

Gaza six months on: How your support for MAP has made a difference to Palestinians

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Six months on since Israel began its military bombardment and complete closure of Gaza, 1.1 million people – half the population – are experiencing [catastrophic food insecurity](#), [famine is setting in](#), and the health system has all but collapsed.

In the north of Gaza, Palestinians are surviving on little to no food, with some forced to eat [animal feed](#) or [bird seed](#). While in Rafah, in the south, more than [two thirds of the population](#) – including [more than 600,000 children](#) – are sheltering in extremely overcrowded conditions and [impacted by infectious diseases](#), with very limited access to healthcare.

Amid this ongoing man-made humanitarian crisis, Medical Aid for Palestinians (MAP)'s team in Gaza is working tirelessly, risking their lives to deliver essential aid to their communities. We are one of the only international organisations working in northern Gaza, where conditions are the worst for Palestinians.

Since 7 October 2023, MAP has delivered nearly \$7 million USD worth of aid to Gaza, including:

- more than **\$570,000 USD worth of pre-positioned stocks** of drugs, medical disposables, and other humanitarian supplies held in our warehouses, to hospitals and shelters
- more than **\$1.8 million USD worth of humanitarian supplies** from the local market – which have been distributed to hospitals and shelters – including medicines, disposables and lab reagents for hospitals, and hot meals, mattresses, blankets and hygiene kits for thousands of people displaced from their homes
- **\$1.5 million USD worth of drugs and medical supplies** for hospitals in northern Gaza, including for Shifa Hospital which has come under two [significant Israeli military attacks](#) and invasions, and warm clothes and hygiene kits for more than 21,000 people driven from their homes in the north

- **\$3.1 million USD worth of medical** items, including antibiotics, ultrasound gels, intravenous paracetamol, and saline, as well as food items, through the Rafah border crossing into Gaza in coordination with the Egyptian Red Crescent Society

We have also deployed four emergency medical teams (EMTs) to Gaza, in collaboration with the International Rescue Committee (IRC), to provide emergency and life-saving medical care. So far, our teams have conducted more than 200 vital surgeries for Palestinians injured during the Israeli military's indiscriminate bombardment.

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While the world's attention has focused on Gaza, Israeli military and settler violence against Palestinians in the occupied West Bank has surged over the last six months. During this time, we have:

- supplied **\$223,075 USD worth of trauma and emergency supplies** to Palestine Red Crescent Society teams in Tulkarem, Nablus, and Beita
- delivered clinical practice training to **35 first responders** in Nablus and its surrounding villages, along with emergency bags and life-saving items
- equipped **four urgent care centres in Silwad, Beita, Bedyya, and Ni'lin with \$274,390 USD worth of medicines and equipment** they need to treat the wounded and to prepare for future crises. We have also trained the staff on primary trauma care
- provided psychological first aid training to **78 mental health and psychosocial support providers and health workers** operating in UNRWA refugee camps – in Tulkarem, Noor Shamas, Balata, and Asker – as well as Palestinian Medical Relief Society mobile clinic teams serving 22 Bedouin communities in the Jordan Valley and Hebron
- **pre-positioned emergency supplies** in Nablus and Ramallah to be released rapidly in case of further escalation, amid growing movement restrictions on healthcare workers and patients, and critical emerging health needs

With thanks to your support, we are doing all we can to support Palestinians experiencing constant Israeli military attacks. But unfettered humanitarian access is essential to allow us to mount a proper humanitarian response.

Six months on, we are still calling for an immediate and permanent ceasefire in Gaza to prevent further harm to civilians, and to allow our teams to access and assist those in desperate need.

Thank you for supporting Palestinians in Gaza through this military assault. We will continue to do everything we can do to protect and save lives, and continue to speak out at all levels for an end to the horror and suffering inflicted on civilians.

Support our life-saving work [here](#).

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