

## PRCS Statement on Entry of Humanitarian Aid to Gaza Strip

(21.10.2023) The Rafah borders crossing witnessed today the entry of the first shipment of Humanitarian Aid into the Gaza Strip. PRCS teams received 20 trucks of Medical Supplies, Food and Water; from the Egyptian Red Crescent.

PRCS accompanied with UNRWA, were at the border crossing since the early morning, and in a back-to-back procedure; PRCS volunteers helped to get the 20 UNRWA trucks to move aid into UNRWA warehouse in Gaza Strip.

PRCS has been preparing and setting up the needed structures and support to manage aid through Radar crossing for the past week, including mobilization of staff and volunteers, renting extra storage space, and working intensively with Egyptian Red Crescent to coordinate priority needs and logistical support.

Today's entry of the 20 trucks is a welcomed glimpse of hope, but this minuscule aid represents a drop in the ocean. We call on the international community to secure the continued flow of humanitarian aid into Gaza including through the Israeli controlled crossings.

Furthermore, without Fuel entering the Gaza Strip to support generating electricity, thousands of Palestinian lives are at risk of death in hospitals. Ambulances will no longer be able to save lives. Bakeries will no longer be able to provide bread. It shall also leave the population without potable water, and risking the outbreak of diseases.

While PRCS commends the efforts of every party that keeps advocating towards entry of humanitarian aid, from the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, UN agencies, Governments and International Agencies; PRCS reiterates the importance of having a nonstop safe entry of aid into Gaza, in line with International Law and the Geneva Conventions; without hindering or instrumentalizing aid; but rather responding to the call of humanity to save lives and preserve human dignity.

PRCS stands ready and prepared to receive and support the entry of International Aid, mobilizing all needed resources and coordinating with all relevant parties and agencies.

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