

Ahmad*, 19 months old, is receiving treatment for malnutrition at our clinic in Deir al-Balah, Gaza.
Photo: Shaima Al-Obaidi / Save the Children



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A WAR ON CHILDREN

GAZA TWO YEARS ON

FOREWORD

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Over the past two years, living and working as a humanitarian in Gaza has been personally painful and professionally brutal. I have witnessed children and families visiting Save the Children clinics and services, hungry, injured and emotionally scarred, bearing the wounds of the war on their eyes, bodies and souls.

In this war, I lost my home and my brother, who was a father to five children. He was killed in an Israeli airstrike and bled to death because emergency medical help could not reach him. Since then, I have become a father, mother, friend and guardian to my nieces and nephews.

We live with my 85-year-old mother, who is diabetic with high blood pressure. We have been displaced five times, living in tents against merciless odds with limited access to clean water, food, and healthcare, facing starvation. This war has cost my family and me over 100kg in total weight loss.

Each day, we witness the resilience of families grappling with trauma and deprivation. Together, we deliver lifesaving health and nutrition services, offering hope and healing to Gaza's most vulnerable. To continue doing that we need aid flow to be at the scale and at the pace that fits the growing needs.

WE NEED A DEFINITIVE CEASEFIRE.

**“DESPITE THESE
HARDSHIPS,
ME AND MY
COLLEAGUES
REMAIN
COMMITTED TO
SERVING OUR
COMMUNITY.”**

**– Mervat, Save the Children
Health & Nutrition Advisor**



Mother Samah* receiving a baby kit from a Save the Children staff member.
Photo: Shaima Al-Obaidi / Save the Children

SUPPORTED OVER 2.1M PEOPLE IN THE REGION



Nazek*, 30, holds her daughter, Nour*, as they wait for treatment at a Save the Children nutrition clinic.
Photo: Eyad ALTawil / Save the Children

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

After two years of war, the situation for children in Gaza is dire.

More than 20,000 Palestinian children have been killed and at least 39,000 injured by Israeli forces. Families have been forced to relocate multiple times, with nowhere safe to go. Meanwhile, the Israeli authorities continue to restrict the flow of aid into Gaza, preventing food and medicine from reaching families in need. Famine has been officially confirmed in Gaza and children are dying from malnutrition and other preventable causes.

We continue to call for an end to this war through a definitive ceasefire, as well as increased humanitarian access so more lifesaving aid can reach families.

Amidst this humanitarian catastrophe, our local staff and partners in Gaza have worked tirelessly to

provide clean water and sanitation, food, cash and essential items, as well as health, nutrition, child protection, education and mental health services to families in need.

Our teams across the region have continued to support families in Egypt, as well as families affected by escalating violence in the West Bank and the war in Lebanon.

Over the last two years, we've helped:

- 1.66 million (1,660,308) people in Gaza
- 118,510 people in the West Bank
- 11,149 Palestinians in Egypt
- 311,069 people facing violence in Lebanon

This collective impact would not have been possible without help from our generous donors, partners and supporters. Thank you for your support and solidarity.

1.66M PEOPLE SUPPORTED IN GAZA, INCLUDING 811,995 CHILDREN



EDUCATION

**11,487 CHILDREN
SUPPORTED**

Set up 26 temporary learning spaces, providing 5,000 children with a safe place to learn, as well as training teachers.



CASH & FOOD SECURITY

**401,000 PEOPLE
SUPPORTED**

Provided cash to 290,970 people, including through innovative e-wallets. We remain one of the largest cash providers in Gaza.

Ran livelihoods programmes, including helping farmers restore food production and investing in young entrepreneurs.



WATER, SANITATION & HYGIENE

**917,000 PEOPLE
SUPPORTED,
INCLUDING
423,000 CHILDREN**

Provided clean water to 575,441 people via water trucking.

Distributed hygiene kits to 18,079 people, as well as tents and other shelter items.



CHILD PROTECTION & MENTAL HEALTH

**89,737 PEOPLE
SUPPORTED,
INCLUDING
73,737 CHILDREN**

Established eight child-friendly spaces and supported 20 more with partners.

Provided tailored support for children with disabilities.

Managed 640 child protection cases through case management services.



HEALTH & NUTRITION

**238,791 PEOPLE
SUPPORTED,
INCLUDING
120,056 CHILDREN**

Delivered primary care to 113,643 people through two health clinics.

Treated 13,573 people for malnutrition.

Vaccinated 2,957 children through the UN-led polio campaign.

**“THE DIFFERENCE IS LIKE NIGHT
AND DAY WHEN I GET OUT
OF THE SESSION WITH THE
[SAVE THE CHILDREN] TEAM.”**

– Wafaa*, 45, after attending one of our
mental health support sessions

Photo: Shaima Al-Obaidi / Save the Children

THE WEST BANK

118,510 PEOPLE
SUPPORTED IN
THE WEST BANK,
INCLUDING
61,583 CHILDREN



Provided 34,755 people with cash assistance in addition to food, water and hygiene kits.



Supported 28,000 children through our child-friendly spaces, as well as tailored case management support.



Supported community-based organisations to provide educational activities to children.



**“I ATTENDED THE
FIRST DAY AND IT
WAS FABULOUS.”**

– Hana*, 15, after attending one of our
girl-friendly spaces in the West Bank

Photo: Rana Burqan / Save the Children

SPOTLIGHT

LOCAL PARTNERS

Our response in the occupied Palestinian territory has been mainly led by our 25 local partner organisations, including 12 partners in Gaza.

Throughout our response, we've helped local partners overcome challenges, including fuel shortages, aid blockages and global funding cuts, so they can continue helping families who need it most.

Here are just a few examples:

ATFALUNA SOCIETY

Atfaluna Society was badly hit by the drastic aid funding cuts earlier this year. We provided flexible funding to cover staff salaries and repairs for assistive devices, so the team could continue supporting children with disabilities.

MA'AN DEVELOPMENT CENTRE

Ongoing fuel shortages significantly impacted MA'AN's ability to deliver aid. We supported their Gaza office with solar power solutions and IT system upgrades, so they could continue delivering essential items like warm clothes to families.

TAMER INSTITUTE FOR COMMUNITY EDUCATION

We worked with the Tamer Institute to implement a hybrid learning model for children. This included providing learning kits and books through community volunteers, helping children to keep learning outside the classroom while supporting their wellbeing.

THANK YOU TO OUR PARTNERS:



*For safety and security purposes, not all of our response partners have been listed.

Partner staff member, Faris*, delivering a food parcel to families living in a displacement camp in Deir Al-Balah. Photo: Beit Lahia Development Association / Save the Children



OUR REGIONAL RESPONSE

EGYPT AND LEBANON

Egypt:

Over the past two years, our teams and partners in Egypt have played a crucial role in packing trucks of food, water and medical supplies to enter Gaza via the Rafah border crossing, when access allowed.

We've also supported 11,149 Palestinians in Egypt, including medical evacuees from Gaza and displaced families.

Here's how we've helped families:

PROVIDED MEDICAL CARE TO **1,000** PEOPLE

DELIVERED **\$830,000** IN MEDICAL SUPPLIES TO EGYPTIAN HOSPITALS

RAN CHILD-FRIENDLY SPACES FOR **700+** CHILDREN.

OFFERED MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TO **1,600+** PEOPLE.

PROVIDED CASH ASSISTANCE TO **7,900+** PEOPLE.

Lebanon:

It's been over one year since conflict escalated in Lebanon in September 2024, causing tens of thousands of families to flee their homes and disrupting children's learning.

Over the past year, we've helped more than 311,000 people, including 131,000 children, in Lebanon.

Here's how we've helped families:

SUPPORTED **154,000** PEOPLE WITH WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE FACILITIES.

PROVIDED **77,000** PEOPLE WITH FOOD SECURITY, CASH AND LIVELIHOODS PROGRAMS.

DISTRIBUTED SAFE SHELTER AND BASIC ITEMS TO **29,000** PEOPLE.

PROVIDED **26,500** PEOPLE WITH NUTRITION SUPPORT.

REACHED **17,500** CHILDREN WITH EDUCATION SUPPORT.

ENSURED **2,800** CHILDREN RECEIVED PROTECTION AND MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT.

"WE'RE STARTING FROM BELOW SCRATCH, BUT LIFE IN EGYPT IS BRIGHT AND BEAUTIFUL."

– **Mayar***, mother from Gaza who now lives in Egypt

Photo: Misan Harriman / Save the Children



PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

As we look ahead, the future for families in the occupied Palestinian territory is uncertain. But we remain steadfast in our commitment to keep helping children and families caught up in this war.

Through our global advocacy and campaigns, we continue to call for an definitive and lasting ceasefire and for the Government of Israel to lift the siege and allow humanitarian access.

In the coming months and year, we will prioritise keeping our staff and partners safe while continuing to deliver our lifesaving programmes, including:



Scaling-up our health, nutrition, water, sanitation and cash programming in Gaza to meet families' most urgent needs.



Continue running two primary health clinics and eight Mother/Baby Areas.



Expanding our child protection and education services through child-friendly spaces in Gaza and mobile teams in the West Bank.



Providing rehabilitation and reintegration support for former child detainees in the West Bank.



Ghada*, 13, at a Save the Children child-friendly space in Gaza.
Photo: Save the Children

“[SAVE THE CHILDREN STAFF] REALLY CARED FOR ME AND MY DAUGHTER.”

– Radwa*, after her youngest daughter, Basma*, received malnutrition treatment from one of our clinics.



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THANK YOU

In the face of overwhelming obstacles, we remain steadfast.

From navigating aid restrictions and a lack of food and medicine to mass displacement, our teams are overcoming incredible challenges to reach children and families in Gaza and the region. Your support fuels this determination.

We'll continue working tirelessly to ensure that your generosity reaches those most affected, especially the children who need us most.



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