HUMANITARIAN COUNTRY TEAM (HCT) IN THE OPT: ADVOCACY
Falls under and reports to the HCT (main coordination body/Heads of Agency level), lead by the HC

Mandate to:

- To share information on, and coordinate advocacy efforts, amongst HCT members;
- To undertake joint advocacy actions where appropriate/feasible;
- To flag for the HCT areas requiring policy guidance or formulation.
As determined by the HCT, membership includes representatives from the broad spectrum of agencies and organizations making up the humanitarian community:

- Cluster representatives/leads (1 UN, 1 NGO); e.g. Action Against Hunger for West Bank FSS
- Other HCT Members
  - AIDA
  - PNGO

Members are responsible for two-way communication with bodies they represent.
HCT AWG Tasks

- Develop an action plan, based on agreed HCT priorities to support and create an enabling environment for the HCT humanitarian strategy.
- Recommend and organize joint activities, suggest joint messaging, coordinate among members, etc.
Long-term objectives:

- 1. End policies that result in the fragmentation and separation of the oPt
- 2. Lift the blockade of the Gaza Strip
- 3. Stopping and reversing policies that risk becoming permanent, thereby amounting to a de facto annexation, including settlement expansion

HCT ADVOCACY STRATEGY 2015-2017
Objective 1:

A. Gradual shift in permit restrictions for people from those based on “approved categories” to those based only on legitimate security grounds.

B. Improvement in procedures to allow for protected, dignified passage between Gaza and the West Bank.

C. Third states promote a ‘One Palestine’ approach.

Objective 3:

A. Third states do not contribute to forcible transfer

B. Third states act to prevent forcible transfer through a range of actions (including written and/or verbal demarches, written and/or verbal dialogue with the occupying power, utilizing relevant mechanisms/agreements, etc.) to ensure respect for international law.
Highlights on West Bank Advocacy (excl. bi-lateral)

- Joint/coordinated briefings (incl. field briefings) (25)
- Other joint/coordinated campaign (2)
- HC statements (38)
- Guidance Notes (2)
- Key messages (11)

ACTIVITIES (2016 & 2017)
What next?

- HCT Advocacy Workshop, 13 Feb 2018, Ramallah
  - agree our HCT priorities, goals and strategic advocacy objectives for the HCT 2018 – 2020 Advocacy Strategy

- Today: collect inputs from FSS partners
  1. What should be the priorities for advocacy on WB?
  2. Goals and objectives (see previous strategy)
  3. Targets for advocacy