



Oxfam Media Advisory – Gaza/Israel Crisis

As medical supplies run low and aid agencies warn of an impending humanitarian disaster if a ceasefire is not reached, Oxfam and our partners are on the ground in Gaza working to get the most accurate and up to date information on what people need and mobilizing to get them assistance now. Oxfam has worked with partner organizations in Gaza and Southern Israel for over 15 years and together with our partners was one of the first to respond during the 2008-2009 military operation 'Cast Lead.'

Oxfam has staff available for interviews in Gaza, Israel, and the West Bank. Spokespeople are available in English, Hebrew, Arabic, French, Spanish, Italian, Dutch, Swedish, German, Maltese, Hindi and Urdu.

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Oxfam Partners Available for Interviews or Media Visits Now:

Palestinian Medical Relief Society (PMRS) and Al Awda Hospital

Oxfam and our partner Palestinian Medical Relief Society (PMRS) are working to get in shipments of essential drugs and medical supplies as hospitals and health providers in Gaza are reporting they are running out. Al Awda Hospital, a non-profit hospital supported by Oxfam partner Union of Health Workers Committees (UHC) is also at almost zero-stock of essential drugs and medical supplies, including medicine for children, antibiotics, blood, and anesthesia. The sole crossing for transferring goods between Israel and Gaza was closed during most of this past week. The government of Israel needs to facilitate a consistent opening of the crossing to allow in essential humanitarian goods so we can keep helping people in need. Doctors and health workers at Al Awda Hospital and PMRS are available for interviews about their struggle to serve patients at need with limited supplies.

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The Culture and Free Thought Association

An Oxfam supported kindergarten in the Gaza Strip was destroyed and another damaged in an Israeli airstrike. While schools are closed and the children attending the kindergartens were not there at the time, children are often traumatized by these kinds of events. Oxfam partner CFTA works with young children who, because of violence against Gaza and in their homes, have no safe space to be. Young people under 18 make up more than 50% of Gaza's population and are one of CFTA's primary target groups. As the violence escalates, CFTA will be working to meet the psycho-social needs of young people and plans to increase counseling efforts over the coming weeks.

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Union of Agricultural Work Committee (UAWC)

Already facing the impact of the blockade which limits access to the sea and to fields in the 'buffer zone', farmers and fishermen have been unable to work for the past week. Living day-to-day, many farmers and fishermen were in deep poverty before the violence broke out and now cannot afford food to eat. People who depend on raising animals cannot take them out to graze and can't easily access animal feed. Livelihoods are at stake and Oxfam's partner UAWC is working to get emergency assistance to those most at risk. UAWC is available for interviews in English and can tell the stories of the people they are working with or connect media in Gaza to farmers and fishermen on the ground.

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MA'AN Development Center

31-year-old Tamer Bashier, who had benefitted from Oxfam's food voucher program, died from injuries sustained in an Israeli airstrike. Mr Bashier, a vegetable vendor, was able to buy food with support from an Oxfam program, which has served 30,000 people this past week. Even though Tamer sold food, he was unable to earn enough money to buy sufficient food for his family. Yesterday, while buying produce for his shop, he was mortally wounded. Oxfam's partner Ma'an Development Center has emphasized that while food is available in the market, it is not safe for people to venture out, and that the lives of thousands of civilians like Tamer who need to work or reach stores and hospitals are currently at risk. Ma'an Development Center is available for interviews.

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Other Voice

The residents in Gaza and the south of Israel region have experienced a reality of continued violence and threat for over a decade. People in the northern Negev region of Israel have been facing ongoing rocket and sniper attacks while Palestinians in Gaza face airstrikes, military incursions and the ongoing blockade, which has had serious economic and humanitarian implications. Civilians on both sides have paid a heavy price that harms their health and their personal and physical security.

Oxfam has been working with Other Voice, an Israeli civil society organization that works to help strengthen local peace building initiatives in southern Israel. The residents who are part of this group call for a sustainable alternative to the military option that has failed both peoples for too long.

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