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About the Gaza Humanitarian Information Service
The HIS produces Jossor ma’Gaza (Bridges with Gaza). The program broadcasts daily from Sunday to Thursday, 12:10 to 13:30; 17:00 to 18:00 and 22:00 to 23:00 on Voice of Palestine (99.4 & 90.7 FM), Palestine Television and 9 radio stations of the Internews-supported Jossor Network.

What Jossor ma’Gaza’s Listeners are Saying
“House was bombarded and sustained enormous damage. I was given 4 cement bags - there must be a mistake in assessing damages vis-à-vis the quantity of materials we are actually receiving.” - Gaza man
“After 22 years working as a fisherman, all of the assets I accumulated - boats, instruments and equipment - were destroyed. I lost everything and am now hired by others for labour work as I need a source of income.” - Gaza fisherman.
“My son Nasser was diagnosed with cancer and required urgent treatment. We applied for a medical referral to Hadassah hospital in Jerusalem on September 1st. Since then, my son’s health situation kept deteriorating until he passed away on November 1st. Until this moment our referral request has not been approved. I hold MoH responsible for my son’s death, namely the head of referral unit Amira Hindi.” - Call by a Gaza father
“My sister Rahaf Majaydah has been hospitalized to treat a serious injury. Two months ago, we applied for medical referral and unbelievably, have not received a response to this day. I wonder when this suffering will come to an end.” - Gaza man wrote in Jossor ma’Gaza Facebook page
“I extend my condolences for the children who passed away while awaiting referral for treatment. Mutaz (8 years old) died due to delays in his referral procedures. Hola Arafat (1 year old) was an only child born through in vitro procedures and long awaited by her family. Her cardiac condition required referral to a hospital outside of Gaza; she died while waiting for it. So many innocents have passed away because there was delay in referring them to hospitals abroad. We witness serious management problems in dealing with these cases.” - Call by Abu Moussa, Gaza

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Best Pictures of the week

Cash for Reconstruction, 2/11/2014
- The Ministry of Public Works will be distributing coupons for cement for 900 affected families. 450 tonnes of cement have now reached the Gaza Strip. Khuzza infrastructure has been completely destroyed and the caravans are in terrible shape following the rain storms.
- Only $1.5 million have been disbursed from the UNDP; other funds from donors totalling $5 million will soon be disbursed. Total amount allocated to rental subsidies is expected to reach $39.5 million over a two year timeframe.
- 1,000 caravans are awaiting passage through the Jordanian border destined for Gaza. Assistance is expected to flow much better in the upcoming month.

Medical referrals, 4/11/2014
- In 2013, the cost of referrals for medical treatment abroad totalled $380 million, enough to construct a well-equipped health facility in Gaza. Referrals to Israeli hospitals: $35 million per month (MoH).
- Critical, time sensitive cases, many children, are being delayed due to inability to receive referral confirmation. People are holding the Ministry of Health in Ramallah responsible.
- Procedures are cumbersome and complicated, requiring multiple levels of approval and incurring additional delays when an accompanying family member travels with the patient.

Fisheries: requirements for recovery, 3/11/2014
- Fisheries were seriously impacted during the war, with over 4,000 fishermen and seaport workers supporting 50,000 people having lost their work and their assets. Losses are estimated at $9 million, considering boats, instruments and equipment.
- Violations against Gaza fishermen are being documented, numbering 178 incidents since the cease fire was declared over two months ago. These include shooting, confiscation of equipment/instruments and arbitrary arrest.
- The Ministry of Agriculture will be distributing new fishing nets, instruments, lighting, engines and other materials as available in the local market.

Losses in Tourism and Entertainment, 5/11/2014
- Several archaeological sites, historic monuments and ancient architectural buildings were destroyed in the war, representing a huge loss of ancestral heritage.
- Tourism has been devastated, with over 50% of the workforce having been dismissed in the aftermath of damages to hotels, restaurants and tourism facilities as well as the closure of the crossings.
- Strategies are being laid by the Hotel and Restaurant Association as well as private sector players to revitalize the sector.

Jossor ma’Gaza reaches the West Bank and Gaza Strip through Voice of Palestine (99.4 & 90.7 FM), Palestine TV and the Internews Jossor Network:

In the Gaza Strip: NileeSat 12034 & Alwan Radio (94.5 FM); In the West Bank: Minbar Al Hurraya (92.7 FM Hebron & reaching approx 60% of Gaza); Halla (107.4 FM Jerusalem); Raya (96.8 FM Ramallah); Bethlehem 2000 (106.3 & 89.6 FM Bethlehem); Tariq Al Mahaba (97.7 FM Nablus); Nas (104.9 FM Jenin); Al Fajr Radio (90.4 FM Tulkarem). Many radio stations also stream live on their websites.
### Main Feedback from Citizens

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| **Cash assistance by PA and international agencies**  
This program was primarily presentations of the programs and perspectives of the United Nations Development Program and the Department for International Development (DFID) of the UK Government. | None at the moment. |
| **Fisheries: requirements for recovery**  
Given the importance of this sector to the Gaza economy, it is important that it not slip of the radar screen of private sector development initiatives in particular. | Innovative ways of adding value and stimulating demand for product in the domestic market need to be considered, as well as mechanisms for advocating and ensuring the rights of fishermen to practice their trade safely. |
| **Medical referrals**  
Gazans expressed frustration with the seemingly opaque process adopted by the Ministry of Health regarding prioritization for medical referrals. Many expressed desperation regarding cases of loved ones, often children, whose referral processes were not being addressed with the urgency that they necessitate, and contended that in the absence of high level personal connections their cases would not be dealt with fairly. | The precise process adopted by the MoH regarding medical referrals needs to be clarified and presented in a completely transparent manner to all citizens and in particular to those affected by a lack of adequate medical facilities for treatment in the Gaza Strip. |
| **Tourism and entertainment**  
Although a damage assessment was conducted for tourism and cultural heritage and a plan developed by the Ministry of Tourism, this sector suffers greatly from both destruction of its infrastructure and the access for goods and people to enter the Gaza Strip. | Support and stimulus to private sector operations in the tourism field as well as requisite lobbying for increased access remains a priority. |

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Broadcasting during the week

**Topics covered**

- Economy: 35%
- Infrastructure: 30%
- Access: 25%
- Health: 15%
- Shelter/NFI: 5%

**Distribution of Topics by Governorate**

- North: 2.5
- Gaza: 3.0
- Middle Area: 1.5
- Khan Younis: 2.0
- Rafah: 1.0

**13 Interviews with the local population**
Field interviews with 13 Gazan people in Gaza City, Khan Younis, Jabalia, the Middle Area, North Gaza and Rafah.

**10 Interviews with humanitarian organizations and PA institutions**
Special Representative of UNRRA, Dr. Robin Milton, Head of DFID, Union for Agricultural Work Committees, Ministry of Agriculture, Fishermen Syndicate, World Vision, WHO, Palestinian Embassy in Egypt, Minister of Tourism HE Rula Maayah.

**10 Official Statements**

Broadcasting for the upcoming week

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<td>Topic</td>
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<td>Follow up on water pollution</td>
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