

I. Allocation Overview

Project Proposal Deadline: (5 May 2022, 1600, Jerusalem time)

A) Introduction / Humanitarian situation

The allocation is directed at two specialized implementing partners, namely ACTED /REACH (a joint initiative of ACTED, IMPACT Initiatives, and the UN Operational Satellite Applications Programme) for the first phase of partial coverage of the MSNA exercise, and Augusta Victoria Hospital in East Jerusalem to sustain the work of the hospital for cancer patients as a result of the PA financial crisis that is impacting most profoundly on this Hospital.

II. Allocation Strategy

In accordance with the CBPFs global guidelines, the HC will direct the funding to **ACTED /REACH** and **Augusta Victoria Hospital** as the best actors to implement these urgently specialized activities. The proposal from ACTED will go through a technical review by the **Coordination and Support Services sector (CSS)** coordinator and the **Augusta Victoria Hospital (AVH)** project by the health cluster coordinator. Financial review will be conducted by the Humanitarian Finance Unit before it is recommended for funding.

Purpose of the Allocation Strategy

Coordination and Support Services sector (CSS)

USD 250,000

Multi-Sector Needs Assessment (MSNA):

The oPt Multi-Sector Needs Assessment (MSNA) is a nation-wide, statistically representative household-level survey that investigates sectoral and intersectoral needs throughout the West Bank and Gaza. As the second iteration in oPt, the 2022 MSNA will analyze household-level qualitative data, ultimately providing evidence-based analysis to inform the HRP 2023 and strengthen humanitarian decision-making. The MSNA is a fundamental pillar of the Humanitarian Programme Cycle enabling the humanitarian community to define an evidence-based Humanitarian Needs Overview (HNO), to calculate the People in Need (PiN) and ultimately to identify the adequate response to needs in the Humanitarian Response Plan (HRP).

Building on the 2021 legacy, the 2022 MSNA is designed to identify needs and vulnerability trends over time. OCHA, REACH organized a series of lessons learned workshops with key humanitarian stakeholders and development actors to better design and fit the data/analysis needs for this year's exercise. In order to align with the global HPC cycle OCHA and REACH have already begun research and design consultations with cluster coordinators and cluster members. Data collection is planned to begin in mid-May 2022 in order to provide the humanitarian community fully analyzed data by August. REACH has mobilized resources to cover project costs in March and April. Part of the remaining implementation of the project to be supported by the HF for a total of **US\$ 250,000**. OCHA and ACTED/REACH will continue to mobilize support for the exercise in the coming months. The status of the funding will be reassessed at the end of September 2022, if no other funding is secured, a cost extension can be considered by the HC for another **US\$ 224,00**.

Augusta Victoria Hospital:

The financial crisis affecting the East Jerusalem Hospital Network (EJHN) has a significant negative impact on the health situation of vulnerable Palestinians from across oPt who depend on these hospitals specifically for specialized services that are not available anywhere else in Palestine. The total debt owed by the Palestinian Authority (PA) to all six hospitals is estimated at around USD 99.2 million. The continuous critical financial situation of the Palestinian Authority; the absence of the USAID payments for four years, and the delay in the EU PEGASE 2021 payment have led to the financial crisis. The outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020, has increased the EJHN expenses.

This financial crisis is impacting most profoundly on Augusta Victoria Hospital (\$ 70 million), the only comprehensive Cancer care facility in East Jerusalem. Monthly running costs amount to an average of around USD 4 million. The Management of Augusta Victoria Hospital has already taken drastic mitigation measures by ceasing to take on any new cancer patients since September 2021. Following, a series of appeals, the German Government have pledged 500,000 Euros to cover the costs of medicines for cancer treatments. In order to create some time for the Ministry of Health to convene an emergency task force with key stakeholders, including operational partners, donors and the other key line ministries to identify medium-term solutions.

The Humanitarian Coordinator has pledged to match the German funding with a one-time exceptional grant of **USD 500,000** to cover the costs of life-saving cancer treatment medicines under the reserve window of the oPt Humanitarian Fund.

III. Timeline and Procedure

This oPt HF **Reserve** Allocation is launched by the Humanitarian Coordinator (HC) on Thursday 28 April 2022. The review of the proposals will be done as soon as the proposals are submitted. The final proposals should be submitted to the HC for approval no later than 5 May 2022.