

# GAZA EMERGENCY IMPACT REPORT 2022

# WHO WE ARE AND WHAT WE DO

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For over 30 years, Human Appeal has been working across the globe to strengthen humanity's fight against poverty, social injustice, and natural disaster.

We are a non-profit organisation who seek to invest in real, effective, long-term solutions to poverty through providing immediate relief and establishing self-sustaining development programmes. We work every single day of the year to build healthcare, education, and livelihood programmes that help create empowered self-serving communities. We also provide food,

medical aid, and disaster relief during emergencies – critical and timely interventions that save lives. Our skilled teams and partners are able to access some of the most hard-to-reach places in the world.

We build and tailor our projects around the needs of individual communities, and we balance our work between immediate relief and long-term development.





## HUMANITARIAN RELIEF

Disasters and tragedy can occur at any time, any place, and often with no warning. Whenever a tragedy occurs, man-made or natural, we make it our mission to support those affected as quickly as possible. Whether it's supporting people affected by the blast in Beirut, or helping some of the millions seeking refuge in war in Yemen, Palestine or Syria, we will be there for vulnerable people in their hour of need. Working with international partners, we can deliver relief to some of the most isolated communities within hours, providing essentials such as food, water, and shelter. We also run Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) programmes, carry out medical interventions through supporting local hospitals and establishing mobile clinics, and manage camps for refugees and internally displaced persons.

## SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

We are fully committed to aligning with and meeting the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and deliver a range of sustainable development programmes that facilitate long-term change and help to break cycles of poverty. Through our sustainable development projects including our water desalination plants in Gaza, and our Solar Water project in Tharparkar, we are providing vulnerable communities with long-lasting solutions that tackle the causes of poverty and unleash their potential. We make sure to pass on our knowledge and provide people with the tools they need to carry these projects on well into the future, build resilience, and ensure that future generations are able to live with dignity.

## SEASONAL PROGRAMMES

Alongside winter, our seasonal programmes are based on our Islamic faith and values, and take place during the holy month of Ramadan and Eid al-Adha. The communities that benefit from our seasonal programmes are from all faiths and parts of society. Every year our Feed the Fasting programme provides food to some of the world's most vulnerable communities. During Eid al-Adha, we perform Qurbani, the religious sacrifice of an animal and distribute the meat to vulnerable families, many of whom have not eaten meat all year. Our annual winter campaign focuses on shelter, warm clothing, and non-food items, helping to protect vulnerable families against the freezing winter.

## CHILD WELFARE

Through our orphan sponsorship programme, we provide orphan children with a secure and happy childhood including access to nutritious food, healthcare, clothing and shelter. We also sponsor orphans of school-age, enabling them to continue their education, so that they can have a more secure future, and helping them to truly thrive. We have robust child protection systems and mechanisms in place, keeping the wellbeing of the child at the centre of our work.

# ABOUT HUMAN APPEAL PALESTINE

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Human Appeal has been working in Palestine for 30 years, fighting the root causes of vulnerability, and helping Palestinian families to withstand and recover from emergencies.

Our country office is located in Gaza, and we have 13 staff working across Palestine. Last year, we helped over 2 million people across Palestine.

In Gaza, Human Appeal is currently running projects that focus on providing long-term solutions to the water and health crises, as well as responding to emergencies as and when they happen; recently we provided hygiene kits and non-food items (NFIs) kits to people affected by flooding. We're planting olive trees, and we're also helping to support the most vulnerable to be resilient to COVID-19 and life-threatening diseases by disinfecting the water network, installing clean water points, and delivering medical alcohol and gowns to hospitals.

We support families in their most fragile moments

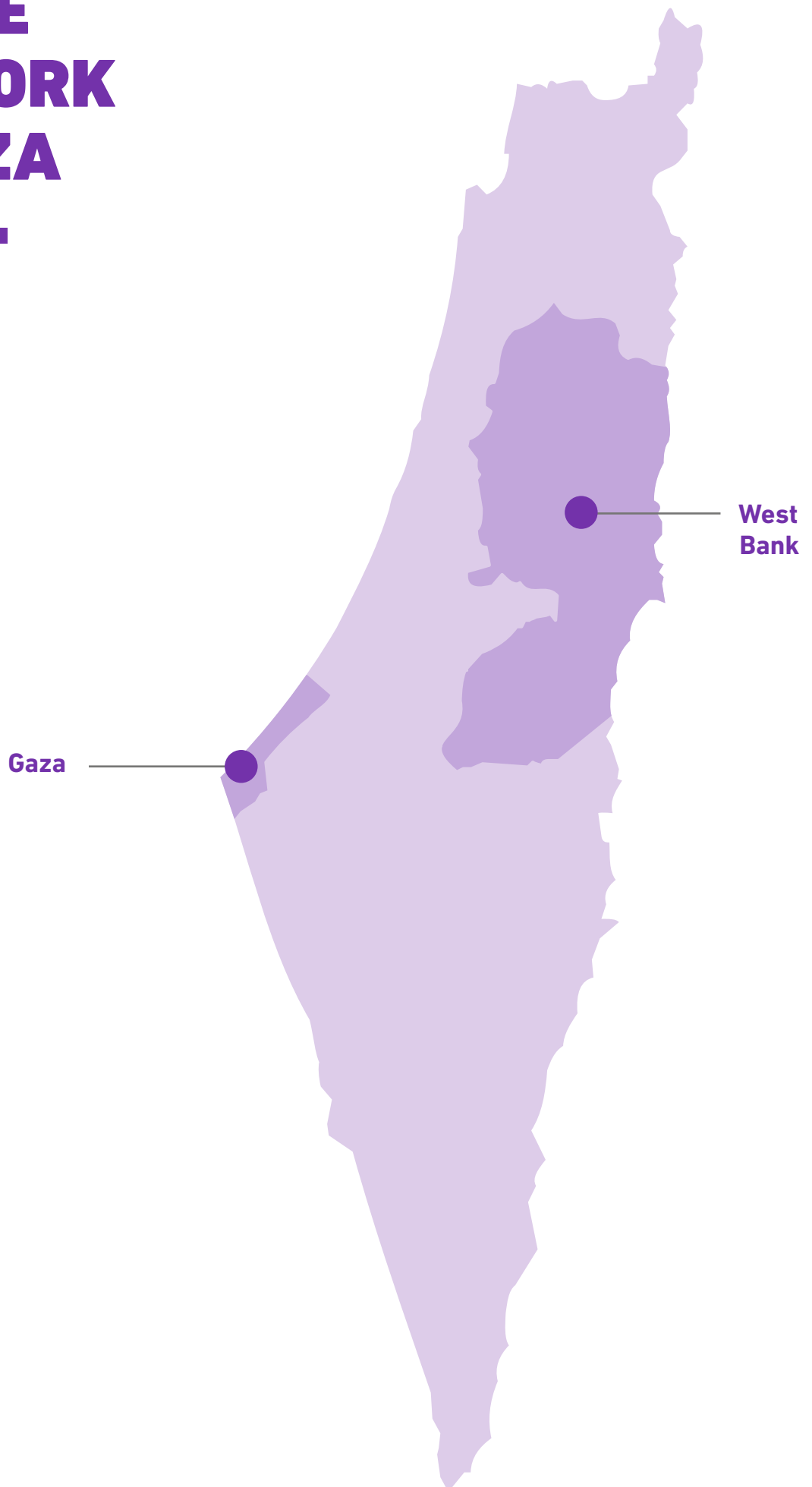
– sponsoring orphaned children, and providing the most at-risk families with specialised projects that meet their needs, such as providing wheelchairs. We also focus on helping farmers to recover their livelihoods, learn new skills, and develop innovative techniques, such as aquaponic farming. Our food projects during Ramadan and Qurbani keep entire communities protected against malnutrition amid heightened unemployment and food insecurity.

None of this would be possible without the continued support and dedication of local communities, our supporters and partner organisations.



# WHERE WE WORK IN GAZA

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# CURRENT SITUATION IN GAZA

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Gaza has endured decades of conflict and suffering, and the long-standing crisis was worsened by an escalation of hostilities in May 2021.



## MAY 2021 EMERGENCY

For 15 terrifying days in May, Palestinians in Gaza faced relentless bombardments, which resulted in the destruction of homes, offices, roads, communication lines, hospitals and water sources. 278 people died, and over 9,000 were injured. Over 77,000 people had to flee their homes and around 30 clinics and hospitals were damaged, and Gaza's only COVID-19 test centre was destroyed.

**Approximately 2.1 million  
people in Gaza are in urgent  
need of humanitarian  
assistance, including  
almost 1 million children.**



## COVID-19

The COVID-19 pandemic weakened an already fragile health system and economy, and we are witnessing the highest levels of unemployment and food insecurity in years. Millions in Gaza are unable to access even basic food items, and a lack of clean water is threatening even more lives every single day.

Many children in Gaza are suffering from poor mental health, depression, anxiety, reduced access to education, loss of family and friends, and long-term injuries.

Thanks to your dedication and support, we were able to provide life-saving support to those in Gaza. Rest assured in knowing that your donations and kindness provided Palestinian families with comfort, hope and ease during these incredibly testing times.

## SHORT TERM FLOOD

In January and February 2022 the heavy rains caused flooding to some areas with poor infrastructure. In this flooding many hot zones were significantly flooded with water which affected inhabitants in those areas. Human Appeal provided hygiene kits as an urgent response to 176 families in addition to non-food items (NFI) kits (which included 4 mattresses, 8 blankets, 2 mats and 6 pillows) to 54 families.



# GAZA

## EMERGENCY APPEAL

### OUR IMPACT SO FAR

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#### EMERGENCY FOOD VOUCHERS

Thanks to your generous support, we provided 1,800 vulnerable families with food vouchers. This helped 10,260 people buy healthy, nutritious food that served as a lifeline amid catastrophe.

#### MEDICAL SUPPLIES AND FUEL

Your donations helped provide essential medical supplies and fuel to hospitals, helping thousands of injured people and having a positive impact on all residents of the Gaza strip. We provided 20,000 litres of diesel to Al Shifa hospital, and provided over £136,000 worth of medical supplies to hospitals in the Gaza strip. At the Haifa Charity hospital in Gaza, we provided 5,691 litres of fuel, an ECG device and 113 medical consumables, benefitting over 1,000 people and a range of medical supplies. In hospitals in East Jerusalem and Gaza, we worked with the Palestinian Medical Relief Society, providing a range of medical supplies, equipment and first aid to over 12,000 people. At the Indonesia Hospital

in the Gaza Strip, we provided over £75,000 worth of medical supplies to support emergency operations and surgeries. We directly helped 432,349 vulnerable people, and your donations continue to support those in Gaza.

#### STREET CLEANING PROGRAMME

Human Appeal participated in a street cleaning programme organised by local authorities in Gaza, focusing on clearing rubble after the mass destruction in May 2021, helping to keep people safe. This project enabled us to support Palestinian families in finding some ease after the intense heartbreak they experienced.







## RAMADAN FOOD PROGRAMME

In Ramadan, with your help, we ensured that 45,069 people were able to eat well. 1,235 families received nutritious food parcels and 3,593 families received food vouchers, providing a total of 29,076 people in Gaza with nutritious food for the entire month. 16,020 people were also provided with two hot meals, and your Zakat al-Fitr was distributed to 1,280 of the most vulnerable families in the Gaza strip.

## HOMES AND SHELTER

Thanks to your donations, we have rehabilitated 162 family homes in Gaza, that were severely damaged during the bombardments in May 2021. Families were provided with cash assistance to help purchase materials and tools to rebuild their homes.

These rehabilitated homes have provided 930 vulnerable people with a safer space to live and helped ensure they have a dedicated place to call home.

## PROVISION OF WATER

Last Ramadan, you also helped us reach our fundraising target in order to build a water desalination plant in Gaza. The construction of the desalination plant is underway and will soon be providing 60,000 Gazans with clean and safe drinking water every single day. In February 2022 Human Appeal Palestine completed the construction of the well for the water desalination plant and the installation of a smaller water desalination plant at the Right to Live school, which supports children with autism and down's syndrome. In this intervention almost 1,200 vulnerable children will have access to clean, safe drinking water.

For two years, Human Appeal has also been disinfecting the entire water network in the Gaza Strip, including water reservoirs, wells, and desalination plants. This project provided 2.1 million Gazans with clean water, and helped to improve hygiene, provide access to clean water in homes, and prevent outbreaks of COVID-19 and other waterborne diseases.

This project, in partnership with UN OCHA, helped the entire population of Gaza people to have access to safe clean water for household use over the last two years. In all, we chlorinated 288 water wells, testing water in 580 locations, and performing lab chlorine tests, with 100% pass rate. Through this project, which continued until February 2022, we also maintained 41 chlorinators and 11 water wells, and we reconstructed the stormwater facility at Beach Camp, helping to protect 64,000 people from flooding during winter.

# OUR IMPACT SO FAR IN NUMBERS



**2.1 million**

Gazans provided with clean  
disinfected water



**432,349**

people provided with  
medical assistance



Completed fundraising for  
a water desalination plant  
serving

**60,000** people



**45,069**

people provided with  
food last Ramadan



**10,260**

people provided with  
emergency food  
vouchers



**6,800+**

orphans sponsored



**162**

homes rehabilitated



# NEXT PLANNED INTERVENTIONS

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**The Messenger of Allah (saw) said, 'Adhere to Shaam, for it is Allah's best land, to which He selects His best servants...' [Abu Dawud]**

While we have been able to support the people of Gaza tremendously over the last year Alhamdulillah, we continue to be working in communities to ease suffering.

Children are among those most vulnerable in Gaza, having witnessed so much loss, suffering and destruction in their short lives so far. We have been focusing on creating spaces for children to receive the therapy and support they need to truly heal from their trauma, and to be able to experience joy and happiness as every child should. We will be supporting 1,416 children in this way.

We will also continue providing clean water through a water trucks, and will be running a project rehabilitating wastewater networks across vulnerable communities.

Help us continue to save and transform lives in the holy land.

**Thank you**



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