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## UNRWA COMMISSIONER-GENERAL PHILIPPE LAZZARINI ON THE STATEMENT OF SHARED COMMITMENTS ON UNRWA

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From Philippe Lazzarini, the UNRWA Commissioner-General as posted on his official X account (previously known as Twitter)

Thank you.

An impressive show of solidarity and support of 118 member states including all members of the UN Security Council.

It comes at a critical time as [@UNRWA](#) undergoes unprecedented attacks and systematic attempts to dismantle it.

It is a tribute to our staff working across the region, including on the humanitarian front lines in [#Gaza](#).

There is no alternative to UNRWA.

We are committed to continue delivering assistance and basic services including [#education](#) to Palestinian boys and girls.

*Read the statement of shared commitments to UNRWA supported by 118 Member States including all members of the UN Security Council [here](#)*

### Background Information:

UNRWA is the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East. The United Nations General Assembly established UNRWA in 1949 with a mandate to provide humanitarian assistance and protection to registered Palestine refugees in the Agency's area of operations pending a just and lasting solution to their plight.

UNRWA operates in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem, The Gaza Strip, Jordan, Lebanon and Syria.

Tens of thousands of Palestine refugees who lost their homes and livelihoods due to the 1948 conflict continue to be displaced and in need of support, nearly 75 years on.

UNRWA helps Palestine Refugees achieve their full potential in human development through quality services it provides in education, health care, relief and social services, protection, camp infrastructure and improvement, microfinance, and emergency assistance. UNRWA is funded almost entirely by voluntary contributions.

**Your support is crucial to help us provide emergency aid  
to displaced families in Gaza**

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