
Palestinian National Authority
Ministry of Health

Palestinian Health Status

Acknowledgement

- WHO efforts for organizing this vital meeting under the critical situations Palestine is facing.
- WHO, UNICEF and other UN agencies for their positive continuous support despite the restrictions and policies taken against the PNA by the international community.

Palestinian Elections 2006

- Since 25th January the PNA has been facing major threats that may lead to its collapse, an event we all surely are aware of its severe complications and consequences.
- I would like to remind you of the great efforts and money that was spent by the international community to help Palestinians establish their socioeconomic and health systems, and that we all must NOW give full support to sustain and maintain.

Outbreaks

- the international community faced the out break of Avian flu, and with full support of WHO and international agencies Palestinian Ministry of Health managed to prevent infections.
- Palestine also faced the out break of Mumps that without the support of the international community might have led to severe complications and a case of epidemic crisis.
- Leishmaniasis has reached up to Tulkarm and several cases are reported due to lack of ability to spray and prevent disease , many more will appear if the closure continues

Therefore,

- We CALL for
 - An action by the International Community, donors and neighboring countries to protect Palestine and the region from epidemics

 - Support the Palestinian Ministry of Health and prevent the collapse of the health system rather than facing a crisis that can not be reversed.

Health Service Providers

- Ministry of Health (MoH)
- Non Governmental Organizations (NGOs)
- UNRWA
- Private sector

Health facilities

Health provider	PHC	Hospital Beds
- MOH	56.5% (413)	56% (2614)
- UNRWA	7.2% (53)	1% (58)
- NGOs	36.3% (265)	32% (1489)
- Private	== ---	11% (518)
Totals	100% 731	100%4679 bed

- Number of PHC centers per 10,000 persons is 2.01
- Number of hospital beds per 10,000 persons is 13.26 beds
- Bed occupancy rate 81.1%
- Average length stay at the hospitals 2.6 days
- Average cost of hospital days: 76 US\$ per day. (MOH 2004)

Public, NGOs, Private sectors Partnership..1

- Ministry of Health believes and apply through its policies, the Partnership approach with the NGOs and the Private sector in Palestine mainly as a complementary role with its services.
- This partnership is reflected through the many agreements signed with the NGOs and private sectors to purchase tertiary care services as with East Jerusalem Hospitals, and other Private Specialized Hospitals in Nablus, Gaza and Ramallah.

Public, NGOs, Private sectors Partnership..2

- Over 40 joint clinics are functioning throughout the country in complete partnership with Medical Relief Society, Red Crescent Society, Health Working Committees, where the Ministry of Health supplies the buildings and the drugs as well as disposables, and partner NGOs supply the human resources.

Public, NGOs, Private sectors Partnership..3

- Outreach services and ambulatory care are provided by the Palestine Red Crescent Society and the Medical Relief Society.
- Implementation of national programs such as screening, immunization, women health and many more, jointly with UNRWA, and other UN agencies as UNICEF, and UNFPA.

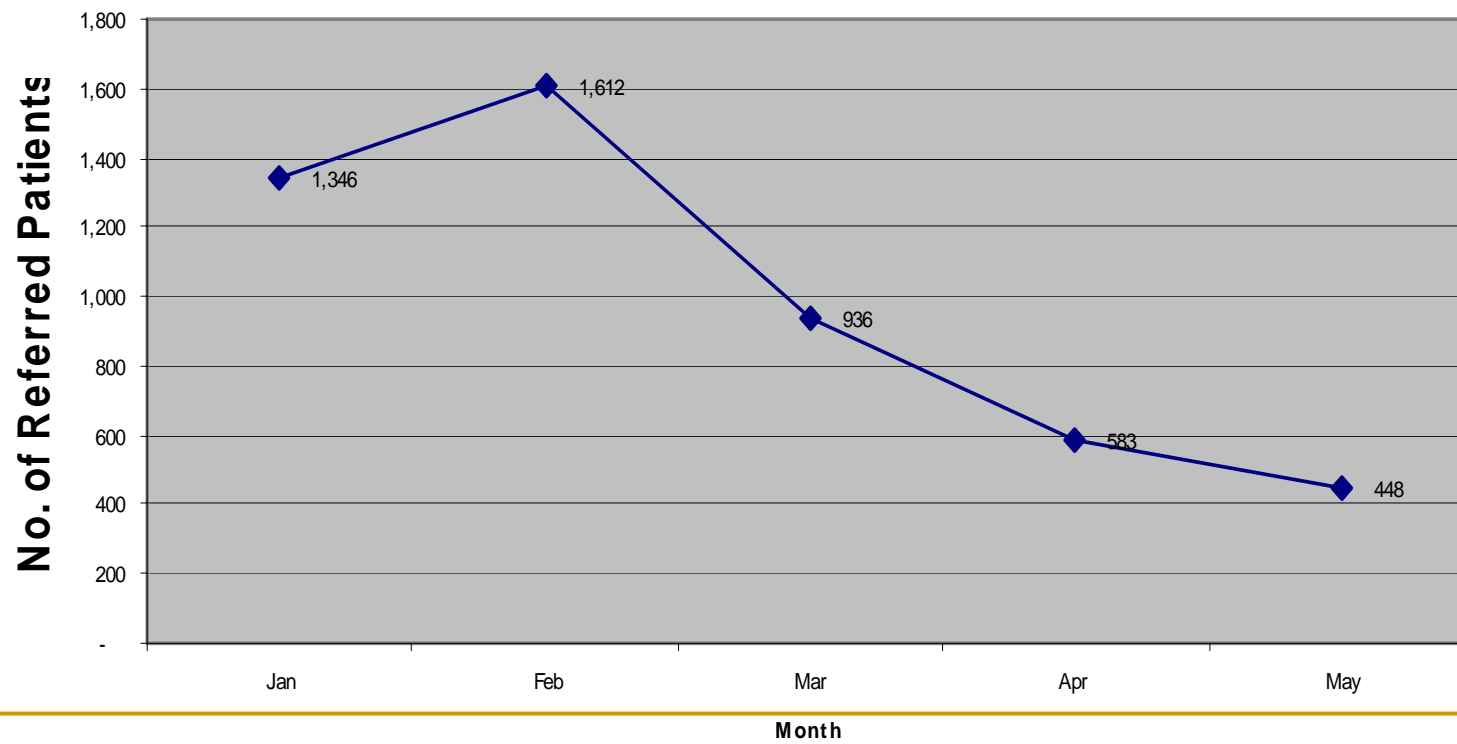
Actions taken by the Ministry of Health

Examples

- Rationalization of Special Treatment Abroad
- Purchasing tertiary care from national hospitals
- Health insurance instructions
- Reallocation of MoH staff in response to the current situation
- Several coping mechanisms with the current situation

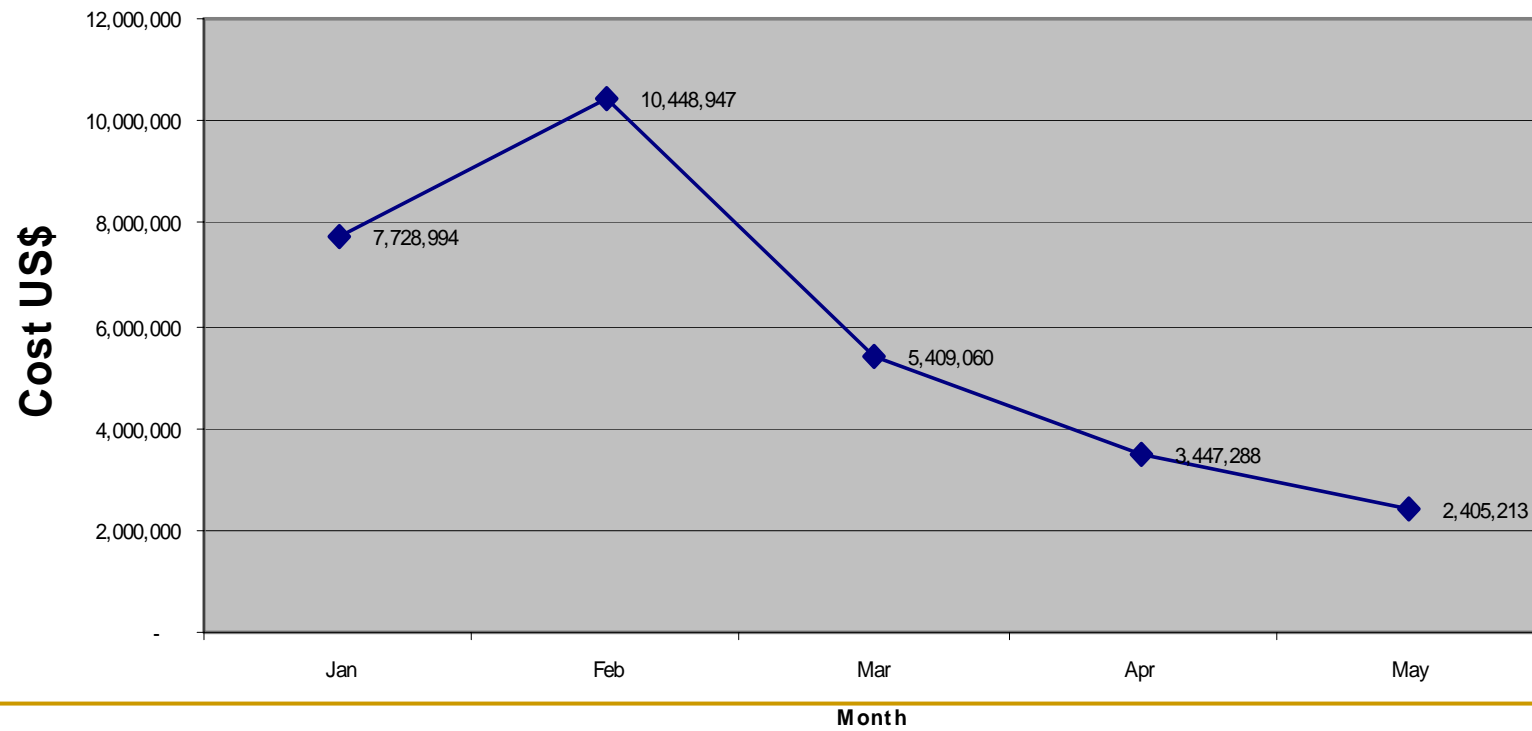
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No. of Referred Patients Per Month (Jan - May) 2006



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Cost of Referral Per Month (Jan to May) 2006



QUALITY OF CARE

**Accessibility
restrictions**

Poverty

Unemployment

**Poor nutritional
status**

Programs

Women health

Child health

Elderly

Disability



**Restrictions of
movement**

Health indicators

Poor quality of care

Finally,

- The ministry of health is the main provider and sole responsible for health services
- Efforts should be targeted to
 - prevent system collapse
 - ensure universal coverage of health services
 - ensure accessibility: physical and financial

Thank you

