

UPDATE ON RESULTS AND CHALLENGES:

GAZA HUMANITARIAN EMERGENCY

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10 activities that highlight the positive impact of the Humanitarian Coalition's member agencies in Gaza and the West Bank

1. Food Distributions

Canadian Foodgrains Bank members have delivered food baskets through local partners, assisting 34,440 people in northern and middle Gaza, with each basket providing up to two weeks of assistance.

Islamic Relief Canada provided support toward the organization's global response that distributed more than 22,800 food parcels and 6.9 million ready-to-eat meals, reaching thousands of households with essential nourishment.

2. Emergency Cash Transfers

Canadian Lutheran World Relief disbursed 555 multi-purpose cash transfers to families to purchase the life-saving items and other essentials they need—including food, sanitary pads, water, transportation, medicine and clothing.

3. Shelter

CARE Canada, as part of a broader response, reached 10,200 people with non-food items, including bedding, winter clothing and winter kits to seal shelters.

4. Water, Hygiene and Sanitation Support

Save the Children Canada assessed the water and sanitation needs in 23 shelters, identified those with high needs and installed prefabricated latrines in 11 shelters and one Primary Health Care Centre, addressing critical sanitation needs.

5. Medical and Psychosocial Support

Action Against Hunger provided more than 4,200 fresh food baskets to the maternity wards of two main hospitals in Southern Gaza, supporting women, volunteers, and medical staff during critical periods with vital nutrition and reaching more than 24,000 people.

Islamic Relief Canada provided support to the organization's global response which offered psychosocial support to 87,432 children and 210 women, enhancing mental well-being amidst ongoing conflict.

6. Water and Hygiene Infrastructure

Oxfam Canada and **Oxfam-Québec** installed 72 handwashing stations, 17 water-distribution units, and 5 desalination units, significantly improving hygiene infrastructure.

Canadian Lutheran World Relief completed light repairs and disinfection of water and hygiene facilities in three schools in Rafah, ensuring improved living conditions for displaced families.

7. Educational and Recreational Activities

Humanity & Inclusion Canada supported the organization's global response, which included 120 sessions of recreational activities in the southern Gaza Strip. Most of the participants were children and people with disabilities.

8. Community Center Rehabilitation

World Vision Canada completed rehabilitation of 9 community centers in the West Bank, enhancing protection in local communities. Rehabilitation work is ongoing in an additional 16 safe community spaces and 16 kindergartens.

9. Support for Agricultural Production

Action Against Hunger provided essential agricultural support to 59 farmers, aiding in the rehabilitation of land and boosting local food production.

10. Protection

Humanity & Inclusion Canada supported the organization's global response, which included 313 explosive remnants of war awareness sessions, reaching 3719 children and 457 adults across 15 shelters and other locations, including tents.


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10 challenges and concerns faced by our members in their humanitarian response

These concerns highlight the complex and multifaceted challenges faced by humanitarian organizations operating in Gaza and in the West Bank:

1. Access Constraints:
Severe delays and difficulties in gaining access to Gaza, particularly at border crossings, continues to impede the timely delivery and distribution of aid.

2. Security and Safety:
Staff and operations are affected by the changing and hostile environment, including ongoing bombardments and threats to humanitarian workers.

3. Unstable Pricing and Market Conditions:
Rapidly changing prices and unpredictable market conditions make it challenging to budget and procure necessary goods and services.

4. Health Crisis:
The health situation is worsening, with high rates of acute respiratory infections, diarrheal illnesses, and other diseases due to poor sanitation, overcrowding, and shortages of clean water. Malnutrition and deteriorating health conditions among children are of particular concern.

5. Hospital and Medical Infrastructure Strain:
Hospitals are overwhelmed with trauma cases, facing critical shortages of beds, generators, and spare parts. This strain endangers the lives of critically ill and injured patients.

6. Displacement and Humanitarian Space:
The displacements and relocations have increased the number of people in need of aid, constraining operations to a shrinking "humanitarian zone" that is frequently attacked, jeopardizing the safety of both beneficiaries and staff.

7. Food Insecurity:
There is a critical lack of food, especially protein sources like meat and poultry, due to blockages and shortages. Agricultural damage has severely affected food production, compounding the issue of food insecurity.

8. Movement Restrictions:
Movement restrictions due to intensified military operations, settler violence, and access limitations hinder the delivery of aid and services, especially in high-need areas like Jenin, Tulkarm, and northern Gaza.

9. Supply Chain Disruptions:
There are significant disruptions in the supply chain, affecting the availability of life-saving tools, medical supplies, and other essential goods.

10. Famine Risk:
A substantial portion of the population, including children, is at severe risk of famine. The collapse of aid inflows, coupled with ongoing blockages and logistical challenges, exacerbates this risk and contributes to the overall humanitarian crisis.



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