



ICRC

# RED CROSS FIELD HOSPITAL

RAFAH, GAZA STRIP

9 MAY – 9 JUNE 2024



The overwhelming medical needs emanating from the ongoing conflict since the beginning of hostilities is exacerbated by a collapsed healthcare system in the Gaza Strip. While continuously supporting the few remaining functioning health-care facilities throughout Gaza – including through donation of medical material, access to water, food, and electricity, and emergency medical services provided by the Palestine Red Crescent Society – the ICRC, together with twelve Red Cross societies, and in coordination with the PRCS, came together to open and operate a field hospital in Rafah, southern Gaza.

The Red Cross Field Hospital started receiving patients on 9 May 2024, and has provide a range of medical services, including outpatient medical care for 200–300 people a day and emergency (department) care for 20–100 people a day.

The 60-bed Red Cross Field Hospital, implemented in coordination with the PRCS and supported by twelve National Societies<sup>1</sup>, has 230 people<sup>2</sup> working together with the aim to help address the overwhelming medical needs in Gaza.

Within the first month, the hospital has dealt with two mass casualty incidents; to date, the hospital has 5,681 consultations in the outpatient and emergency departments, 155 operations (of which 153 are classified as war-wounded operations), 242 admissions, and 42 deliveries.

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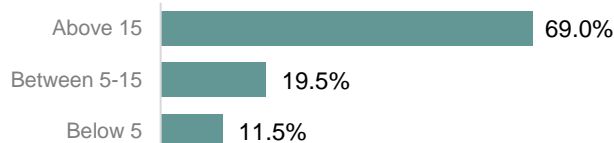
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## Demographics of consultations given



<sup>1</sup> Red Cross Societies of Australia, Austria, Canada, China (Hong Kong Branch), Denmark, Finland, Germany, Iceland, Japan, Norway, Switzerland and the United Kingdom

<sup>2</sup> 200 Palestinian staff from the Gaza strip and 30 expatriate staff.

# HIGHLIGHTS



**9 May** – Baby Sanad, the first baby born in the Red Cross Field Hospital in Rafah ([X](#), [FB AR](#))



**9 May** – A Movement response ([YouTube](#))

## News Release

Red Cross Field Hospital opens with the help of 12 Movement partners & the PRCS ([News Release](#), [Global X](#), [Global IG](#), [FB AR](#)).

*We opened this 60-bed field hospital in efforts to alleviate the suffering of so many here in Gaza. This hospital is a joint effort of the ICRC and its partner National Societies. In addition to our partners abroad, we have a very strong partner of the Palestine Red Crescent Society, whose ambulance service is of crucial assistance in this very difficult time.*

– Sari Nissi, team leader at Red Cross Field Hospital in Rafah



**14 May** – Overview of medical services by Senior Medical Officer Sandy Inglis ([X](#), [YouTube](#))



**26 May** – a mass casualty incident ([X](#), [FB AR](#))

*“We experienced first-hand the horror of this war.”*  
– Sandy Inglis, senior medical officer

