

## SAVING CHILDREN'S LIVES IN THE STATE OF PALESTINE

**Access to medical supplies, water, sanitation, fuel, education materials and mental health support**

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for every child

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Aya, a 5-year-old girl clutching her doll to ease her fear, gazing at Gaza's sky filled with warplanes from inside an UNRWA school in the Gaza Strip.

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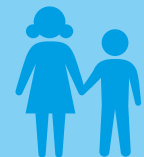
On 7 October 2023, the ongoing conflict between Israel and the State of Palestine escalated dramatically. The surge in hostilities has brought about devastating physical and mental impacts on children and their families. Casualties on both sides have been high, including an alarming number of children. Despite the extreme security situation, UNICEF is in the Gaza Strip, on the ground and working with partners to save children's lives.

#### Results we would like to achieve in the next three months:

1. Procure and deliver essential medical supplies, provide fuel for hospitals and health facilities and impart communications to families on nutrition issues, health risks and how to manage them.
2. Repairing WASH (Water, Sanitation and Hygiene) infrastructure; provide fuel, disinfectant and consumables to operate critical water and sanitation facilities
3. Releasing 500 recreational kits which will provide play and comfort for 45,000 children in emergency designated shelters.
4. Releasing 34,000 school-in-a-bag kits so that thousands of students and teachers have the supplies to establish learning spaces and enable learning to continue in the emergency designated shelters.



**5.2 MILLION**  
inhabitants



**38%**  
of the children is under  
15 years



**1 MILLION**  
children in need before  
recent escalation



All education facilities are closed, affecting over

**600,000**  
children



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people  
- over half of whom are  
children - have shortage  
of drinkable water

## Why more help is needed

In the Gaza Strip, the situation has reached dramatic levels. From every direction, children's lives are at risk. The water supply has been cut off affecting over 610,000 people - over half of whom are children - and causing severe shortage of drinkable water. The lack of safe water and overflow of wastewater can lead to disease.

The entry of food and fuel has been restricted. Fifteen schools have sustained direct or collateral damage, and all education facilities are closed, affecting over 600,000 children. As the sole power source, the Gaza Power Plant has run out of fuel and is out of service. Electricity cuts are especially dire for hospitals where emergency reserves will soon run out.

## What UNICEF does

In the next three months we will procure and deliver essential medical supplies and provide fuel for hospitals and health facilities. We provide vulnerable families with humanitarian cash transfers so that caregivers can purchase food, clothing, medication and medical care for their children. We will also continue to work to provide fuel, disinfectant and consumables to operate critical water and sanitation facilities.

Over 600,000 children are not receiving their education today. We're releasing 34,000 school-in-a-bag kits so that thousands of students and teachers have the supplies to establish learning spaces and enable learning to continue in the emergency designated shelters.

The levels of pervasive and toxic stress that children are enduring will have a clear and significant impact on levels of psychosocial wellbeing. We're releasing 500 recreational kits which will provide play and comfort for 45,000 children in emergency designated shelters. We will continue to monitor grave child rights violations and build access to remote mental health assistance.



Emilia is six years old, sheltering with her family at a UNRWA school in Gaza City. "There is nothing like home," she said. "But at least we are safe here. I played with my friends who also had to flee their homes to this school. We are too many here."

James Elder, UNICEF Spokesperson: "The humanitarian situation has reached lethal lows, and yet all reports point to further attacks. Compassion - and international law - must prevail."

## Gift Examples



**€10,000** provides over 40,000 therapeutic biscuits to help children who are at risk of malnutrition.



**€30,000** supports 8,000 children with education through a school-in-a-box.



**€50,000** supplies family hygiene kits to 1,000 families (of 2 adults and 3 children).



**€70,000** provides life-saving medicine for 100,000 people for three months.



**€150,000** provides 900 recreational kits for 67,500 young children to provide play and comfort.

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