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# Tragic loss of HI team member in Gaza

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HI mourns the tragic loss of its dedicated staff member, Nahla, and her four children in Gaza.

**Following the Global Day of Action to call for a ceasefire in Gaza, HI mourns the tragic loss of one of our dedicated team members, Nahla, and her four children on December 16th, 2023, while Nahla sought shelter in the Nuseirat area, in the Middle Area of Gaza.**

The exact circumstances surrounding Nahla's loss remain unknown. Their house was reportedly hit by an explosion.

Nahla had been a dedicated livelihood officer at HI since July 2023, known for her strength, hard work, and the joy she found in her role as a mother.

The harsh reality persists that no corner in Gaza is immune to the indiscriminate bombings carried out by Israeli forces.

More than 18,800 people have been killed in Gaza since October 7th, with over 70% comprising children and women, as reported by the Gazan Ministry of Health.

This devastating cycle must come to an end.

In this moment of profound sorrow, our thoughts are with our colleagues in Gaza, many of whom continue their work amid multiple displacements and bombings.

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