

The Harvest Of Agression Against Gaza

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Firstly: Harvest of the week

The Gaza Strip has been enduring the Israeli occupation's aggression for ten weeks now, resulting in a devastating toll. The number of martyrs has reached 20,258, with 53,688 injured and countless others missing. (1) However, this toll is not final, as the true extent of the tragedy remains obscured by the internet outage, imposed siege, barbaric bombings, and severe shortage of supplies. The escalation was not limited to military actions alone, but has also led to widespread famine, disease, and extensive destruction. Despite these dire circumstances, humanitarian aid remains alarmingly scarce. Even veteran humanitarian workers, who have served in war and disaster zones around the world, have expressed shock at the unparalleled devastation witnessed in Gaza.

Electricity

Since the commencement of the Israeli aggression on October 7th, the besieged Gaza Strip has been deprived of electricity. Under normal circumstances, the amount of fuel reaching Gaza only fulfills %0.2 of its monthly fuel requirement. This includes approximately 12 million liters of industrial fuel needed to generate electricity, with 3 million liters allocated for the hospitals in the Strip. The term "fuel" encompasses different types such as gasoline, diesel, industrial diesel for power generation, and kerosene. These fuels hold utmost importance, alongside water and medicine, for the residents of Gaza. Fuel is utilized for generating electricity in hospitals and powering water pumps from wells. It is also essential for operating ambulances and civil defense vehicles that transport victims of Israeli bombings. Currently, fuel serves as the sole energy source for generating electricity in telecommunications company exchanges and is indispensable for operating various types of vehicles (2).

Water

- Drinking water is almost non-existent in Gaza. (3)
- The rate of access to water in the Gaza Strip is 1.5 liters per person per day. This is 15 liters less than the minimum amount of water required for survival according to international standards (4)
- At least %50 of water, sanitation and hygiene facilities in Gaza were damaged or destroyed. (5)

Food Security

Between 8th of December 2023 and 7th of February 2024, the Gaza Strip's entire population, which amounts to approximately 2.2 million individuals, falls under stage 3 or higher (crisis or worse) according to the IPC classification. This exhibits the highest percentage of people experiencing acute food insecurity compared to any other region or country. Out of this population, around 1.17 million people are in an emergency situation (stage 4), while more than half a million people, or at least one in four households, are facing catastrophic conditions (stage 5). These dire circumstances involve families enduring severe food shortages, hunger, and depleted coping mechanisms.

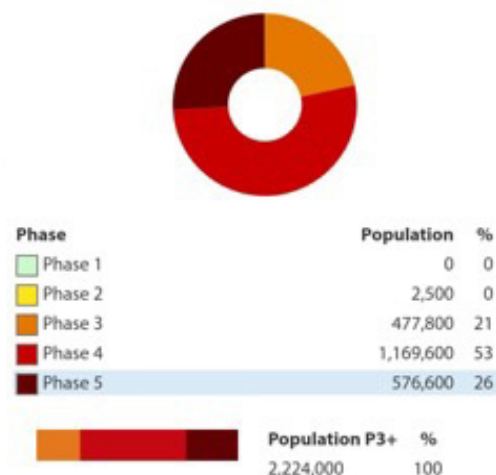
From 24th November to 7th December 2023, it is projected that over 90% of the inhabitants in the Gaza Strip, approximately 2.08 million individuals, will confront severe levels of acute food insecurity. These levels are classified as Stage 3 or higher, indicating a crisis or worse. Among this population, a staggering 939,000 (40% people) will be in an emergency state (Stage 4), while more than 378,000 (15% people) will be in a catastrophic state (Stage 5).

A staggering 93% of Gaza's population is currently grappling with an unparalleled hunger crisis, which demands urgent attention. (7)

- In the North, a staggering 80% of families and half of the families in the South endure days and nights without any sustenance, highlighting the severity of the situation. (6)

- The distressing reality is that approximately 2.2 million individuals are currently facing crisis or even worse levels of acute food insecurity, emphasizing the urgent need for immediate intervention. (3)

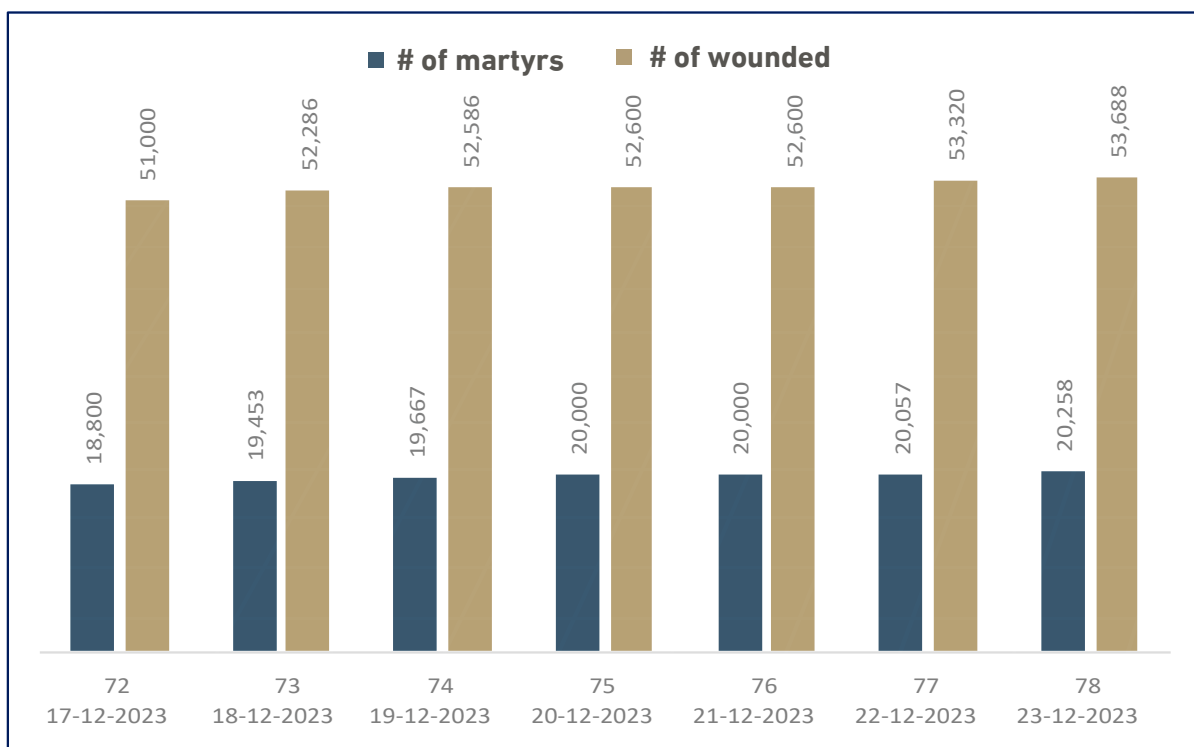
Projected: Dec 2023 - Jan 2024



The detailed report can be found in the provided sources.

Secondly: A Graph Illustrating the Number of Martyrs, wounded and Missing persons

- Number of martyrs during the days of this week



Detailed figures:



310 medical personnel were martyred



142 UNRWA personnel were martyred



40 civil defense personnel were martyred



At least 136 United Nations employees were martyred.



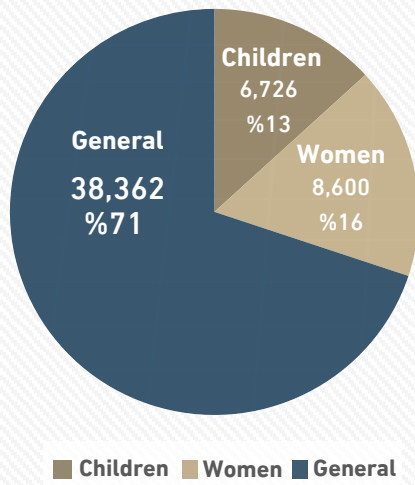
103 journalists were martyred



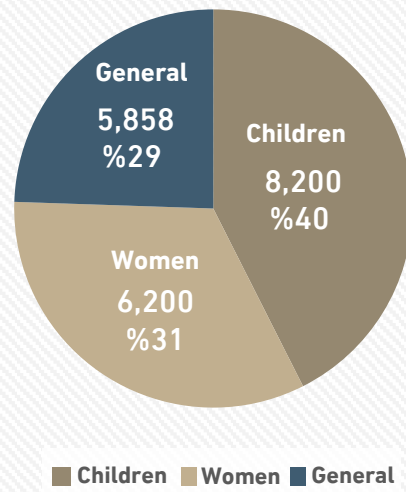
1049 elderly men and women were martyred. (4)

● Graph illustrating the number of martyrs and wounded children and women

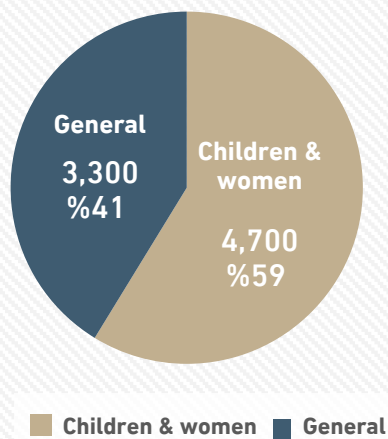
Percentage of wounded women, children and the general population



Percentage of martyrs among women, children and the general population

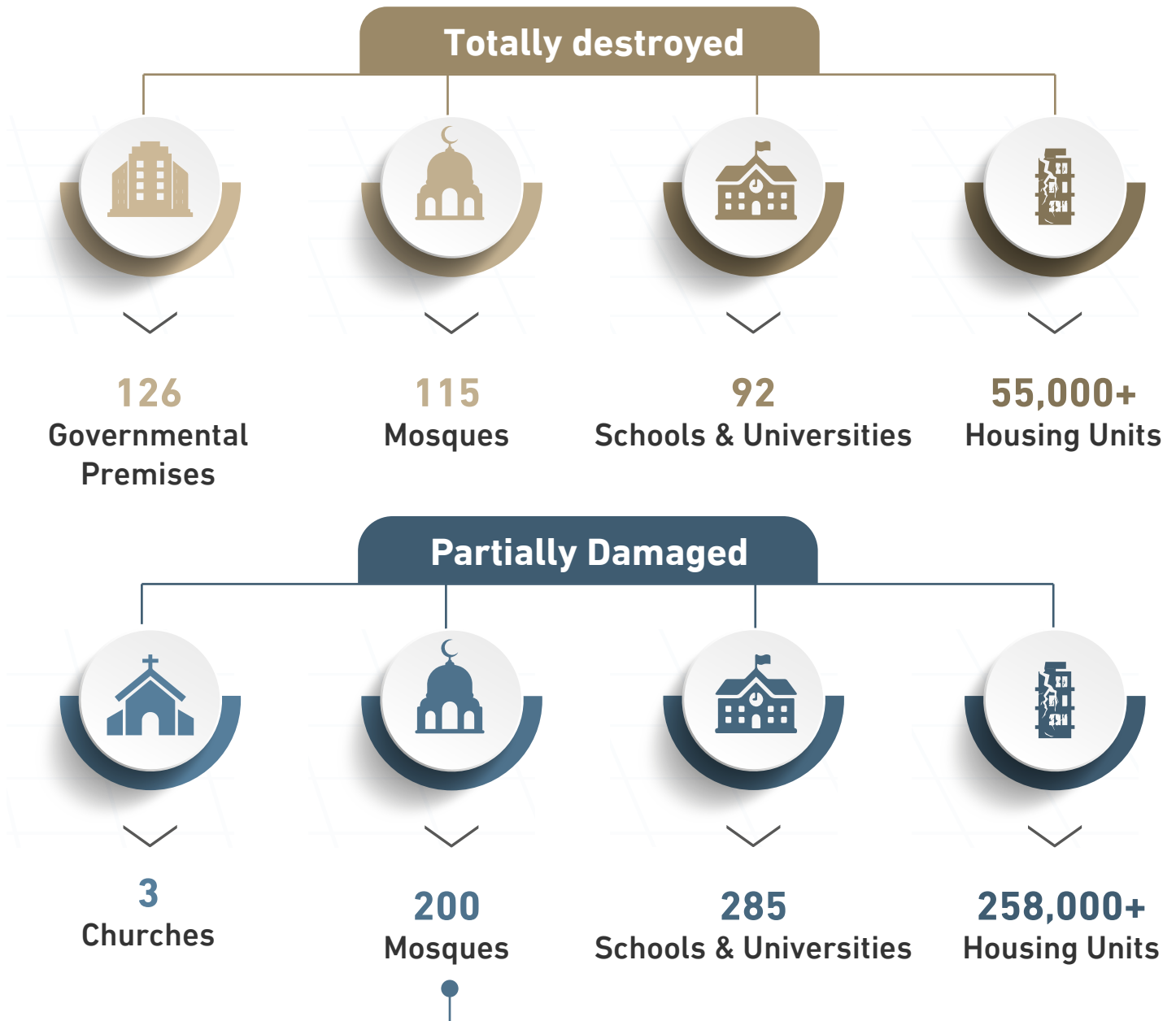


Percentage of missing women, children and the general population



Thirdly: Urban Damage

- The occupation's aggression against the Gaza Strip resulted in an unprecedented level of devastation during the conflict. (8)
- In a span of 7 weeks, the occupation demolished almost double the amount of buildings in northern Gaza compared to the destruction witnessed in Aleppo, Syria, over a period of 3 years. (8)



Several Israeli soldiers who were occupying the Gaza Strip violated the sanctity of a mosque that had been destroyed. One of the soldiers proceeded to give religious preaching from the Torah within the mosque, while the remaining soldiers positioned themselves alongside the damaged walls and facilities, which had been severely impacted by the Israeli airstrikes.

Healthcare Sector Losses



102

Ambulances
totally
destroyed



53

Health care centers
rendered unoperational



23

Hospitals
rendered
unoperational



140

Health institution
partially damaged



Fourthly: Massacres Committed during the Week

- As of December 23rd, the number of massacres has surpassed 1,720.
- Below is a summary of these massacres, listed by date:

Most prominent massacres that took place this week with dates

17/12/2023

The Shihab and Khalla families suffered the loss of 24 martyrs, along with over 80 individuals who were injured, in a horrific massacre carried out by the occupation forces in Jabalia, situated in the northern region of the Gaza Strip.

17/12/2023

30 individuals lost their lives, and over 100 individuals are currently missing, buried under the rubble of their destroyed homes due to the occupation's aggression against the Al-Barash and Alwan families in Jabalia Al-Balad.

17/12/2023

In the densely populated Al-Tuffah neighborhood in Gaza, the Radi and Shawa families suffered the loss of 12 martyrs when they were bombed at Shawa Square.

19/12/2023

In Al-Rimal neighborhood of Gaza City, a building was bombed by the occupation forces, leading to the loss of 50 martyrs, 12 injured, and an additional 50 individuals who are still missing, with their fate unknown.

19/12/2023

The town and camp of Jabalia were subjected to a Zionist bombing, causing the loss of 16 martyrs and leaving over 70 wounded, who were subsequently taken to the Jabalia Medical Center.

17/12/2023

12 individuals from the Muslim, Badwan, and Al-Nawajaha families tragically lost their lives in the occupation bombing that targeted Deir Al-Balah, located in the heart of the Gaza Strip.

17/12/2023

As a result of the occupation aircraft bombing a house belonging to the Al-Zayyan family, 12 individuals were martyred, several others were injured, and some individuals are still missing. This attack also caused damage to neighboring homes in the vicinity.

17/12/2023

The Al-Qatshan family home, along with neighboring homes, was targeted by the occupation forces, resulting in the martyrdom of 15 individuals and leaving dozens wounded in the Nuseirat camp.

18/12/2023

A house belonging to the Abu Gharqud family in the New Camp area, west of Nuseirat, was targeted by the occupation, resulting in the tragic loss of 10 martyrs.

19/12/2023

Three houses in Rafah fell victim to a Zionist bombing, resulting in the loss of 30 martyrs.

Most prominent massacres that took place this week with dates

19/12/2023
15 innocent lives were taken in a Zionist raid that specifically targeted a house situated west of Khan Yunis, in the southern region of the Gaza Strip.

20/12/2023
Following the withdrawal of the occupation forces from the Al-Thalatheeni area in Gaza City, the bodies of approximately 70 martyrs were recovered, leaving behind a devastating scene.

20/12/2023
Tragically, 25 individuals were martyred when two homes belonging to the Muammar and Jarhun families were bombed in the east-southeast of Khan Yunis.

21/12/2023
In Jabalia, 27 individuals lost their lives and 50 were wounded, while the streets witnessed numerous casualties in the form of martyrs and wounded individuals.

23/12/2023
In Jabalia, north of the Gaza Strip, Al-Bursh family's home was bombed by the occupation forces, resulting in the loss of 12 martyrs, all of whom were women and children.

19/12/2023
13 individuals were martyred in a Zionist bombing that targeted a residence in Deir al-Balah, located in the central Gaza Strip.

20/12/2023
As a result of the Zionist raids in the northern Gaza Strip, the tragic loss of 20 individuals occurred, who are now remembered as martyrs.

20/12/2023
In the southeast of Khan Yunis, where displaced individuals sought refuge, a bombing of homes and agricultural land resulted in the loss of 10 martyrs and left dozens wounded.

21/12/2023
Zionist raids on the homes of innocent citizens in Khan Yunis led to the heartbreaking loss of 55 martyrs.

22/12/2023
The continued Israeli bombing of Khan Yunis in the southern Gaza Strip claimed the lives of 28 martyrs, leaving behind a trail of devastation.

23/12/2023
In the Nuseirat camp, 18 individuals tragically lost their lives as a result of an Israeli bombing targeting a house.

Most prominent massacres that took place this week with dates

23/12/2023

Israeli bombings on homes in the central region of Gaza resulted in the loss of 40 martyrs and left dozens injured.

23/12/2023

The continuous occupation bombing in Khan Yunis, located in the southern region of the Gaza Strip, led to the martyrdom of 19 individuals.



Fifthly: Gaza Multifaceted Suffering

Suffering of IDP

Israeli Assaults on UNRAWA Premises	# of UNRWA Premises	# of IDP in UNRWA Premises	Total # of IDP
156	155	1,777,000	1,900,000

- The occupation has recently designated a new area in the city of Khan Yunis for immediate evacuation. This area covers approximately %20 of the central and southern areas and is home to around 111,542 individuals. Additionally, within this designated area, there are 32 shelter centers accommodating approximately 141,451 displaced people. (9)

Rafah: Influx of Displacement

- With over a million IDP, nearly half of the total population, Rafah is facing increasingly dire living conditions, especially during the harsh winter season. (3)
- The population density in Rafah Governorate has skyrocketed to an estimated four times its pre-aggression level, reaching over 12,000 people per square kilometer. As a result, thousands of people find themselves waiting in long queues at food distribution points, while local stores are devoid of goods. Moreover, the overcrowded shelters have become a major concern, with limited bathroom facilities unable to accommodate the high number of occupants. (8)

Exacerbating Threats

- The dire living conditions are further aggravated, amplifying issues pertaining to safety and mental well-being, and escalating the occurrence of disease outbreaks due to the scarcity of essential resources for survival and unsanitary hygiene conditions. (8)
- The Israeli occupation compelled Gazans to relocate to areas that are constantly targeted by raids in the Gaza Strip. (11)
- Displaced families face heightened vulnerability during the wet winter season, as they are susceptible to respiratory ailments and other illnesses caused by flooding and lack of heating fuel. These families are grappling with the challenge of finding blankets to keep warm, as many sleep on the bare ground in tents without proper bedding or pillows. (5)

Humanitarian Aid Crisis

- The distribution of humanitarian aid inside Gaza faces significant challenges due to the way the occupation carries out its attacks. In order to effectively provide relief operations in Gaza, it is crucial to ensure the safety of employees and have the necessary logistical capabilities to resume commercial activity. Unfortunately, these essential elements are currently unavailable, hindering the distribution of aid. (3)
- The UN Secretary-General has acknowledged the insufficiency of available trucks for aid delivery, as many vehicles were destroyed or left in the north after a forced evacuation. Moreover, the Israeli authorities have not permitted any additional trucks to operate in Gaza, further impeding the aid operation. (3)
- Additionally, delivering aid to the north is extremely perilous due to the ongoing conflict, presence of unexploded ordnance, severely damaged roads, and frequent communication outages. These factors make it nearly impossible to coordinate aid distribution and inform people on how to access it. (3)

The challenge of expatriate funds reaching their families in Gaza

- Ever since the commencement of the conflict, the occupation has purposefully aimed at the financial and banking infrastructure in the Gaza Strip, specifically targeting the branches of banks operating within the region. Numerous exchange offices and ATMs have also been demolished, severely restricting the capacity of expatriate Gazans to support their families enduring dire circumstances in the Strip.
- Additionally, there exist notable challenges in verifying recipients and other risks associated with transporting physical currency within the sector.

Exacerbating Ailments

- A total of 355,000 individuals have been afflicted by contagious illnesses due to displacement. (1)
- Intestinal diseases, diarrhea, and skin rashes affect a significant %66 of Gaza's population. (4)
- The scarcity of cooking gas has resulted in a heavy dependence on burning firewood, wood waste, and other waste materials, thereby posing a potential threat of respiratory diseases. (9)

The suffering of women and children

Mothers and newborns who have been exposed to military attacks have shown elevated levels of heavy metals. Additionally, birth defects have been associated with exposure to white phosphorus and other bombs that contain toxic and carcinogenic metals.

Women

Palestinian women residing in displacement centers in the southern Gaza Strip are deprived of their privacy, which further exacerbates their already severe hardships in meeting their basic needs. They are deprived of access to proper bathroom facilities and are forced to sleep in communal areas without any personal space. (2)

Throughout the course of this war, women are compelled to undertake tasks that are physically demanding and not in line with their natural capabilities. This includes chopping firewood for cooking purposes and enduring long hours in front of fires that emit smoke from burning wood and leaves, all while being exposed to the elements. (2)

Over 690,000 menstruating women and girls are being denied adequate access to essential hygiene products, further exacerbating their already challenging circumstances. (13)

Important news during the week:

- The Israeli occupation has taken women from the Jabalia Ambulance Center in the northern Gaza Strip to undisclosed locations. (12)
- Shockingly, the occupation forces have carried out executions of numerous civilians, including pregnant women, in the northern Gaza Strip. This is an alarming development that demands immediate attention. (1)

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The escalating vulnerability to malnutrition among children, pregnant and lactating women, as well as the elderly, is a matter of grave concern. (6)

Children



Food

- Severe food poverty affects %80 of children in the Gaza Strip. (5)
- The risk of acute malnutrition and preventable death looms over all 335,000 children under five in the Gaza Strip, as famine becomes an increasingly imminent threat. (5)

Water

- In the Gaza Strip, children are deprived of %90 of their natural water needs. The scarcity of potable water has led to a surge in water-borne diseases. (5)
- Tragically, more children will succumb to deprivation and disease in the days to come. (5)
- Access to clean water in sufficient quantities is a matter of life and death, yet children in Gaza struggle to find even a single drop to quench their thirst. (5)

Diseases

- The number of reported cases of diarrhea among children under five has skyrocketed to 25 times the monthly average. Additionally, there have been 160,000 cases of acute respiratory infections, along with a rise in other infectious conditions and diseases such as scabies, lice, chicken pox, and skin rashes. (9)

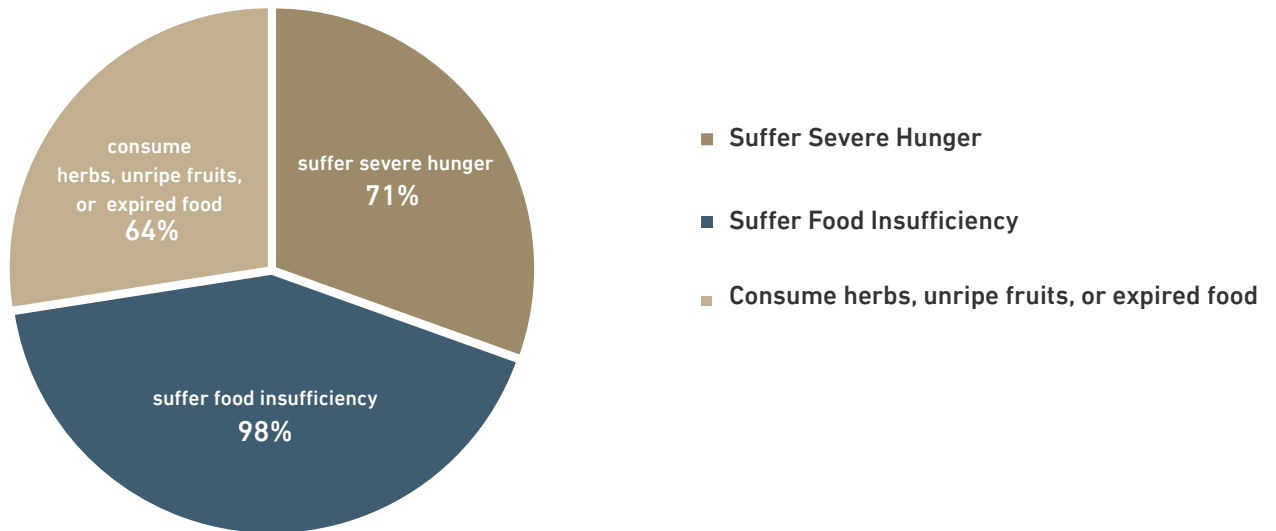
Amputation

- Tragically, children who are recovering from amputations in Gaza hospitals are being killed there. (5)

Sixthly: Accumulating Risks

A Real Threat of a Looming Famine

- The tragic famine caused by the ongoing siege and Israeli aggression in numbers: (4)



- The civilians residing in northern Gaza are deprived of any form of relief assistance. (3)
- A grave famine of significant proportions is looming, with over half a million individuals, accounting for a quarter of the population, confronting what experts deem as catastrophic levels of hunger. It is noteworthy that four out of every five individuals experiencing extreme hunger worldwide reside in Gaza. (3) (9)

Different Facets of Death

- The Gaza and North governorates witnessed field executions of 137 civilians by the occupation forces.
- The areas of Gaza City and its north experienced a surge in the number of deaths caused by heart attacks and fainting, reflecting the worsening humanitarian crisis and hunger rates. (4)
- Urgent medical intervention is required for the 8,000 injured individuals in Gaza.
- Due to being trapped in their homes, 450 Palestinians in northern Gaza who were seriously injured are unable to access medical care.

Toxic Waste (14):

Heavy Metals

Halogens

White Phosphorus

Radioactive Materials

- The presence of suspended particles resulting from explosives contributes to the escalation of air pollution, thereby increasing the risk of developing lung cancer.
- The respiratory system is severely impacted by white phosphorus, causing the burning and inflammation of the bronchi.
- Rockets and missiles, along with their constituent materials, release carbon gases that have detrimental effects on the respiratory system.
- Children are particularly vulnerable to respiratory system abnormalities and long-term damage caused by inhaling smoke, particles, and fungi, as their respiratory system is still in the developmental stage.
- The exposure to incendiary substances during bombings leads to the destruction of mucous membranes within the respiratory system. The phosphorus bombs dropped by the occupying army on Gaza cannot be disregarded.

Arbitrary Detention

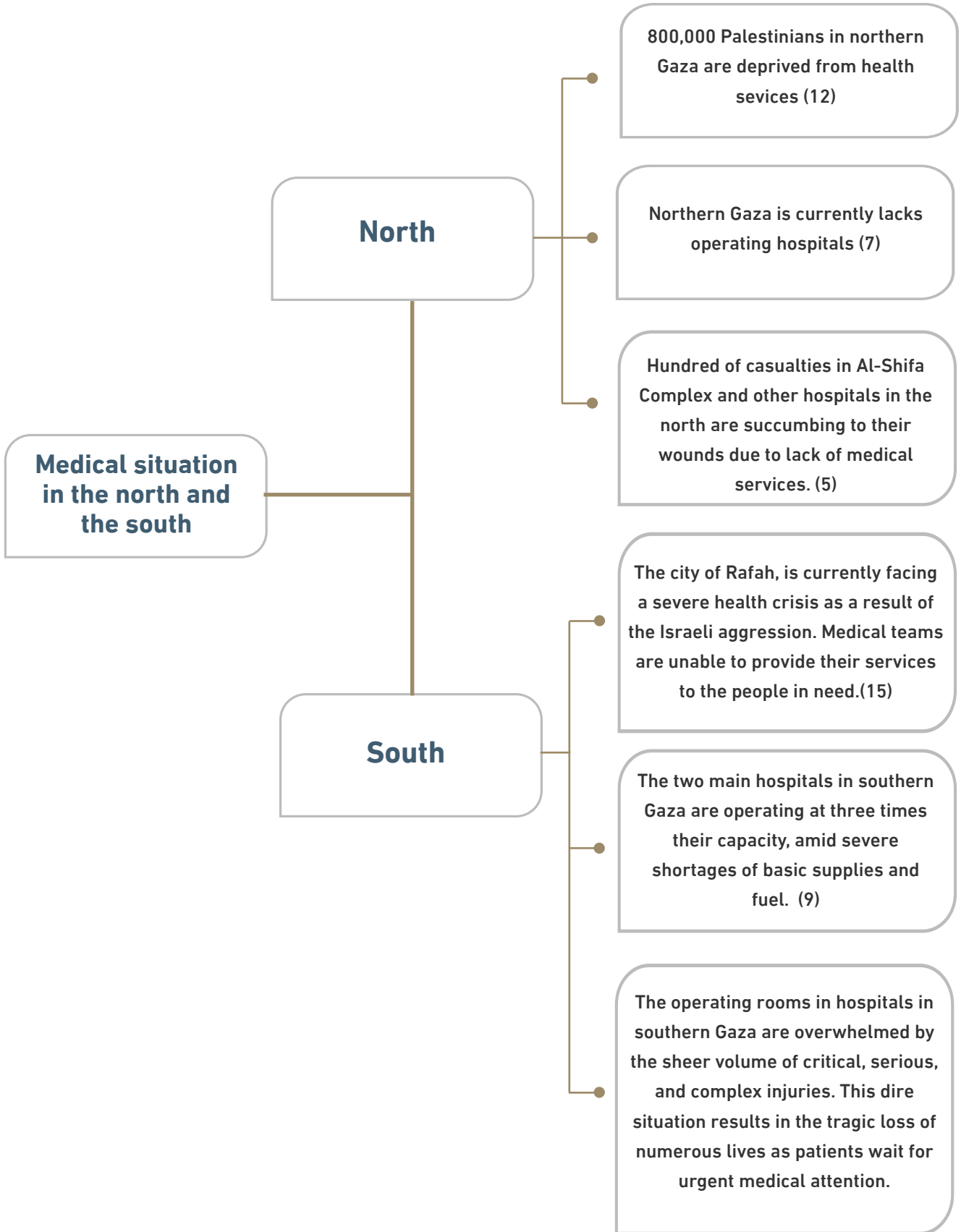
- 2,600 arrests by the Israeli occupation forces since the beginning of the war on Gaza, including 40 doctors and 8 journalists. (1)



Seventhly: Healthcare Sector Reality:

Hospitals Situation: facts and figures

%71 of Gaza Strip hospitals were damaged. (5)



A Summary Report

- The Israeli occupation persists in detaining 99 healthcare professionals, including hospital directors in northern Gaza such as Dr. Muhammad Abu Salmiya from Al-Shifa Hospital, Dr. Ahmed Al-Kahlot from Kamal Adwan Hospital, and Dr. Ahmed Muhanna from Al-Awda Hospital. These individuals are being held in inhumane conditions, enduring interrogation, torture, starvation, and exposure to extreme cold. (1)
- In the past week, Israeli occupation forces surrounded a Palestinian Red Crescent ambulance center in Jabalia, trapping 127 individuals including paramedics and displaced people. (12)
- Al-Shifa Hospital is facing shortages of blood transfusion supplies and medical staff, despite the continuous influx of patients. The hospital is also in dire need of constant provisions of medication, equipment, water, food, fuel, and additional human resources. (9)
- More than 2,000 cancer patients, over 1,000 dialysis patients, approximately 50,000 cardiovascular patients, and more than 60,000 diabetes patients are in urgent need of essential healthcare services due to the scarcity of medication and medical supplies.
- The Arab Ahli Hospital currently has around 10 junior doctors and nurses who are tirelessly providing first aid to approximately 80 patients seeking refuge in the church within the hospital complex. (3)
- Seriously injured people who have been waiting for surgery for two weeks or have undergone operations are at risk of infection due to the lack of antibiotics and other drugs. All these patients cannot move, and they urgently need to be evacuated to survive. (3)
- Hospitals in Rafah are small, medical teams are unable to provide life-saving services, and the city of Rafah has become a health disaster area. (15)
- Abu Youssef Al-Najjar Hospital in Rafah lost control over providing health care to hundreds of wounded due to the occupation massacres. (15)
- Although some aid has entered Gaza from Egypt over the past weeks, it has been difficult to distribute much of it outside the immediate border area, and hospitals elsewhere in the Strip are barely able to function. (11)
- Doctors at Nasser Hospital in Khan Yunis in southern Gaza trample the bodies of dead children to treat other children who will die anyway. (16)

- The health sector is currently grappling with an unparalleled catastrophe. The hospitals in Gaza governorate have either collapsed or facing the threat of becoming nonoperational: (2)

Northern Gaza	Indonesian Hospital	Surrounded by Israeli forces.
	Beit Hanoun Hospital	Services stopped on October 9th, 2023.
	Al-Karama Hospital	Went out of service on October 17th, 2023.
	Kamal Adwan Hospital	Went out of service December 2023.
	Al-Awda Hospital	Stopped receiving any wounded people or any other patients.

Gaza Governorate	Al-Shifa Complex	Went out of service on November 15th, 2023
	Al-Quds Hospital	Went out of service on November 12th, 2023
	Arab Ahli Hospital	Provides limited medical services

Deir Al-Balah Governorate	Al-Aqsa Martyrs Hospital	The hospital is at risk of discontinuing its services at any moment.
	Jaffa Hospital	Nonoperational due to an acute shortage of medical resources and fuel

Khan-Unis Governorate	Algerian Military Hospital	Operational
	Nasser Medical Complex	Sustained collateral damages but still operating
	Gaza European Hospital	Sustained collateral damages but still operating

Rafah Governorate	Abu-Yussif Al-Najjar Hospital	These hospitals are short of fuel and medical supplies, and are at risk of being nonoperational.
	Kuwait Specialty Hospital	
	Emirati Crescent Hospital	

Key Needs

1



Providing the medical needs and fuel to operate the Shifa Medical Complex, which represents the only hope for the needs of the wounded and sick in northern Gaza and the rest of the hospitals.

2



Specialized medical teams particularly orthopedists.

3



Bone fixators and treatment of burns.

4



Establishing medical points and mobile clinics to care for displaced people in the western areas of Khan Younis and Rafah.

5



Provide blood virus testing materials to ensure the validity of blood units and the safety of their transport to the wounded and sick.

6



Provide safe humanitarian passage for the entry of large quantities of medical aid and fuel to all hospitals in the Gaza Strip.

7



Hospital supplies for reproductive health to facilitate safe childbirth.

8



Postpartum kits.

9



Medicines and pain killers for Cancer patients

10



Medical equipments and medicines for patients with chronic diseases

Eighthly: The West Bank and Occupied Jerusalem

The West Bank:

In 2023, the West Bank witnessed its bloodiest year in terms of Palestinian casualties since the United Nations began documenting such numbers in 2005. (11)

- A total of 303 Palestinians, including 76 children, have martyred, while over 3,450 individuals sustained injuries.
- Since last October, 4,700 Palestinians have been detained.
- The occupation forces demolished the huts belonging to Palestinian farmers in the Khirbet al-Tawil area of Aqraba, located in the southern part of Nablus in the West Bank.
- During their incursion into Nour Shams camp, situated east of Tulkarm in the northern occupied West Bank, the occupation bulldozers not only destroyed infrastructure but also targeted citizens' cars and various private and governmental facilities.
- On December 20th, Israeli forces fatally shot a Palestinian child, leaving ten others injured, including another child. (11)
- The frequency of settler violence has also escalated, with the number of daily attacks rising from three to seven, exemplified by the situation in the northern Jordan Valley.

• Jordan Valley:

- Since October 7th, over a thousand Palestinians have been displaced from ten private communities in the Jordan Valley. (17)
- Settlers have carried out more than 170 physical attacks against Palestinians in the area. (18)
- Bedouin communities in the Jordan Valley region are facing significant challenges and increasing threats as settlements continue to encroach upon their lands. The closure of pastoral lands has made it difficult for them to sustain their livelihoods.
- The Israeli occupation prison administration at the Ramla prison clinic has recently imposed stricter restrictions and repressive measures on the sick detainees held there. Currently, there are 14 prisoners in need of medical attention. (19)
 - The medical cases at the Ramla prison clinic are among the most severe in the prison system. These individuals have endured gunshot wounds, paralysis, and chronic diseases, including malignant tumors, for years. They are subjected to harsh conditions and continuous medical violations, leaving them vulnerable to further health complications.
 - It is important to highlight that the occupation authorities currently detain over 800 sick prisoners, with approximately 250 of them suffering from chronic diseases. Among them are 24 prisoners battling cancer and tumors of varying degrees.

Occupied Al-Quds

- Since the seventh of October, the Al-Aqsa Mosque has transformed into a platform for the settlers to express their anger over the Al-Aqsa Flood battle. It has become a place where they glorify their deceased and imprisoned, and a convenient stopover between the holy sites in occupied Jerusalem and the Gaza Strip. Supporters of the Temple groups have even gone as far as donning military attire and raising their voices to hasten the demolition of the Al-Aqsa Mosque and the alleged temple's construction.
- Recently, former Knesset member Yehuda Glick made a provocative entrance into the mosque, wearing a scarf that boldly proclaimed, "The people of Israel are alive." The occupation authorities have intimidated Jerusalemite imams and preachers, forbidding them from discussing the situation in the Gaza Strip during Friday sermons.
- The settlers have now started openly praying inside the Al-Aqsa Mosque, offering prayers for their deceased and imprisoned, and delivering speeches near Bab Al-Rahma (Gate of Mercy). They have even resorted to making phone calls to soldiers for support. Additionally, the families of the deceased and imprisoned have stormed the Al-Aqsa Mosque, praying for their loved ones under the organization of Temple groups.
- The lack of reaction to these violations at the Al-Aqsa Mosque is a concerning sign, as it indicates that these groups interpret the absence of response as divine approval for their actions and an encouragement to pursue even greater gains. This situation foreshadows undesirable consequences if left unaddressed.



Ninthly: Stories, Living Testimonies and Humanitarian Solidarity Stances

Stories and Testimonies...

“It will be difficult to restore our life without Karim”

Walla Massoud, Israeli Massacre survivor who lost her beloved ones

Walaa's heart-wrenching promise to celebrate her only child's birthday, Karim, will remain unfulfilled when the occupation war on the Gaza Strip ceases. Tragically, Karim was taken away from her through violent airstrikes that obliterated an entire residential area in the Jabalia refugee camp located in the northern Gaza Strip. As the sole son of this thirty-year-old mother, Karim's absence leaves a void that cannot be filled. Walaa and her husband, Abdel Aziz Ward, have a fertility issue preventing them from having another child, a sibling that Karim had longed for and persistently questioned their inability to provide. Following their marriage, this couple encountered difficulties conceiving, prompting them to plan a trip to Egypt for medical examinations in the hopes of expanding their family. Walaa shares, "We were eagerly awaiting Karim's passport to be issued so that he could accompany us on the journey scheduled for the fifth day of the war." Karim harbored aspirations of becoming a doctor, and his parents fondly described him as intelligent, devout in his prayers and Quranic readings, and remarkably mature for his age, often engaging in discussions beyond his years. Abdul Aziz, Karim's father, sadly recalls, "Karim adored pizza, but during his final days, he subsisted on minimal water and canned food." With tears streaming down her face, Walaa, clutching her mobile phone displaying cherished pictures of Karim, solemnly declares, "It will be difficult to restore our life without Karim." This small, tranquil family resided in the Al-Saftawi region, located to the north of Gaza City. Unfortunately, they were forced to flee their home due to the severe Israeli airstrikes in the area. Seeking refuge, they sought shelter with their relatives in "Block 6" of the Jabalia camp, which happens to be the most densely populated among the eight refugee camps in the Strip. Shortly after Walaa, her husband Abdulaziz, and their only son Karim were displaced, a horrific massacre unfolded in the very area they had fled from. This massacre was comparable in brutality to the one carried out by the occupation army at "Al-Ahli Hospital." Warplanes relentlessly

bombarded the residential square, resulting in the destruction of an entire neighborhood and the loss of countless lives. According to the Ministry of Health's records, approximately a thousand residents were killed or injured. Tragically, Walaa's entire family, consisting of thirteen members, martyred when their house collapsed upon them. At that fateful moment, she was with Abdulaziz and Karim, just a few meters away in another house belonging to one of her uncles. Regrettably, that house was also completely demolished. Recalling the harrowing experience of being buried under the rubble for about an hour, Walaa shares, "I kept reciting the two testimonies of faith, believing that I too would become a martyr."





“We nothing more than gauzes and disinfectant”..

Palestinian surgeon Bashir Al-Hourani

Palestinian surgeon Bashir Al-Hourani, who is involved in the management of a field hospital established within a school in central Gaza, is faced with limited resources. With only gauze and disinfectant, he strives to provide treatment to those who have been transferred from overcrowded hospitals due to the ongoing Israeli bombing. “We have nothing more than gauze and antiseptic,” he expressed, holding a bottle of iodine that he used to cleanse a long wound on one of the injured patients, stretching from the chest to the abdomen. Al-Hourani further explained that due to the overwhelming number of patients, they had to transfer some to the field hospital, including children who require delicate care. However, the lack of sterilization, proper facilities, designated areas, and waste bins has resulted in severe infections, which is a cause for concern.

Humanitarian Solidarity

- According to a survey conducted by the Harris Institute and the Center for American Political Studies at Harvard University, %51 of individuals aged 18 to 24 in the United States believe that the ultimate resolution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict is “to bring an end to Israel and hand it over to the Palestinians.” (14)
- The recent brutal aggression on Gaza has disrupted well-established cultural narratives that have come under scrutiny. This questioning is not limited to a significant number of Arab intellectuals who have lost interest in the Enlightenment philosophy of Europe, but also extends to Western intellectuals themselves. They have started raising critical concerns about “Western values” and their relationship with the rest of the world, particularly in light of the complicity of their official institutions and their mistreatment of an occupied people. Alessandro Orsini, an Italian academic, sociologist, and terrorism researcher, boldly stated, “The monsters are us. The Gaza massacre exposes the United States, the European Union, and Israel as the greatest violators of human rights. Empirical evidence clearly demonstrates that no alliance is more criminal and inhumane than this trio.” (14)

Tenthly: Suggested Projects Ideas in Support of Gaza

Project Ideas in Response to the Most Urgent Needs

Accommodation Sector

- Mattresses and blankets
- Tents for IDPs
- Hygiene rations
- Cash assistance

Health Sector

- Fuel for hospitals and ambulances
- Medicines & Medical Supplies
- Medicines for people with chronic diseases
- Hospital supplies for reproductive health to facilitate safe childbirth
- Essential medicines for children

General basic needs

- Cash sponsorship for the families of the wounded and martyrs
- Cash assistance to IDPs
- Cash assistance to individuals impacted in the West Bank

Relief Sector

- Bread and food rations
- Fresh bread and canned food
- flour
- Potable water
- Diesel for municipalities to run water pumping plants
- Fuel for Civil Defense vehicles

Intervention Category	Proposed Projects					
Food Security	Nutritional supplements for children & pregnant women	Cooking gas	Baby milk	Hot meals	Food rations	Homemade bread
Protection	Psychological support sessions and activities for children in shelter centers			Psychological support for mothers		
Sanitation - Water & Sanitation	Drinking water for IDPs in shelters and hospitals		Fuel for water wells		Mobile toilets in shelters	
Towards a safer winter	Heating means	Mattresses and blankets		Winter clothing	Plastic tents for IDPs	
Sponsorship	Sponsorship of a female-headed household	Family sponsorship	Orphan sponsorship	Sponsorship of a family having a special needs member		
Health Sector	Medicines for chronic diseases		Fuel for hospitals and ambulances		Postpartum kits	



Intervention category

presently available for submission

Proposed Projects

Food and Health Security	Home baked bread	Infant formula and diapers	Hot meals	Food rations	Hygiene Kit
Water and Sanitation	Potable water for IDPs in shelters				
Towards a safer winter	Plastic tents for IDPs		Winter clothing		
Sponsorship	Sponsorship of a female-headed household	Orphan sponsorship	Family sponsorship	Sponsorship of a family having a special needs member	

Note:

Given the current crisis, it is crucial to emphasize the pioneering and essential significance of relief projects.



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