

Palestinians have been living under occupation for 75 years and military rule since 1967. The international community including the ICC has opened investigations into the serious crimes committed by Israel, including crimes against humanity- Apartheid and Persecution. Palestinians have been subjected to systematic discrimination, repression, ethnic cleansing, and daily human rights abuses. All Palestinians under international law, have the right to protection, and Israel as an occupying power must ensure that protection.

However, the last 2 years have been the most violent and fatal for Palestinians across the oPt (OCHA). There are approximately 2.1 million Palestinians across the oPt in need of humanitarian assistance, and unfortunately, this figure is rising due to the recent increases in violence against Palestinians. Many within the INGO community have described the context in Palestine a crisis on top of a crisis (WHO).

In the last 24 hours, 313 Palestinians have been killed, 1990 injuries in Gaza, and 7 fatalities and 50 injured in the West Bank (MOH). There are already 20,000 IDPs seeking refuge and shelter in UNRWA schools and most of the West Bank has been shut down with restricted access due to roadblocks and closed checkpoints. The most vulnerable Palestinian demographics, in the last 24 hours have now become even more vulnerable, with women, children, elderly, youth, and PWD feeling the effects the most. Unfortunately with Israel declaring war, the number of vulnerable people will only rise. In this critical time, PMRS requests support for their humanitarian efforts and to assist them in ensuring the most vulnerable Palestinians have access to emergency and primary healthcare.

PMRS urgently seeks support from their partners and international community to stand up for Palestinian rights and to demand that Palestinians are ensured their right to protection. PMRS urgently requests their partners and advocates of Palestinians to demand the end to the current violence and escalation of violence overall. PMRS seeks support to continue advocating the human rights of Palestinians including the right to live freely, the right to protection and health.