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Coordinated Prepositioning of Life-Saving Non-Food Items and Shelter Materials to Support Vulnerable Households and Individuals at the onset of Emergency Events (natural and man-made hazards)



Basic Info

Project Name

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Start Date

01/04/2022

End Date

30/11/2022

Project Summary

This project is intended to improve the emergency preparedness and response capacity of MA'AN Development Center through the physical stockpiling of urgent non-food items. It includes the pre-positioning of NFI kits to respond to the urgent needs of the affected population at the onset of an emergency considering their age and gender requirements. The NFI kits to be procured and pre-positioned within this project will serve affected people during different emergencies including armed conflict, weather extreme, and Covid-19 pandemic.

This project comes in line with HRP strategic objective (3): "The ability of vulnerable Palestinians to cope with the protracted crisis, including environmental threats, is supported, while solutions to violations and other root causes of threats and shocks are pursued". It contributes to enhancing emergency response arrangements for possible man-made and natural hazards including the Covid-19 pandemic by promoting the access of both vulnerable and affected households and individuals across the Gaza Strip to NFIs at the onset and during the emergency. In addition, this project addresses the HRP 2022 objectives (2) and (3) of the Shelter and NFIs Cluster. It focuses mainly on replenishing the existing NFI stock managed by MA'AN Development Center and its partner CBOs across the Gaza Strip and promoting the existing relevant arrangements geographically to promote the timely and effective response to the emergency needs of NFIs to the affected population. The NFIs to be replenished will serve the needs of affected households resultant by different types of an emergency including weather extreme, forced displacement, and Covid-19 pandemic.

The project includes procuring and pre-positioning a set of NFI kits that are adequate for

the different gender and age groups including women, men, and children at 8 warehouses owned and managed by MA'AN and its 5 partnering CBOs in North Gaza, Gaza, and Khan Younis governorates. In addition, the project will focus on increasing the capacity of hosting communities in Gaza and North Gaza governorates and community-based emergency structures in all governorates to provide for adequate and gender-sensitive responses to the needs of affected population during future emergencies. A set of hosting communities will be targeted in Gaza and the North Gaza Governorates including Southern Rimal, Beach Camp, Sheikh Radwan, Al Nasser Area, Jabalia Al Nazleh, and Western Zaitoon Area. MA'AN capitalizes on its community-based emergency response structures which consists of 15 partner CBOs, 15 local emergency response committees, and 250 volunteers across the Gaza Strip to implement an adequate, timely, and effective emergency response at the onset of an emergency.

This project will target a total of 10,030 individuals including 2,720 men, 2,660 women, 2,325 boys, and 2,325 girls. Out of the total target of the project, 60 persons with disability will be supported. The targeted individuals will have access to their needs of shelter NFIs at the onset of an emergency. In addition, the project will target a total of 200 person from the hosting communities in Gaza and North Gaza governorates, including 120 men and 80 women, with training on tools for emergency response, self-recovery, and protection measures to be able to support IDPs and affected people during and post emergencies. Furthermore, a total of 250 volunteers (first responders) from all over the Gaza Strip, who are an essential part of MA'AN's community-based emergency structures, will be provided with training on the mainstreaming of the humanitarian standards and protection principles in emergency response. Moreover, a total of 400 individuals (200 men, and 200 women) will be targeted with awareness-raising sessions on child protection, prevention of sexual abuse, GBV-related issues, and self-protection measures during emergencies.

Tags

Organizations

MA'AN Development Center

Implementing Partners

N/A

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Associated Response Plan

occupied Palestinian territory 2022

Plan Fields

1 - Needs

The project design is informed by the findings and recommendations of the Shelter/NFIs Cluster HNO for 2022 in addition to the captured lessons learned and documented experiences of MA'AN Development Center during the most recent emergencies, which are the May 2021 escalation of conflict and Covid-19 pandemic. According to HNO 2022, it is estimated that 868,000 Palestinians in the Gaza Strip are in need of humanitarian assistance in 2022 to access adequate shelter (including basic households supplies), indispensable to providing people with a minimum level of privacy, protection and dignity. In addition, the HNO 2022 shows that some 130,000 people in the Gaza Strip are at risk of flooding during winter as the majority of people in need are living in poor shelter conditions or next to sewage pumping stations. In addition, the Covid-19 pandemic continues to create an extra strain to NFI needs in the Gaza Strip, especially for families and individuals living in substandard and overcrowded shelters or at higher risk of COVID-19. Furthermore, the last escalation of conflict in May 2021 has resulted in some 58,000 housing units damaged or destroyed, leaving 12,000 people displaced. MA'AN has

also conducted a rapid assessment in August 2021 targeting 40 individuals (25 men and 15 women) from the hosting communities in Gaza and North Gaza governorates who have hosted IDPs during the May 2021 escalation of conflict in addition to 20 members from the community-based emergency structures who have participated in implementing the emergency response initiated by MA'AN during the last escalation of conflict and the Covid-19 pandemic. The assessment was intended to review and assess MA'AN's past emergency responses, identify gaps, and explore potential ways to improving the existing emergency response arrangements including NFI warehouses. The assessment aimed to think with the targeted communities innovatively to improve the existing emergency response system by innovating ways to respond faster at the onset of an emergency, identify the needs of the affected population more accurately, and get more prepared at the community level to address the needs of IDPs and affected households with attention to protection and gender requirements. Overall, the assessment has revealed that the protection of hosting communities and IDPs may get undermined if they do not have access to their needs of NFIs early at the beginning of an emergency event. In addition, it showed that affected population may witness delays in receiving their NFI assistance due to the logistical arrangements of the Ministry of the Social Development in place. The assessment has also revealed the following concerns and recommendations:

- The need to adapt the content and design of kits to be more suitable for the needs of affected people, while considering the special needs of women, children, and people with disabilities.
- There is a need to address the special needs of PWDs and elderly people timelier and more effectively as they are the most affected by crisis. Hosting communities find it very difficult to meet their needs of NFIs, and thus there is a dire need to pre-position kits that are tailored to PWDs and elderlies.
- It is needed to enhance the warehousing capacity of MA'AN's Development Center by improving the existing stockpiling and storage techniques and protocols for some dangerous non-food items such as the chlorine which is sensitive to external factors if it's stored for a long period.
- There is a need to improve the emergency preparedness and response capacity of MA'AN by expanding geographically. This includes renting and equipping new NFIs warehouses in other areas such as the middle area to ensure a timelier response to the needs of affected population in case other emergency actors were unable to access their emergency NFI warehouses or were unable to meet the heavy needs.

During 2020 and 2021, MA'AN has used an essential part of the pre-positioned quantities of NFIs in its warehouses to respond to the needs of affected population mainly during the May 2021 escalation of conflict, Covid-19 pandemic, and the 2020 winter season. During the May 2021 escalation of conflict, MA'AN has implemented its emergency response in all governorates, and this included the distribution of 605 hygiene and dignity kits for women, 1079 mattresses, 1021 pillows, 1235 summer blankets, and 232 mats. In addition, MA'AN's response to Covid-19 pandemic included the distribution of 1672 family covid-19 kits, 191 hygiene kits for children, 1840 dignity and hygiene kits for men, 1099 hygiene kits for women, 2358 mattresses, 3481 pillows, 2403 winter blankets, and 450 mats. The NFI kits to be pre-positioned within this project will mainly include sealing-off kits and bedding sets as the current stock of those two kits is low considering the expected scale of needs of future possible emergencies. In addition to that, the NFI kits to be replenished will include the family hygiene and disinfection kit, disability and elderly kit, and hygiene kit for women, children, and men. The content of these kits will contribute to promoting the protection and dignity of the affected people, especially women, elderlies and PWDs during emergency events as they allow them to maintain adequate hygiene practices and meet their basic needs of NFIs. The sealing-off kit will be for the use of the hosting families in order to provide for the adaptation of the hosting space addressing the concerns of the overcrowding conditions, GBV and child protection concerns, and to provide for more protective and safe hosting space addressing the house vulnerabilities to the weather conditions (winter-related risks). The Bedding Sets and hygiene kits will be for the use of the IDPs or affected people by Covid-19 and harsh weather conditions (families and individuals) to address their emergency needs while helping women, girls, PWDs, and elderlies maintain their dignity.

2 - Activities

The project activities focus on replenishing the existing stockpiles of NFIs at the warehouses of MA'AN Development Center and its 5 partner CBOs which are located in North Gaza, Gaza, and Khan Younis governorates in order to promote the capacity of MA'AN and its partner CBOs to undertake effective, timely, and gender-sensitive emergency response at the onset of an emergency, including possible future escalations

of conflict, harsh weather conditions, and COVID-19 pandemic. During 2019, 2020, 2021 MA'AN has carried many emergency responses addressing the needs of people affected by harsh weather conditions in the rainy seasons of 2019 & 2020, the outbreak of Covid-19 inside the Gaza Strip, and the May 2021 escalation of conflict. Almost 60% of the NFI stockpiles were distributed, which influenced MA'AN's current level of shelter NFI stocks. As a result, and in light of the shelter/NFIs cluster HNO for 2021, MA'AN expects that the current stock of NFIs may not be sufficient to respond effectively in the future emergencies. The project activities are designed to address the findings of the assessments conducted by MA'AN Development Center. The proposed activities will support for the safe and accessible pre-positioning of an additional quantities of NFI stockpiles that will be allocated for meeting the urgent non-food needs of almost 10,030 individuals during emergency events. The project will also contribute to promoting the emergency warehousing capacity of MA'AN by renting and equipping a new emergency warehouse to be able to absorb the additional quantities of NFIs to be procured within this project. It will also help improving the warehouses and stockpiles management system of MA'AN and its partner CBOs by finding and applying innovative solutions to address shortcomings in the existing storage and stock management practices and conditions. This will include better storage techniques for some items such as chlorine and more efficient packaging models for the kits. In addition, this project will include building the capacity of hosting communities and volunteers (first responders) in the area of protection, emergency response, and mainstreaming humanitarian standards in emergency response. The project's main activities include: 1) Revisit the contents of the NFI kits in consultation with the shelter cluster. 2) Update MA'AN partner CBOs about the project plan and the arrangements in place. This will include a kick-off meeting that will be conducted with each of the partner CBOs to orient them about the project and arrange for the implementation of the project activities including the stockpiling of the additional quantities of NFI kits at their warehouse. 3) Conduct PSEA training for the project staff. The training will include an introduction to PSEA and the SOPs adopted by MA'AN on how to report SEA cases. 4) Rent and Equip a new emergency warehouse in the middle area with the necessary supplies and materials to ensure adequate and safe stockpiling of the NFI kits. 5) Procure and preposition NFI and emergency shelter kits at the warehouses of MA'AN and its partner CBOs. This includes elaborating the BoQs of the kits in terms of technical specifications based on consultations with the Shelter Cluster. 6) Design the layout of the new warehouse in the middle area and develop a stockpiling plan. 7) Review and assess the storage techniques at the warehouses and apply innovative and safe storage techniques for critical items such as chlorine. 8) Conduct training for emergency first responders "groups of volunteers" on the mainstreaming of the humanitarian standards and protection principles in emergency responses, with particular focus on issues related to GBV, prevention of sexual abuse, and child protection. 9) Conduct training for the hosting communities in Gaza and North Gaza governorates on tools for emergency response, self-recovery, or protection measures to be able to support IDPs and affected people during and post emergencies. 10) Conduct a set of awareness sessions for community members in the targeted communities addressing 1. child protection, preventing and reporting sexual abuse, GBV related issues (how to address, how to deal with, and how to prevent), and referral pathways of complaints of SEA, 2. the mapping of the GBV and child protection services providers, 3. the existing national emergency preparedness and response systems, 4. The self-recovery through community-based mechanisms and how to address privacy concerns while mainstreaming the protection and GBV related concerns in the adaptation of the shelter, 5. orientation about protection measures such as explosive remnants of war (ERW), and first aid skills. As for Covid-19 protective measures and considerations, MA'AN will ensure the application of all necessary pre-cautionary hygiene and protection measures and practices to maintain the safety and protection of its staff, supplies, and the project beneficiaries during the implementation of the project activities. As for the pre-positioning of the NFI stockpiles, MA'AN will develop a protocol for supplying the materials to the warehouses including the provision of hygiene and self-protection tools and hygiene material. The protocol will also include SOPs for the vendors regarding the packaging and supply of the kits. In addition, MA'AN will apply all protection guidelines as instructed by the WHO and the Ministry of Health. MA'AN will also conduct training for the project staff on the mainstreaming of the protection principles related to Covid-19 and the PPE at the

beginning of the project. Moreover, MA'AN will develop SOPs for the distribution of the NFI kits on project beneficiaries. The SOPs will include the provision of hygiene materials, safe transportation for the staff, and measures to avoid crowding.

3 - Indicators

A monitoring and evaluation mechanism will be established to follow up on the progress of the project activities and to ensure the match between the identified indicators and the expected outcomes of the project. The M&E plan will identify tasks, quality of outputs, means of verification and persons in charge in respect to the project timeframe and budget. It will also include: a. Full coordination and involvement of relevant stakeholders during all project phases, supported by MA'AN M&E teams. b. Ensuring the gender mainstreaming in all project's phases and outputs. MA'AN's M&E Officer will be responsible for monitoring the project activities throughout the development of the action. A set of monitoring visits will be conducted by MA'AN's M&E officer to address the progress towards the achievements of the project results. A full documentation of the achievements of the project activities will be ensured according to the pre-set outputs' indicators of achievements. Data collection and monitoring process will be done with the engagement of partner CBOs. The monitoring plan will ensure flexibility in applying data collection tools that is appropriate for the current situation of restricted mobility. Hygiene precautions will be considered during the onsite monitoring activities. MAAN will ensure that stockpiles are maintained adequately by the CBOs after the project duration by having MoUs signed for a longer period. The management of the warehouses will be the responsibility of MA'AN and its partner CBOs according to MA'AN's contingency plan and the signed MoUs between MA'AN and partner CBOs. MA'AN will keep close monitoring and continuous coordination with the partner CBOs who are part of MA'AN emergency preparedness and response system. MA'AN will ensure to update the stock information on the 4W system. In addition, the warehouses and NFI stockpiles management software which MA'AN has developed this year will allow for smooth and timely sharing of information about the existing stocks of NFIs in the warehouses and the relevant actions with partner CBOs, Shelter Cluster, and HF.

Gender wit Age Marker (GAM)

4 - IASC Gender with Age Marker (GAM)

4 (M): The project will significantly contribute to gender equality, including across age groups.

4.1 - Provide the GAM Reference number for this project

H6273-0829-1758

5 - Breakdown by response modality

5.1 - Response modalities

Yes

5.1.b State the percentage of the response delivered by the voucher modality if applicable :

0

5.1.c State the percentage of the response delivered by the cash modality if applicable :

0

5.1.a State the percentage of the response delivered by the service delivery modality if applicable :

30

5.1.d State the percentage of the response delivered by In-kind modality if applicable :

70

5.2 - Please briefly explain why the specific modality/ies for this response were chosen.

The project focuses on implementing coordinated prepositioning of Life-Saving Non-Food Items and Shelter Materials to Support Vulnerable Households and Individuals at the onset of Emergency Events (natural and man-made hazards).

6 - Which Strategic Objective(s) do(es) your project address?

6.1 - Strategic Objective 1 (SO1)

No

6.2 - Strategic Objective 2 (SO2)

No

6.3 - Strategic Objective 3 (SO3)

Yes

6.3.a - Please estimate the percentage of requirements for SO3

100

7 - Breakdown of requirements by location (%)

7.1 - Gaza

100

7.2 - Area C

0

7.3 - East Jerusalem

0

7.4 - Hebron H2

0

7.5 - Area A&B

0

PROTECTION MAINSTREAMING & PSEA

8 - Participation (Community Engagement)

8.1 - Project needs assessment

Yes

8.1.a - How will beneficiaries be involved in needs assessment?

Focus groups

If not checked, please explain why

8.2 - Project design

Yes

8.2.a - How will beneficiaries be involved in project design?

Focus groups

If not checked, please explain why

8.3 - Implementation (delivering assistance)

Yes

8.3.a - How will beneficiaries be involved in implementation?

Surveys,Interviews

If not checked, please explain why

8.4 - Monitoring and evaluation

Yes

8.4.a - How will beneficiaries be involved in M&E?

Surveys,Focus groups,Interviews

If not checked, please explain why

8.5 - Representation of community groups

Yes

If you answered no please explain why

Accountability to Affected Populations

9. - Feedback and complaints mechanisms

Yes

9.1a - Specify the mechanisms for feedback and/or complaints

b - Project hotline,c - Complaint box,d - Satisfaction survey,e - Field visit,f - Other

9.1b - If 'Other', please specify :

Complaint system (software)

9.1d - Explain how you have ensured that mechanism are accessible to all population groups?

MA'AN has been applying the proposed complaint mechanism for many years, where different reviews and actions to improve the complaint mechanism were implemented. The variety of the complaint tools introduced within this project will promote the smooth access all groups of beneficiaries to the complaint system, which will promote accountability to affected population. The feedback and complaint system adopted by MA'AN will be introduced to the project target groups in the different events including the training and awareness-raising sessions to ensure that all people have the knowledge and are capable of using the available feedback and complaint tools throughout the project lifecycle.

9.1c - How will feedback be used?

In the past years, MA'AN has been working on developing an accountable, accessible, and gender-sensitive complaint system. The system offers different means to address complaints or feedback in writing, verbally, via phone or SMS, directly to the responsible person/field monitors from MA'AN, and verbally and directly to MA'AN offices. The system includes particular procedures to address gender-sensitive complaints. The system has been managed online involving different layers of MA'AN governance structure. MA'AN has been working on adapting the system to include special procedures during emergencies to get it more accessible for IDPs and host communities. This project will include introducing the system to the partners CBOs, volunteers, and targeted communities ensuring well-orientation about the system and how to access in emergencies. The communities' feedback on the

system will be considered for further adaptation to ensure accountability and accessibility. During the project implementation, a feedback mechanism will be applied to ensure the involvement of the targeted communities in the project management and decision making. Orientation workshops will be conducted at the beginning of the project to discuss the project activities and get further feedback from the targeted communities about the implementation methodology. A set of focus group discussions will be conducted during implementation to get regular feedback from the targeted communities about the implementation process and the applied measures of accountability.

If your project does not have mechanisms for feedback and/or complaints, please explain why (narrative text)

10. – Do No Harm

10.1 - Do No Harm

As part of its work on enhancing a gender-sensitive emergency response system, MA'AN has an updated contingency plan and emergency SOPs that include policies, procedures and work practices sensitive to gender issues and child protection concerns. MA'AN's humanitarian team and all emergency structures including the partner CBOs, community-based emergency response teams, and volunteers are well trained on these policies and practices and are capacitated with the knowledge and resources to carry out a gender-sensitive humanitarian response and address all gender issues and IHL violations during an emergency event properly. The CBOs and volunteers who are involved in managing the project activities will be well oriented about the MA'AN contingency plan and related emergency SOPs. In addition, they will receive training on the protection principles and how to mainstream while addressing the needs of IDPs and Hosting communities. During the project, the emergency first responders "community members" will receive training on the mainstreaming of the humanitarian standards and protection principles in emergency responses, with particular focus on GBV and child protection related concerns. The training and orientation for CBOs, volunteers, and emergency first responders will ensure a particular focus on GBV detection and referral and will ensure linkage to child protection referral networks. From another perspective, this project seeks to enhance the protection of IDPs in the hosting communities in Gaza and North Gaza governorates through providing NFI kits that respond effectively to the emergency needs of both IDPs and the hosting families. The identified NFI kits in this project take into consideration the concerns and specific needs of all IDPs, particularly women and children who are more likely to be exposed to GBV during an emergency event. In addition, it includes NFI kits for the use of the hosting families to enhance their preparedness for safe and protective hosting conditions through providing for the adaptation of the hosting spaces, addressing the concerns of the overcrowding conditions, GBV, and child protection concerns.

11. - Equal and impartial access to aid

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In coordination with the partner CBOs, a set of sessions will be conducted in the targeted communities to ensure that they are well-oriented about the project scope and the intended support. The sessions will include orientation about MA'AN complaint system and mechanisms. The project includes to develop contingency plans for the partner CBOs and building the capacity of the CBOs teams addressing clear mechanisms to ensure equal and impartial access to aid. A set of accountability mechanisms will be ensured in place. In coordination with the partner CBOs, a set of sessions will be conducted in the targeted communities to ensure that they are well-oriented about the project scope and the intended support. The sessions will include orientation about MA'AN complaint system and mechanisms. Accountability to the targeted communities will be encouraged and ensured through a gender-sensitive complaint and feedback mechanism that involves direct and regular communication between MA'AN and the final beneficiaries to allow affected persons to communicate

their concerns and complaints on regular basis. Specific attention will be given to the complaints and feedback mechanism in order to increase the ownership of beneficiaries over the project, engage them in addressing the expected risks and challenges, and give them sufficient spaces to participate in the decision making and project evaluation process of the project.

11.2 Have you considered all the elements of the Disability Mainstreaming Checklist?

Yes

If you answered no, please explain why

12 - PSEA (Prevention of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse)

12.1- Were PSEA activities built into the project?

Yes

12.1.a How ?

1) (MANDATORY) Project has adopted a safe complaint channel(s) for beneficiaries based on consultations with the beneficiaries and accessible to different groups (Number of beneficiaries and percentage against your target group),3) (MANDATORY) Project has built-in clear process for receipt and referral of complaints of PSEA, in accordance with the oPt PSEA SOPs on Inter Agency Referrals,4) Project staff are required to attend a minimum of one PSEA training,7) Project will carry out other PSEA-related activities

12.1.b If 'Other' (12.1a No 7.), please specify

If you answered no, please explain why

Country

occupied Palestinian territory

Gaza Strip

Gaza

Gaza City,

North Gaza

Beit Hanun, Beit Lahiya, Jabalya, Jabalya Camp,

Clusters



Shelter and NFI Cluster

Caseload

Cluster Activities and Indicators

Indicator	Description	Target	Project Target
8 - Physical stockpiling of emergency NFIs at agency level warehouse/s or arrangements in-place to procure/import NFIs immediately			

8.1	#of people in need of shelter support at the onset of emergencies # of Individuals able to be supported with prepositioned NFIs at the organization warehouses ☑ Includes Disaggregation	10,030
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9 - Capacity building of local NGO's, community committees, municipal forums, and volunteers, by training and tools for emergency response, self-recovery, or protection measures to be able to support IDPs and affected people during and post emergencies

9.1	# of community members have improved capacity for emergency response ☑ Includes Disaggregation	200
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Budget

Total Cost

\$412,550

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Line Items

Overhead	\$26,750	6.48%
General Operating and Other Direct Costs	\$4,800	1.16%
Travel	\$4,000	0.97%
Contractual Services	\$45,000	10.91%
Equipment	\$2,000	0.48%
Direct Inputs and Services to Beneficiaries	\$290,000	70.29%
Staff and Other Personnel Costs	\$40,000	9.7%

Comments