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About the Gaza HIS

The Gaza HIS produces Jossor ma'Gaza ('Bridges for Gaza'), a daily live 1-hour humanitarian radio program with useful, actionable news-you-can-use, featuring interviews with humanitarian officials and audience interviews and incoming SMS. Jossor ma'Gaza is broadcast from Sunday to Friday on Voice of Palestine (99.4 FM) from 12:10 to 13:00 and from 17:00 to 18:00 and 22:00 to 23:00. The Gaza HIS also broadcasts timely humanitarian updates during the day with information about aid services and important messages, as aid efforts and events unfold.

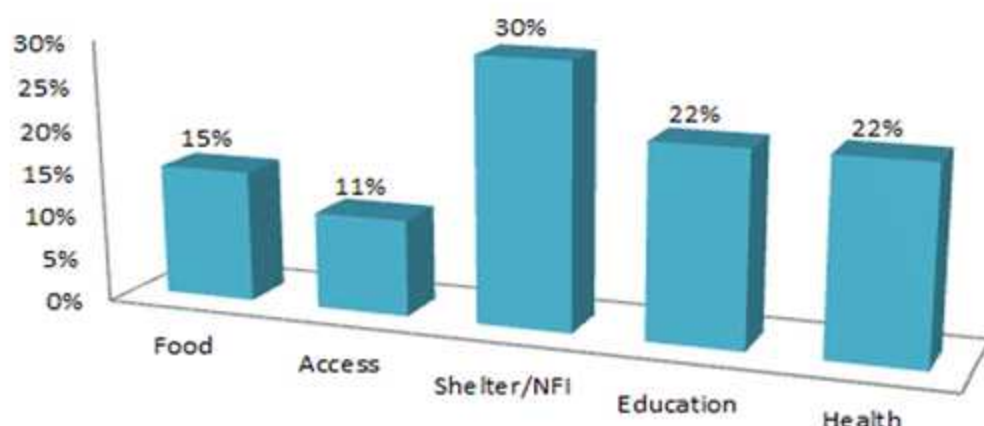
Jossor ma'Gaza reaches approximately 95% of the population in all 5 governorates in Gaza through the Voice of Palestine, Alwan Radio, and 7 radios in the West Bank from the Internews-supported Jossor Network:

In Gaza: The Voice of Palestine (99.4FM) reaches all Gaza and is also available on a mobile app and on satellite TV through NileSat 12034, and Alwan Radio (94.5FM), in Gaza. Both radios live stream in their websites.

In West Bank: The Voice of Palestine (99.4FM and 90.7FM); Minbar Al Hurriya (92.7FM, Hebron) reaches approx 60% of Gaza; Halla (107.4 FM, Jerusalem); Raya (96.8FM, Ramallah); Bethlehem 2000 (106.3 & 89.6 FM, Bethlehem); Tariq Al Mahaba (97.7 FM, Nablus); Nas (104.9FM, Jenin); and Al Fajr Radio (90.4FM, Tulkarem).

Broadcasting during the week

Topics covered



Interviews with IDPs from different locations in Gaza: Gaza City, Rafah, Khan Yunis, Jabalia.



Red Crescent Society, Ministry of Social Affairs, Scout Society, the head of the National Reproductive Health Program, Business Women's Forum, Ministry of Education and Higher Education and UNRWA.



1-A message explaining the continued food distribution being done by UNRWA and WFP.
2-A message to explain the opening of an online portal managed by the Ministry of Social Affairs to register online to receive aid

Broadcasting for next week

Day/Date	31/8 Sun	1/9 Mon	2/9 Tue	3/9 Wed	4/9 Thu
Topic	Psycho-social, child protection	Children with disabilities.	WASH, power, infrastructure	Logistics support and distribution mechanisms.	Crossings, and moving aid into Gaza.

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Main feedback from citizens

Shelters/ NFI



Gazans hosted in the shelters also lament a lack of blankets in addition to the lack of good hygienic conditions. .

Health



Regarding health, the main feedback is related to the lack of suitable hygienic conditions for pregnant women. Reproductive health has been highlighted as a problematic issue during several interviews. An increase in the number of premature births due to stressful conditions lived by the mothers has also been reported.

Education



Those whose homes were not destroyed or only partially damaged have been returning home, while those who do not have a place to go are remaining in the shelters. This raises the question of when schools will be opened again for children to begin their school year.

Food



The main feedback received by our journalists in Gaza is that the food distributed is not suitable for pregnant women and children.

Information



A lack of clarity is apparent regarding the actual conditions of the truce between Hamas and Israel. In particular, there seems to be a need to clarify with the population in Gaza the degree of opening of the crossings, and to specify the amount of aid that will be allowed into the Gaza Strip in the incoming weeks.

SMS feedback mechanism

HIS is proud to announce that we have launched today our 24/7 SMS feedback mechanism for the people in Gaza. Palestinians can text in to 37790 if they have a Jawwal number and to 6440 if they have a Wataniya number to ask questions or provide feedback on the services provided. HIS will provide in the weekly update an analysis of the feedback received and questions posed which will also be used by the Jossor ma' Gaza for their daily broadcast.



Survey

UNOCHA has shared with Internews the results of the Inter-agency Needs Assessment (for the community level) in Gaza where Internews inserted four communications-related questions based on a methodology developed by Internews and that's now part of the tools of the Communicating with Disaster Affected Communities network, of which Internews is a founding member. Internews analysed the data and the results of that analysis has been published here :(bit.ly/1nMfaSO) integrated with data coming from a short survey done by Near East Consulting between August 10-23, 2014. Internews is currently conducting a broader Information Needs Assessment that will be used to inform local media and humanitarian organizations in a comprehensive way on the information needs, gaps and access to communication channels of the population in Gaza.

