



# MINISTRY OF HEALTH

## CITIZENS'S BUDGET

### 2024

**Vision:** Integrated and holistic health system that contributes to improving the quality of health services and the sustainable enhancement of health status.

#### Strategic Objectives:

1. Ensure the provision of comprehensive health services to all Palestinians, heading towards the localization of health services in Palestine.
2. Promote the management of non-communicable diseases, preventive healthcare, and community health awareness programs.
3. Institutionalize quality systems in all aspects of health services.
4. Promote and develop an efficient, qualified, and sufficient health workforce.
5. Strengthen health governance, including institutional development, laws and legislations enforcement, cross-sectoral coordination, complementarity between health service providers, as well as enhancing health financing and protection of Palestinian citizens against the financial hardship of paying health care costs.

#### Programs:

- High-quality and sustainable primary health care and public health services and the promotion of healthy lifestyles
- High-quality and sustainable secondary and tertiary healthcare services.
- Administrative Program and Health Governance

#### 2024 Ministry of Health Budget

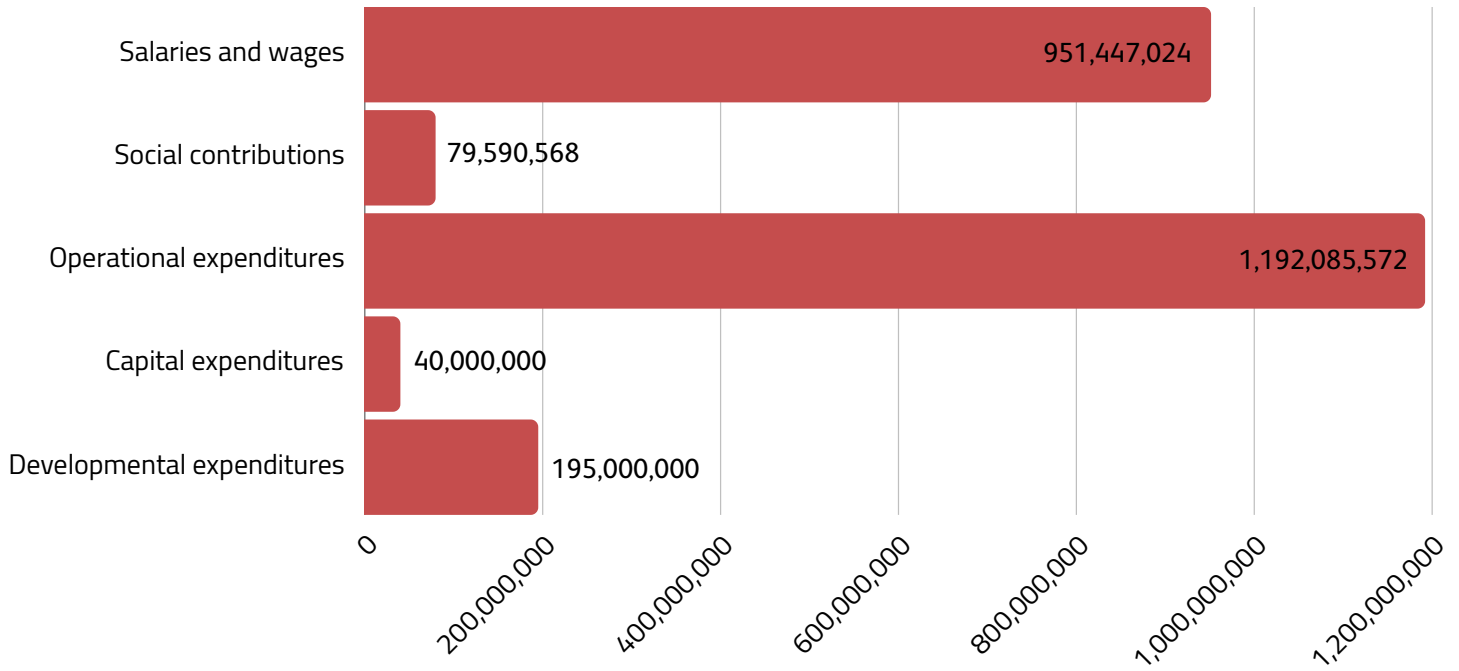
The Ministry of Health budget for 2024 was **ILS2,458,123,164**, or **14.3%** of total expenditures of the 2024 budget

#### Ministry of Health budget according to article/ILS

Item	Budget/million shekels	Percentage
Salaries and wages	951,447,024	38.7%
Social contributions	79,590,568	3.2%
Operational expenditures	1,192,085,572	48.5%
Capital expenditures	40,000,000	1.6%
Developmental expenditures	195,000,000	7.9%
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,458,123,164</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

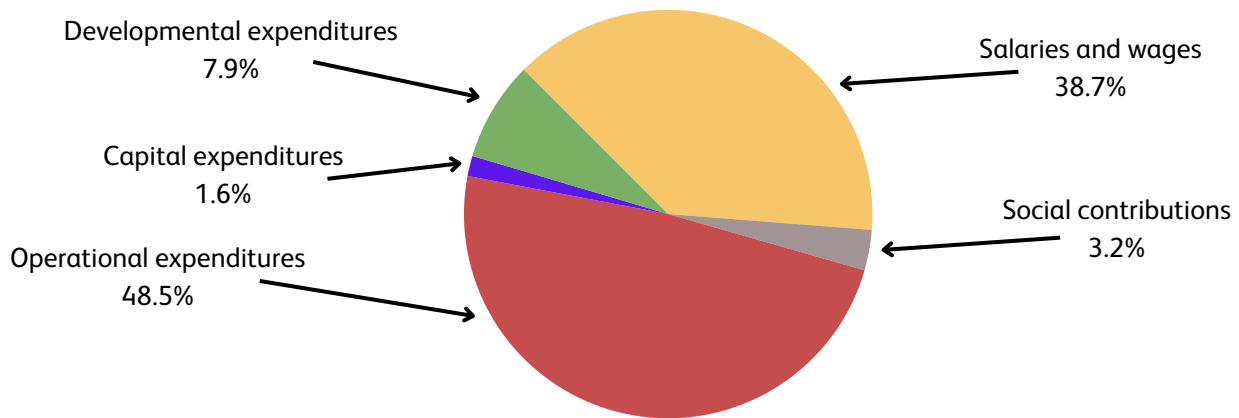
- In 2024 the public budget was ratified as an emergency budget, whereby spending is based on the monthly cash flows from the Ministry of Finance

## Distribution of Ministry of Health budget according to item/ILS



- Operational expenditures at the Ministry of Health include the costs of medical referrals, procurement of medicines and the operational costs of Ministry of Health facilities including hospitals, health centers and directorates

## Distribution ratios of the Ministry of Health budget according to item



## Distribution of Ministry of Health budget according to program/ILS

Program	Budget	Percentage
High-quality and sustainable secondary and tertiary healthcare services.	1,789,584,950	72.8%
High-quality and sustainable primary health care and public health services	503,714,038	20.5%
Administrative Program and Health Governance	164,824,176	6.7%
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,458,123,164</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

### Developmental projects:

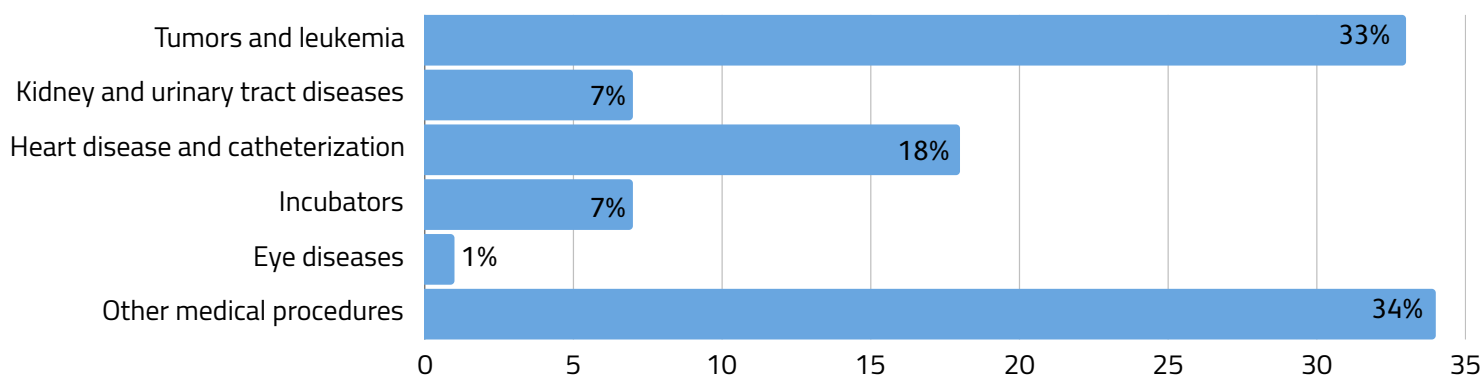
Projects	Funder
Building, completing, and furnishing the Saad Sayel Specialist Hospital	Treasury
Building, completing, and furnishing the Doha hospital	Treasury
Building, completing, and furnishing two additional floors in the National Hospital	Treasury
Building, completing, and furnishing three floors over the new college department at the Palestine Medical Complex	Treasury
Building, completing, and furnishing Um Al Sharayet Health Center in Al Bireh	Treasury

### Service Procurement:

Transfers to purchase health services from outside the Ministry's facilities were estimated at approximately 110,000 transfers with an estimated budget of ILS500 million.

### Percentage of spending on diseases from the purchase of services:

Disease	Percentage
Tumors and leukemia	33%
Kidney and urinary tract diseases	7%
Heart disease and catheterization	18%
Incubators	7%
Eye diseases	1%
Other medical procedures (Neurology, rehabilitation, radiology, lab tests, etc.)	34%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>



Place of treatment for referral	Percentage of service procurement transfers
Service procurement from local hospitals- West Bank, Gaza, East Jerusalem	91%
Service procurement from external hospitals "Inside the Green Line-Jordan-Egypt	9%

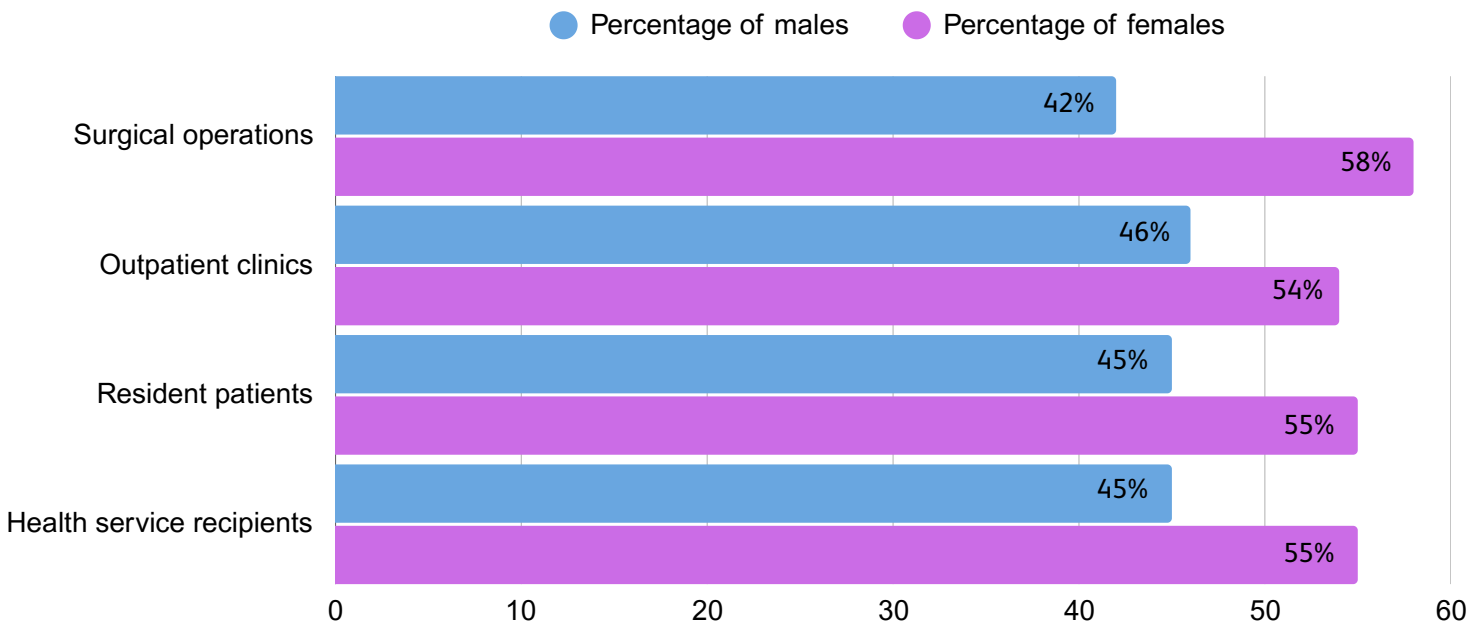
Percentage of female transfers: 45.5%

Males: 54.5%

- **Procurement of immunizations and vaccines:** An amount of ILS30 million was earmarked for immunizations and vaccines in the 2024 budget
- **Procurement of medicines:** An amount of ILS375 million was earmarked to provide and procure medicines in the 2024 budget.

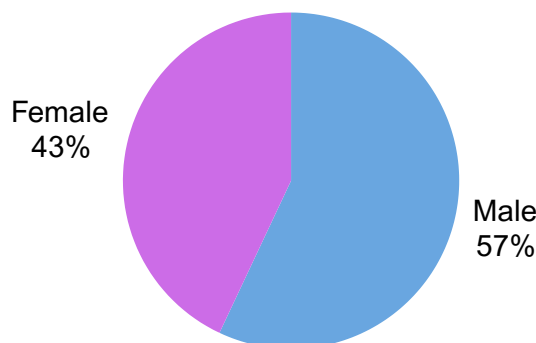
**:Ratios of medical service recipients according to gender**

Item	Percentage of females	Percentage of males
Surgical operations	58%	42%
Outpatient clinics	54%	46%
Resident patients	55%	45%
Health service recipients	55%	45%



**Male and female employees at the Ministry of Health in 2024**

- Number of male and female employees in the Ministry of Health – **14,731**
- **Gaza Strip: 32% of employees**
- **West Bank: 68%**



## Government hospitals and health clinics

**Note:** Due to the Israeli aggression on the Gaza Strip and the systematic destruction of the health system and infrastructure, the number of functioning hospitals in the Gaza Strip dropped from 13 to 5, all of which are only partially functional. Moreover, the number of government health centers dropped from 52 to 13, which are also only partially functioning.

### Distribution of government hospitals in Palestinian governorates

Governorate	No.	Percentage
Hebron	5	16%
Ramallah/Al Bireh	2	6%
Jenin	1	3%
Nablus	2	6%
Tulkarm	2	6%
Qalqilya	1	3%
Bethlehem	2	6%
Salfeet	1	3%
Tubas	1	3%
Jericho	1	3%
Gaza Strip*	13	42%
<b>Total</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>100%</b>

- Due to the Israeli aggression on the Gaza Strip and the systematic destruction of the health system and infrastructure, the number of functioning hospitals in the Gaza Strip dropped from 13 to 5, all of which are only partially functional.

## Distribution of primary health care centers in governorates

Governorate	No.	Percentage
Hebron	127	26%
Ramallah/Al Bireh	57	12%
Jenin	56	11%
Nablus	47	10%
Tulkarm	32	6%
Jerusalem	27	5%
Qalqilya	24	5%
Bethlehem	28	6%
Salfeet	18	4%
Tubas	13	3%
Jericho	12	2%
Gaza Strip*	52	11%
<b>Total</b>	<b>493</b>	<b>100%</b>

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### Important Terms:

- **Operational Expenditures:** are the needed expenditures to operate the Ministry of Health and its facilities (such as building-related fees, electricity fees, water, fuel, medical consumables, etc.). This also includes medical transfers and medicines.
- **Capital Expenditures:** include the expenses paid for acquiring capital assets (e.g., buildings, lands, equipment, vehicles, etc.), as well as capital transfers related to projects. This item also includes expenses for capital development
- **Developmental Expenditures:** are expenditures that have a different nature from current expenditures in terms of life span and return on expenditures. This also includes the expenses for developing the quality of health services in Palestine.
- **Social Contributions:** is the government contribution in the General Commission for Insurance and Pensions.
- **Gender-responsive budget:** A gender-responsive budget is considered a tool for financial planning with economic and social dimensions, which helps the government to integrate gender in the preparation and implementation of the public budget. This is to ensure that available financial resources are allocated in a just manner and aimed at eradicating discrimination on the basis of gender in regards to government services and in a way that meets the specific needs of men, women, girls, boys and marginalized social sectors.
- **Days of Medication:** are the total days spent at hospital (i.e., overnight stays) for hospitalization purposes.