

Food and Hope

Emergency Food for Gaza

Zakat Fund
Individual Giving
Mid-Term Report 2019

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Your Zakat in Action

The man-made humanitarian crisis in Gaza continues to have a detrimental impact on the food security of Palestine refugees in Gaza. The economic impact of the blockade, including rising unemployment rates, has increased the vulnerability and eroded the coping mechanisms of Palestine refugee families.

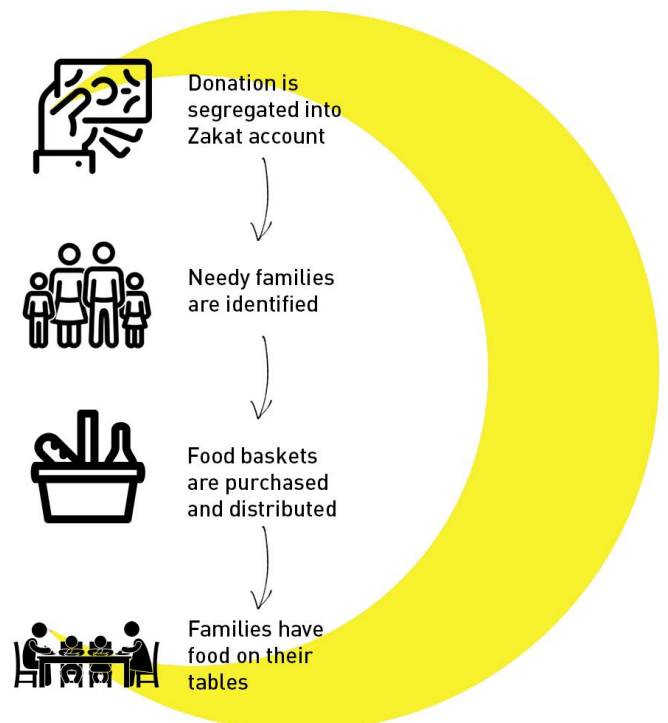
For the over 1 million people who now rely on emergency food assistance in Gaza, these basic food supplies represent not only food on their shelves but a sense of hope.

Hope knowing that their children will not be hungry.

Hope knowing that they have food to share with neighbors.

Hope knowing that their struggle has not been forgotten.

At a time when the need in Gaza grows, the financial resources to meet that need have been increasingly under threat. Donations to the Zakat Fund have been crucial to ensuring that families in Gaza continue to receive emergency food assistance.



Zakat Fund donations are spent within the lunar year.



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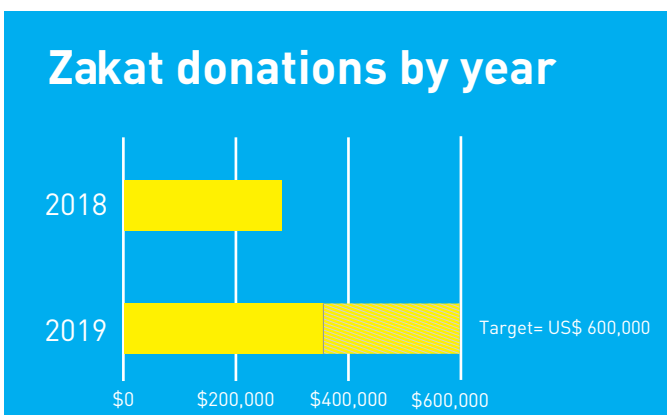
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Zakat Fund

In 2018, UNRWA launched its Zakat Fund with a focus on providing emergency assistance to the most vulnerable Palestine refugees. In its inaugural year, the individual giving campaign raised US\$ 287,941 allowing for 7,577 emergency food baskets to be delivered to over 45,000 Palestine refugees in Gaza.

For 2019, we have raised our target to US\$ 600,000 with the goal of reaching almost 100,000 of the neediest refugees in Gaza with food assistance. Due to the generosity of our individual donors, as of 30 June, we are almost halfway to our target.

In the first six month of the year, we raised over US\$ 350,000 and were able to deliver emergency food baskets to over 55,000 individuals.



Emergency Food Baskets

UNRWA provides food assistance on a quarterly basis. Palestine refugee families eligible for food assistance include households that live below US\$ 3.87 per person per day (absolute poverty) and US\$ 1.47 per person per day (abject poverty).

1,572 individuals have supported the Zakat Fund since its inception.

Eligibility for emergency food assistance is determined through the results of a poverty assessment survey conducted through home visits by Agency social workers. The survey looks at essential household characteristics, including housing, employment status, age, number of children etc.



UNRWA also pays attention to vulnerable groups that may not be able to access emergency food assistance through regular channels, including divorced women and separated or abandoned women.

Palestine refugees who are eligible for emergency food assistance receive food baskets containing flour, rice, sugar, sunflower oil, whole milk, chickpeas, lentils and canned sardines.



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Amal's family lives on less than US \$1.74 per person a day and relies on UNRWA food assistance to put food on her table.



Her son Sameeh waits for the food assistance from UNRWA each quarter. He loves the milk they receive from the food basket that his mother prepares.



Amal beams with pride when talking about her children. Her main concern is to provide for them. "They are still children and innocent; they should not have to suffer."



Amal's children love Karate. Her son Kareem, 12, also loves to play soccer and dreams of becoming a famous football player.

The National Zakat Foundation Worldwide certified UNRWA food and cash assistance programme as Zakat eligible. In order to be Zakat eligible, an organization or programme must confirm that beneficiaries of Zakat meet specific eligibility criteria of being "poor and needy." All Zakat donations to UNRWA are segregated into a sub-account specifically earmarked to food and cash assistance and are distributed within the lunar year of the donation.



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UNRWA is a United Nations agency established by the General Assembly in 1949 and mandated to provide assistance and protection to some 5.5 million registered Palestine refugees. Its mission is to help Palestine refugees in Jordan, Lebanon, Syria, the West Bank and the Gaza Strip achieve their full human development potential, pending a just and lasting solution to their plight. UNRWA services encompass education, health care, relief and social services, camp infrastructure and improvement, protection and microfinance.