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POPULAR COMMITTEES FOR HEALTH SERVICES

اللجان الشعبية للخدمات الصحية

ANNUAL ACTIVITY REPORT, 1989.



Introduction:

1989 Signifies the Second year of the Intifada, with increasing health needs. And 1989 have been a very active and Productive year of P.C.H.S. in responding to those increasing health needs of the Palestinian Population.

In 1989 P.C.H.S. have established a new Operational Branch in Jenin District; which makes the total number of existing branches to be 9, on the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

These Branches Operates a total of 33 permanent clinics, with 4 more clinics in the preparation stages, due to open before the end of 1989. These clinic have seen a total of 70,325 patient in the last year, of which 17,581 patients were treated free of charge. Most of the 33 clinics Provides specialized services including dental care, Primary Health care, as well as Laboratory Services.

P.C.H.S. offers services not only through permanent clinics but also through the many mobil clinics and schools visited by Our Staff. These clinics were able to provide services to a total of 15,216 patients on site, with a total of 8,369 patients treated free of charge.

This quantative increase in P.C.H.S. services; making the total of patients seen in 1989 85,541 patients of which 25,950 patients treated free of charge; was accompanied by a qualitative upgrade of Services, where we have developed it to include preventive health care, school and Pr-school health programme, as well as adding many specialized services.

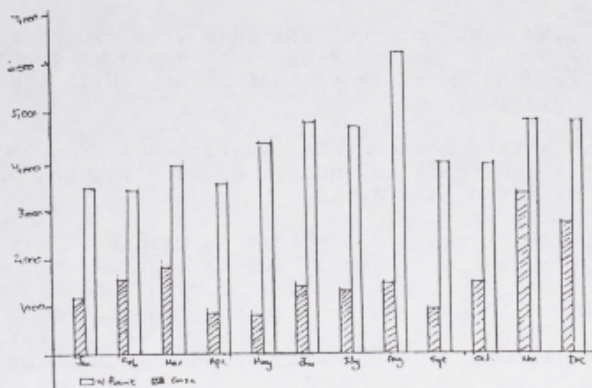
A) Permanent Clinics:

Presently the P.C.H.S. is Operating 33 clinics, with four new clinics on the West Bank in the opening process. These clinics offer general medical services; dental care, and laboratories. Fees are minimal; a medicine sold at cost price, and 25% of the Patients are treated free of charges as social cases.

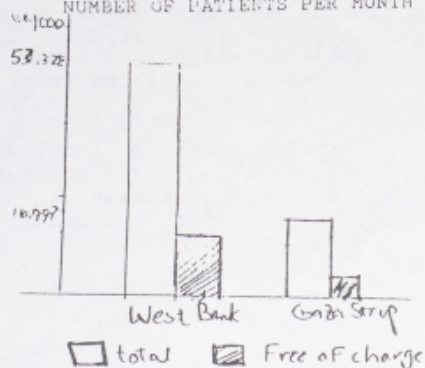
In the permanent clinics 70,325 patients were treated, diagnosed, and some were referred to specialists; 53,328 patients were seen in the West Bank clinics, and 16,997 seen in the Gaza Strip clinics. The total social cases seen in these clinics were 17,581 patients; 13,332 patients of them were seen in the West Bank clinics and 4,249 patients seen in the Gaza Strip clinics. (see summary sheet attached).

P.C.H.S. has established a working relation with some specialist and hospitals on the West Bank and Gaza Strip by patients are referred to them by the P.C.H.S. for further treatment and investigation.

The total number and distribution of patients, treated in these clinics is shown below by month for Gaza Strip and West Bank.



NUMBER OF PATIENTS PER MONTH G.S. W.B, 1989



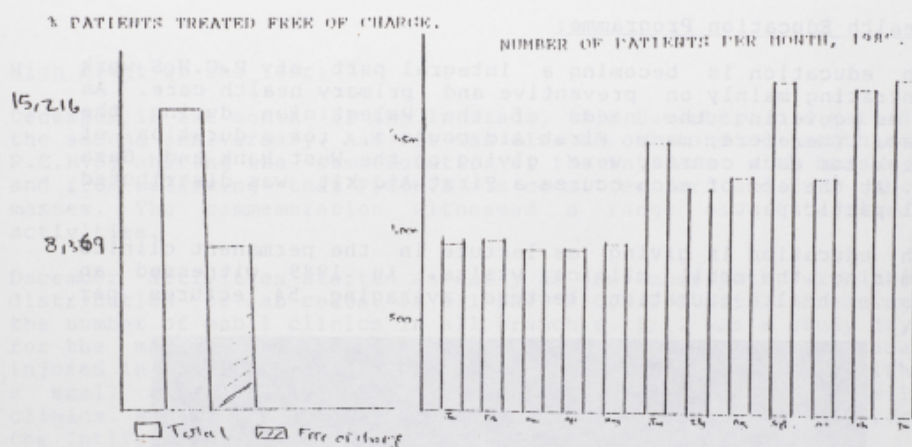
% PATIENTS TREATED FREE OF CHARGE, G.S. W.B



B) MOBIL CLINIC: have been an integral part of the services by P.C.H.S. These clinics have been held on the West Bank and Gaza Strip in the most effected areas, i.e. in areas where long periods of curfew and sieges have been imposed; or there have been a large numbers of Intifada victims and injures...etc.

There has been 12 mobil clinic visits by month on average both in the West Bank and Gaza Strip; in total 15,216 patients were treated in these clinics. A total of 8,369 patients; amounting to 55% of the total; were treated free of charges as social cases or victims of Intifada.

The following graph represent a distribution of the number of patients treated by these clinic as well as the percentage of patients treated free of charge.



(C) Pre-School and School Health Programme:

P.C.H.S continues to supervise 34 Preschool that operated by the Women Committees. Medical check up is conducted at the beginning of the year; followed by a periodical medical check up and a teaching programme for oral hygiene and cleaning techniques; a campaign to promote oral health was carried out. Tooth brush and paste was distributed to all Pre-school children in Gaza Strip and West Bank.

In addition, to that P.C.H.S extends medical care and supervision to the four AQSA schools in Jerusalem, that run 68 classes, 14 kindergartens, 51 elementary and 3 preparatory. 3,200 children between the ages 4-14 years have benefited regularly from the diagnostic and educational medical care.

This school health programme is administrated by five qualified staff members consisting of three doctors and 2 two nurses; with the ambitions to expand this team to include social worker in the near future.

(D) Health Education Programme:

Health education is becoming a integral part of P.C.H.S work concentrating mainly on preventive and primary health care. As well as covering the needs of the Palestinian during the Intifada. Therefore, many First Aid courses, for a duration of six week for each course, were giving on the West Bank and Gaza Strip. At the end of each course a First Aid kit was distributed to all participant.

Health education is giving as lecture in the permanent clinics and during the mobil clinics visits. in 1989 witnessed an intensive health education lecture averaging 54 lectures per month.



(E) Other Activities

The united Health Committee (Nablus): which undertakes emergency mobile clinics visits in the days of curfew and siege.

This committee is headed and continue to work with the efforts of P.C.H.S branch in Nablus. A total of 7,850 patients have been treated freely during 1989.

This committee included in addition to P.C.H.S, the union of health care committee. The social committees for health services and the medical association.

During the visits of the mobil clinics, medical supplies and milk were distributed.

High Light Of the Year:

December is the month of the Intifada, this December did marked the second anniversary. And it was also an outstanding month of P.C.H.S, sharing the commemoration of the Intifada with masses, and from believing that P.C.H.S is committee for and from the masses. The commemoration witnessed a range of intensified activities.

December activities started as early as November 20th, with the distribution of lab coats to all the P.C.H.S staff. Increasing the number of mobil clinics in all branches. 1/12 was a study day for the medical and nursing staff; 2/12 visiting all Intifada injured in hospitals and in their homes, and presenting them with a small gift. 3-4/12 was a voluntary cleaning days for all clinics. And on the 5th of December, a voluntary working day for the Intifada, free treatment of all patients.

Publications:

Many health education leaflets have been prepared by P.C.H.S as well as a range of health surveys and publication highlighting the conditions of the health services in the occupied territories during the Intifada. The following comprise a list of P.C.H.S publication during 1989:

A- Educational publication:

- 1- Poisoning of children,
- 2- First Aid Pamphlet,
- 3- Pregnancy: problems and natural delivery,
- 4- Pneumonia and Bronchopneumonia,
- 5- Child care and vaccination,
- 6- Pertussis,
- 7- Nutrition guideline for diabetics,
- 8- Tear Gas poisoning,
- 9- Nutrition guideline for hypertension,
- 10- Lower Back pains management and prevention,
- 11- Dental and Oral hygiene,
- 12- Diarrhea and dehydration,
- 13- Jandice and Viral hepatitis.

B- Other Publications:

- 1- Health condition in Ansar (3) Prison- Survey,
- 2- Survey of Health Services in Gaza Strip,
- 3- Survey of Health Conditions of Pre School children aged 2-6 years,
- 4- Overview of Health Conditions in Occupied Palestine, Paper presented in the NGO meetings in New York,
- 5- Health Conditions and environmental Hazards in the Occupied Palestine,
- 6- Press Release highlighting the Health Conditions in Beit Shaur during the seige and curfew,
- 7- Two newsletters ,
- 8- Mid- Year Activity Report,
- 9- A message commemorating the second year of Intifada.

DIFFICULTIES:

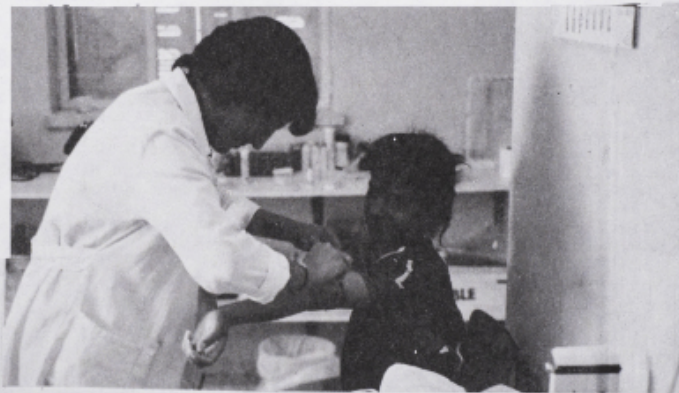
- 1- The Complete closure of whole areas : curfew and seige by the Israel's military, restricting the movement of the health and medical staff and preventing them from servicing the needy.
 - 2- Detention of medical and health personnel, as well as the continuous harassment.
 - 3- Restrictions imposed on obtaining medical equipment and supplies from abroad.
 - 4- Continuous raid, closure, and destructions of medical establishments.
 - 5- The financial strains causing the slow down of development and upgrading of our services, as well the financial burden in maintaining the running cost of the already established clinics.
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FINAL NOTE: FUTURE PROSPECT:

The Popular Committees for Health Services clearly defined its priorities and directions. 1989, have witnessed this prioritization and appraisal of our work:

- 1- Health education rates as first priority, seeking to reach out new geographical areas.
- 2- Due to the marginal health conditions and health services in Gaza Strip; P.C.H.S. will continue to target this region more.
- 3- P.C.H.S. will develop a satellite permanent clinics in each region, where one clinic become the referral clinic to all other clinic in the area.
- 4- P.C.H.S. from its believe in the importance of prevention in the health service will develop and upgrade its already existing services in this field.

Finally, we, in P.C.H.S, like to extend our gratitude our friends who through their moral and financial support made it possible for all of us to meet some of the need and to continue to provide the much needed health care .



SUMMARY SHEET FOR THE ACTIVITY OF THE PERMANENT CLINICS IN 1989.

CLINIC NAME	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
GAZA STIRP:													
ALSSRIA/JABALIA	480	523	462	243	236	423	394	456	439	284	821	467	3940
JABALIA DENTAL	210	208	213	107	87	158	193	87	95	75	119	157	1417
ALAHILIA/KAN YUNIS	180	165	212	97	0	243	150	410	113	223	185	197	2173
SHAMELEH/SHOGAEIA	227	225	267	137	182	261	193	158	99	71	101	99	2022
AL HEDITHA/SHATIA			197	142	128	213	185	212	98	305	323	310	2113
NUSAIRAT		297	283	49	33	49	203	197	0	22	131	121	1387
BEIT HANON										325	1135	978	2438
RAFAH													
AL BRIJIE CAMP										217	446	430	1093
NABLUS										7	205	200	412
SALEM	140	259	320	281	266	296	283	309	378	203	208	275	3218
JAMEEN	40	35	30	36	64	33	45	101	102	55	47	67	655
BUREEN				96	82	109	108	92	50	84	120	106	847
TAMOUN	150	180	270	WAS CLOSED		DOWN							600
AL YASMEEN	70	56	72	WAS CLOSED		DOWN							198
QUROUN	107	138	120	197	176	212	193	192					1324
QUROUN DENTAL			31	38	190	170	145	160					734
AL HABLA	105					9	WAS CLOSED		DOWN				114
BEITA			304	141	196	241	210	136	70	100		93	1491
ATNM ALMIA'A RC	281	238	331	260	394	313	215	311		164	153	256	2916
BEIT DAJEEN				160	280	252	199	200		168		141	1400
JEFTILIK						72	57	62	42	40	60	50	303
WADI BADANE						216	185	198	89	104	60	134	991
OLD CITY CENTRE									111	210	258	186	765
HABLA													
RAMALLAH:										109	129	120	358
BEIT OUR	157	299	311	235	260	245	263	324	237	237	293	223	3084
AL JALOZONE CAMP		76	97	98	49	90	95	157	88	114	93	104	1065
KUFR NEIMEH	330	144	219	160	218	120	200	1276	221	174	145	195	3402
BULEEIN	132	105	120	134	120	125	120	151	96	93	79	101	1372
JERUSALEM:													
KALANDIA CENTER	330	333	137	330	370	330	340	1287	857	655	636	650	6255
HEBRON:													
ITHNA	180	152	150	154	160	190	175	98	125	98	75	93	1650
KURSA										126	56	76	258
JENIN:													
JABA	70	88	90	68	62	80							
ANZA	60	70	80	75	65	60	75	77	45	57	65		729
JALABOUN						225	195	252	209	213	157	201	1416
KUFR RAIA								93	130	77		97	327
NABLUS CON'T													
SALFEET								80		80	75	79	314
URATA											88	83	171
BEITHELEH													
BEITHLEHEM CENTER	1120	1050	1117	1020	1195	1113	1213	1453	1163	865	1321	1120	12750
DAR SALAH/TAMARIA	160	110	120	150	214	177	133	170	113	129	171	171	1818
TOTAL PATIENTS IN PERMANENT CLINICS	= 70325												

NOTE THAT CLINICS CLOSED BECAME THE OLD CITY CENTER IN NABLUS