

Field Visits in the framework of November 2022

UNRWA Advisory Commission

UNRWA West Bank Field Office

16, 17 November 2022

Background

The overall objective of the visits is for the AdCom members to gain an understanding of the peculiar characteristics of the West Bank as one of UNRWA areas of operations, how the protracted occupation translates in an unprecedented protection crisis, particularly during the year 2022, when all conflict-related indicators have substantially increased compared to the previous eight years, by disproportionately impacting Palestine refugee population, including those living in refugee camps. The visit will also give AdCom members the opportunity to better understand how the volatile and tense security situation impacts UNRWA day-to-day operations and hinder service delivery, including basic education to over 45,000 Palestine refugee children.

Throughout 2022, the escalating violence witnessed in the West Bank including East Jerusalem, has taken its toll on the daily life of Palestine refugees, particularly of those living in camps, and in hotspot locations where the highest and more frequent level of violence have been reported, including in Northern West Bank.

Inside the refugee camps, the ISF use of lethal weapons reported this year has been striking: the number of injuries sustained from live ammunition in the camps this year, has been almost four times higher than outside the camps. Whereas Israeli military operations in the camps earlier tended to take place at night, UNRWA has now seen a trend where military operations increasingly take place during daytime. Daytime operations are more likely to lead to large demonstrations and violent clashes, with heavy consequences for the civilian population in the camps.

Intense and regular ISF presence in the camps significantly impacts UNRWA operations as access and movement restrictions are put in place due to security concerns, with installations being forced to close. Damages to shelter and UNRWA installations have been reported in some locations, in addition to psychological harm, loss of livelihoods, and disturbance to education services.

Day 1, Wednesday 16 November 2022

Time	Durati on	Activity	Location	Purpose	Lead
07:00		Arrival at UNRWA West	UNRWA Field Office,		

		bank Field Office, East Jerusalem	Ammunition Hill, EJ 31.797864, 35.226929		
07:00- 09:15	2 hours and 15 min	Drive to Jenin camp through Road 6 - <i>Access through Jalama checkpoint</i> For those coming from Ramallah through Road 60, meeting point is here at 09:00			
09:15- 09:30-	15 min	Welcome and Introduction	Jenin Boys' School no. 1	UNRWA will welcome the delegation and provide a brief overview of the recent escalation of violence in Jenin camp, and how this has affected UNRWA operations and service delivery.	Adam Bouloukos, Director of UNRWA Affairs in the West Bank Hanadi Abu Taqa, Chief of Nablus Area Office Oliver Bridge, Protection and Neutrality Team Leader
09:30- 10:10	40 min	Meeting with students from UNRWA schools in Jenin camp (Boys and Girls)	Jenin Boys' School no. 1	The AdCom delegation will meet with representatives of students from UNRWA schools in Jenin camp and exchange on the situation in the camp and how the recent, but recurring, escalation of violence has been affecting their daily life at school and outside	<i>Facilitated by an UNRWA staff member, for translation</i>
10:10- 10:30	20 min	Tour of the camp	Jenin camp	The AdCom delegation will have the opportunity to walk through	<i>Facilitated by</i>

		- <i>From Jenin Boys School, coming back to same school to take vehicles and drive to the CSC</i>		the camp, to better understand its geography, location of UNRWA installations and how these have been impacted by escalation of tension and violence	Hanadi Abu Taqa, Chief of Nablus Area Office Suhair Khuzaimeh, Community and Camp Services Officer- Jenin camp Vanessa Perry, Protection and Neutrality Officer and Malak Saed, Associate Protection and Neutrality Officer (Jenin Team)
10:30-10:40	10 min	Drive to CSC Office			
10:40-11:20	40 min	Meeting with Jenin Camp Service Committee (CSC)	CSC Office	The AdCom delegation will meet with the Chairperson of the Jenin Camp Service Com and representatives from the Jenin camp community (men, women, youth) and exchange on the situation in the camp and related challenges for affected population, amid recent crises	<i>Facilitated by</i> Hanadi Abu Taqa, Chief of Nablus Area Office Kazem Abu Khalaf, Field Public Information Officer
11:20-11:40	20 min	Break			
11:40-13:25	1 hour and 45 min	Drive to Burin, through West Bank Road 60, crossing two checkpoints, Deir Sharaf and Jit/Sarr			
13:25-13:40	15 min	Introductory briefing	Burin village-viewpoint	UNRWA colleagues will provide a relief overview of the location of Burin village, and how the proximity to Huwwara checkpoint	Adam Bouloukos, Director of UNRWA

				and Israeli settlements negatively impact the lives of its inhabitants, a considerable percentage being Palestine refugees	<p>Affairs in the West Bank</p> <p>Hanadi Abu Taqa, Chief of Nablus Area Office</p> <p>Oliver Bridge, Protection and Neutrality Team Leader</p> <p>Edit Nagy Protection and Neutrality Officer and Sara Qawasmi, Associate Protection and Neutrality Officer (Nablus Team)</p>
13:40-14:40	1 hour	Meeting with Palestine refugee from Burin village	Burin village, Palestine refugee's house	The AdCom delegation will meet with a Palestine refugee from Burin village and exchange with him on the challenges faced daily in terms of settler violence	<i>Facilitated by an UNRWA staff member, for translation</i>
14:40-16:10	1 hour and 30 min	Wrap up and drive to Jerusalem through West Bank Road 60			
16:10		Arrival at UNRWA West Bank Field Office, East Jerusalem			

Day 2, Thursday 17 November 2022

Time	Duration	Activity	Location	Purpose	Lead
08:00		Arrival at UNRWA West Bank Field Office, East Jerusalem	UNRWA Field Office, Ammunition Hill, EJ		

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08:00- 09:15	1 hour, 15 min	Drive to Hebron H2 - For those driving from Ramallah, meeting point is here at 09:00			
09:15- 09:30	15 min	Welcome and Introductory briefing	UNRWA Hebron Boys School-Rooftop	UNRWA colleagues will provide a brief overview of the situation in Hebron H2, its geography, and the challenges associated with movement and access restrictions	Adam Bouloukos, Director of UNRWA Affairs in the West Bank Amjad Abu Laban, Chief of Hebron Area Office Oliver Bridge Protection and Neutrality Team Leader Heidi Kumpulainen, Protection and Neutrality Officer (Hebron Team)
09:30- 10:05	35 min	Meeting with students from the UNRWA Schools in Hebron (Boys and Girls)	UNRWA Hebron Boys School meeting room	The AdCom delegation will meet with representative of students from UNRWA school in Hebron and exchange with them on their life in the location, how the daily tension and violence affect their education and learning experience and their daily life overall	<i>Facilitated by an UNRWA staff member, for translation</i>

10:05-10:15	10 min	Introductory briefing on the Palestine refugee families living in Wadi al Hussein, who the delegation will visit next	UNRWA Hebron Boys School meeting room	UNRWA colleagues will introduce the next section of the visit in Hebron H2 on the Palestine refugee families living in Wadi al Hussein	Lydia Alwawi , Social Worker, Crisis Intervention Unit Heidi Kumpulainen , Protection and Neutrality Officer (<u>Hebron Team</u>)
10:15-10:30	15 min	Drive to Wadi al Hussein via CP 160			
10:30-11:30	1 hour	Visit the Palestine refugee families living in Wadi Al-Hussein-right beside Kyriat Arba settlement	Wadi al Hussein	The AdCom delegation will meet with members of these Palestine refugee families and exchange on the challenges faced daily while leaving adjacent to a settlement	<i>Facilitated by</i> Lydia Alwawi , Social Worker, Crisis Intervention Unit
11:30-11:45	15 min	Cross from H2 restricted area via CP 160 n			
11:45-12:20	40 min	Drive to Arroub camp			
12:20-12:35	15 min	Break	Arroub CCSO Office		
12:35-12:50	15 min	Introduction	Arroub CCSO Office	UNRWA colleagues will provide a brief overview of the situation in Arroub camp	Adam Bouloukos , Director of UNRWA Affairs in the West Bank Amjad Abu Laban , Chief of Hebron Area Office

					Heidi Kumpulainen, Protection and Neutrality Officer
12:50- 13:20	30 min	Meeting with Arroub Camp Service Committee	CSC Office	The AdCom delegation will meet with the Chairperson of the Arroub Camp Service Committee and other members and exchange on the situation in the camp and related challenges for affected population	<i>Facilitated by</i> Amjad Abu Laban, Chief of Hebron Area Office Kazem Abu Khalaf, Field Public Information Officer
13:20- 13:50	30 min	Meeting with community representatives	CSC Office	The AdCom delegation will meet with members of the Arroub camp refugee community and exchange on life in the camp	<i>Facilitated by an</i> <i>UNRWA staff</i> <i>member, for</i> <i>translation</i>
13:50- 14:50	1 hour	Wrap up and drive to Jerusalem			
15:00		Arrive in Jerusalem, UNRWA Field Office			