstruction and physiotherapy training (Gaza); mobile clinic in the Jordan Valley (West Bank); procurement of 'zero-stock' medicines (Gaza)





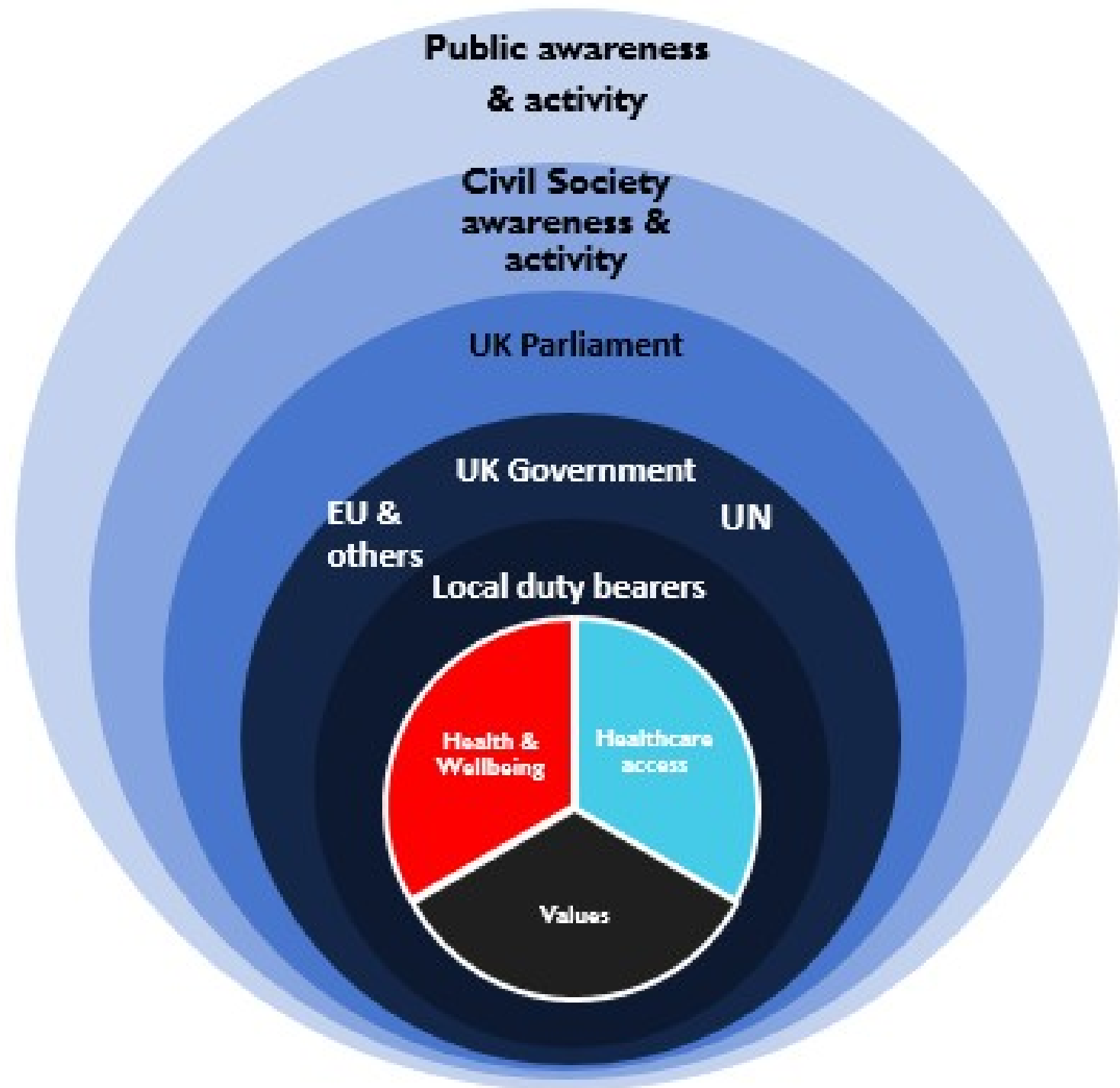
# Advocacy

As well as working through local partnerships to support the health and dignity of Palestinian communities, MAP is committed to addressing the root causes of these needs. We conduct advocacy and campaigns in the UK and internationally in support of Palestinians' rights to health and dignity.

# How MAP does advocacy

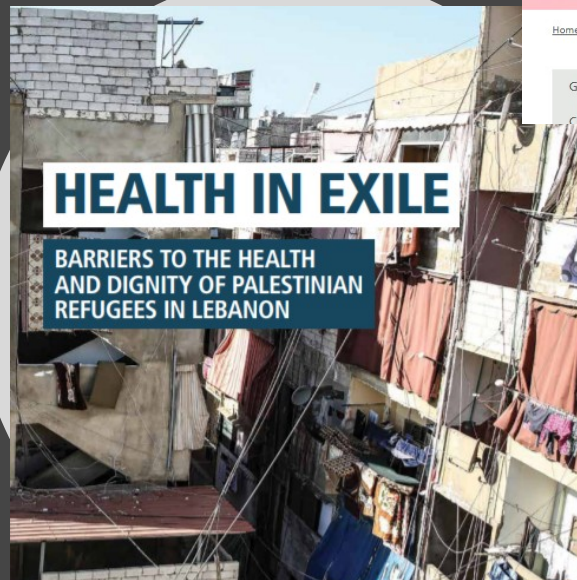
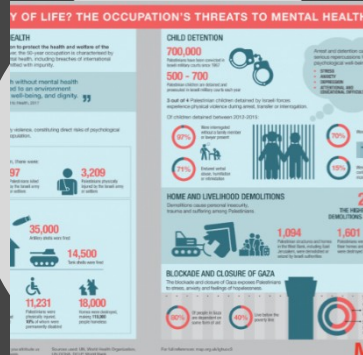
Key constituencies:

- Public, supporters and media
- Civil society networks and partners
- UK parliament
- UK government, EU, and UN member states
- Local duty bearers



# Public, supporters and the media

- Research, reporting, and visualisation (e.g. videos, reports and infographics)
- Raising awareness of political and social barriers to the right to health for children (e.g. coverage of challenges to neonatal intensive care in Gaza)
- Campaign actions giving opportunities for supporters to engage with political representatives (e.g. 'Email your MP' campaign on child-parent separations)



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## Coalition of 70+ INGO calls for an end to occupation in new report

Jerusalem, 12 February 2018

The Association of International Development Agencies (AIDA), a coalition of more than 70 INGOs, has released a new report on the human rights situation in the occupied Palestinian territory (oPt), documents the grim reality of life under occupation. The report, 50 Years of Occupation and De-development, illustrates the systemic, decades-long squeeze of Palestinian people.

The report documents how the Oslo Accords of the 1990s were never fully implemented, leaving Palestinians in a state of limbo and economic stagnation. In the 25 years since the first Oslo Accords, the oPt has become more fragmented and less developed. Meanwhile, the number of settlers in the West Bank has more than doubled.

# Civil society networks and partners

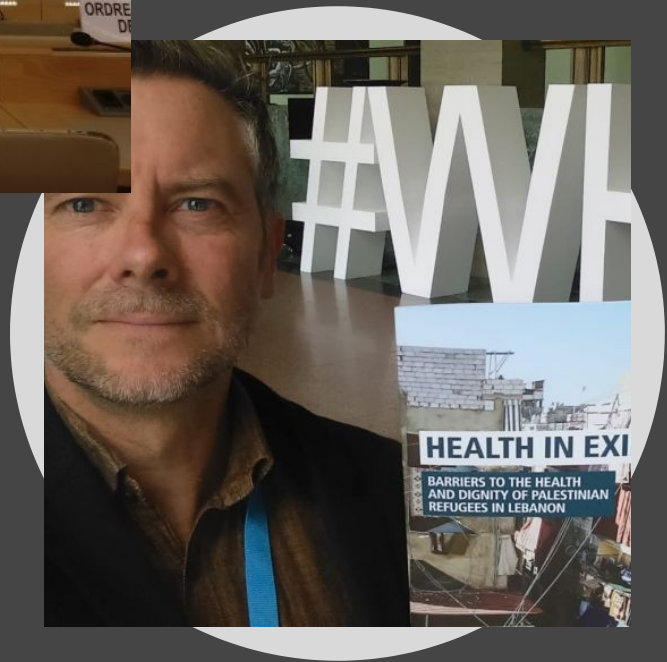
- Joint actions with trusted partners, including statements, press releases and letters (e.g. joint statement on UNRWA support)
- Coalition meetings with UK government and advocacy coordination (e.g. membership of networks in UK, EU, Geneva and Jerusalem)
- Joint events and meetings (e.g. side event on right to health at UN Human Rights Council)



# UK parliament

- Regular delegations to the West Bank with our partner Caabu
- Engagement with MPs in London – providing briefings etc for parliamentary questions (e.g. House of Commons debate on ‘Great March of Return’ in Gaza, March 2018, ‘Gaza’s Children: Falling Behind’ – with Save the Children - documenting the effect of the blockade on child health in Gaza)





# Governments: UK, EU and UN member states

- Direct advocacy with the UK government (e.g. correspondence and meetings with FCO and DFID)
- Giving evidence to Parliament's International Development Committee
- International forums: Side events, statements, written submissions and lobbying diplomats (e.g. engagement at Human Rights Council on injuries at 'Great March of Return' in Gaza, World Health Assembly event on refugee health with UNRWA, WHO and others)

# Local duty bearers and communities

Many of our programmes seek to empower individuals to advocate their own rights within their communities (e.g. supporting people with disabilities in Gaza to challenge social isolation and marginalisation in their communities in Gaza; empowering Palestinian youth with health and life skills in Palestinian refugee camps in Lebanon)

