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Abstract

**Child health in the context of political and economic exclusion:
The Palestinian case**

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Health in the Palestinian territories especially children are influenced by complex and multidimensional factors that are not easy to separate from each other. However, the presentation at the conference will focus on three main related sections. The first section will describe the political measures imposed by Israeli occupation and how this is influencing the rise of poverty, dependence on international aid, food insecurity, malnutrition and the hindrance of human and system development, children's mental health and their families. This will also include the impact of the separation wall built in the West Bank on the accessibility of children and their families to their livelihood, jobs, schools and needed basic health and social services. Reference to relevant CRC articles related to children's health rights will be made whenever relevant.

The second section will talk about the impact of the current national health related policies that impact the inclusion or exclusion of children especially their eligibility of receiving health services, health insurance policy, distribution of resources, mode of service delivery, health system orientation and their impact on the health of children.

The third section will highlight opportunities and challenges for inclusion of children within the political and economic context and suggested policy and political measures and recommendations that can improve the inclusion of children and improving their health and well being.

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