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About the Gaza HIS

The Gaza HIS produces *Jossor ma'Gaza* ('Bridges with Gaza'), a daily live 1-hour humanitarian radio program with useful, actionable news-you-can-use, featuring interviews with government and humanitarian officials service providers and soliciting feedback and inputs from the Gaza target audience through feedback on the air, Facebook, Twitter, and incoming SMS messaging system.

Jossor ma'Gaza is broadcast from Sunday to Thursday, 12:10 to 13:00, 17:00 to 18:00 and 22:00 to 23:00. The Gaza HIS also broadcasts timely humanitarian updates throughout the day with information about services, assistance and important announcements as aid efforts and events unfold.

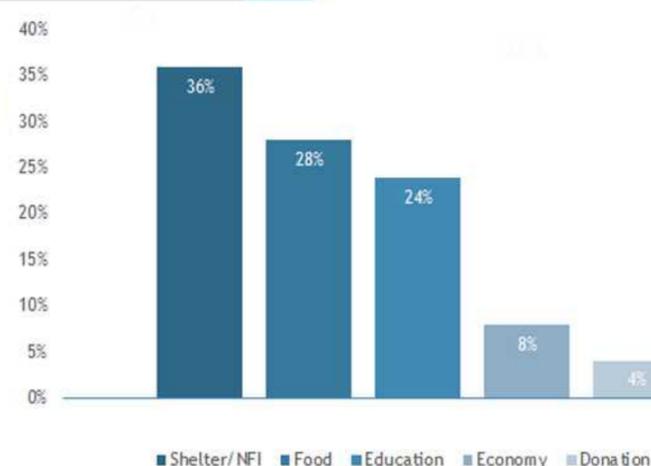
Jossor ma'Gaza reaches almost all of the West Bank and Gaza through 9 radio stations, many of whom also stream live on their websites:

95% of the Gaza population through the Voice of Palestine (99.4FM), mobile applications, Palestine TV Live, NileSat 12034 and Alwan Radio (94.5FM)

100% of the West Bank population via 7 radio stations from the Internews-supported Jossor Network, Voice of Palestine (99.4FM and 90.7FM National coverage); Minbar Al Hurriya (92.7FM Hebron and reaching 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 the Internally Displaced from all Gaza governorates: Rafah, Khan Younis, The Middle Area, Gaza City and North Gaza.



Education Ministry, Health Ministry, WHO, Care International, WFP, UNICEF, Ministry of Social Affairs, Turkish Humanitarian Relief, Palestinian embassy in Jordan.



Official messages from : Ministry of Education, WHO, WFP, UNICEF, Ministry of Social Affairs, Palestinian Embassy in Jordan



Broadcasting for the upcoming week

Day/Date	21/9 Sun	22/9 Mon	23/9 Tue	24/9 Wed	25/9 Thu
Topic	Schools Environment	Energy: Fuel & Electricity	Damage Assessment	Unemployment	Loss of ID's & Refugees to Gaza from Syria/Libya

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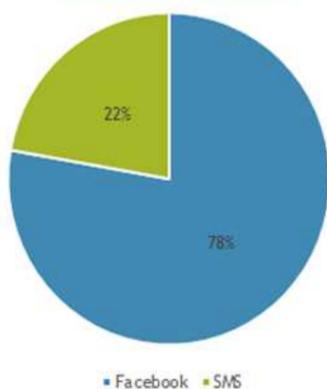
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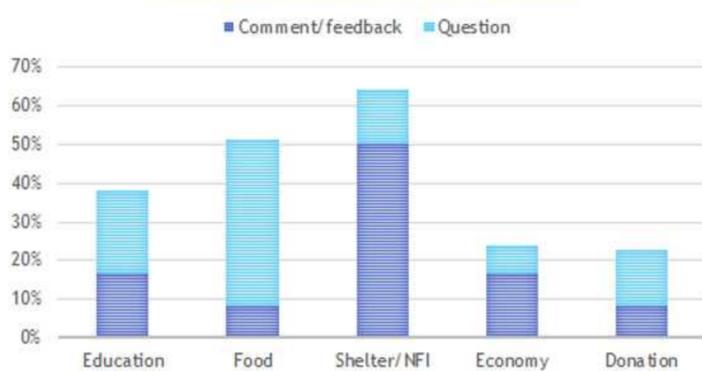
Main Feedback from Citizens

Issue	Recommendation
<p>Food</p> <p>Several people inquired on how they may register for the SAHTEIN voucher; others are strongly suggesting an increase in the total allocation of the voucher. People were strongly supportive of the voucher program, and pleaded with the humanitarian agencies to keep distributing the voucher for as long as the poor economic situation in Gaza persists, they also asked if they can change the products that are currently in the card.</p>	 <p>Provide information via radio, <i>Jossor</i> Facebook page and other media to citizens about registration for vouchers in each relevant area of Gaza. Work to increase the value of the vouchers through promotion of the importance of the SAHTEIN program, which holds many benefits including an economic multiplier through linking purchases to domestic production in Gaza. It is also important to give people more freedom regarding parameters of items that they may purchase on the card.</p>
<p>Shelter</p> <p>I. The majority of people having provided feedback rejected caravans as a temporary solution for housing. Reasons include: the caravans were too small and inadequate for large families; they feared caravans would become a long-term solution; and, they preferred to keep up the pressure for reconstruction/rehabilitation of their homes. Several interviewed stated that the location of the caravans was not appropriate as they were in areas subject to pooling of rainwater. II. People are still waiting for inspectors to assess their properties in order to render them eligible for financial aid. III. Many caravans are still awaiting entry to Gaza from Egypt and Jordan.</p>	 <p>Communication of a clear plan regarding the usage of caravans would be helpful, in the context of a longer-term plan outlining what is intended to happen once funding is solicited for reconstruction. The manner in which reconstruction priorities will be decided is also highly relevant to those affected, as is an indication of how long people may anticipate waiting for intervention to repair or replace their homes.</p>
<p>Education</p> <p>Several people interviewed have indicated that their children have not received any psychological counseling in their schools and question when these critical programs will be implemented. High school students in their final graduating year writing the Tawjihi exam requested to be included in the psychological counseling activities and sought further clarifications on the general study plan of this year. As for universities, a number of students raised concerns over payment of fees given the devastating financial situation of the majority of families.</p>	 <p>It is recommended that the relevant entities develop an education plan for the school year that addresses and considers the recovery needs of all ages from KG to secondary. Regarding payment of fees for post-secondary study, it is incumbent upon officials to confer on ways in which the financial burden of students may be alleviated, perhaps in cooperation with the student loan and banking system. Special consideration should be afforded to students who lost families and assets in the war.</p>
<p>Health</p> <p>Gazans suffer from a lack of health services in many areas as a result of damaged health centers and health equipment. The heavy toll of the injured and sick emanating from the war has increased demand on health services and facilities, as well as the need for more medication and health supplies.</p>	 <p>Health providers and agencies may support the facilities by communicating publicly the availability of facilities and mobile clinics as well as other practical alternatives, to people in need. A needs assessment of medication shortages would be in order, supporting the restocking of health centers and pharmacies in order to meet needs.</p>

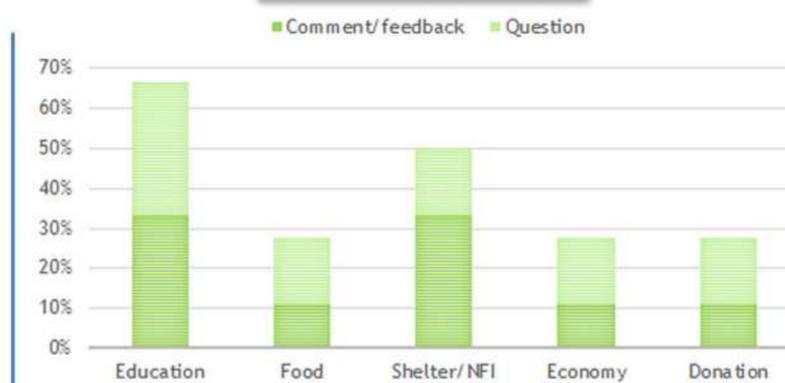
Citizens' Feedback



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