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Emergency Appeal Gaza

CNEWA's response to care for traumatized families

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Facts as of August 6, 2014 from UN-OCHA:

- 1,814 Palestinians killed; 85% civilian - 408 children and 214 women
- 9,536 Palestinians injured - 2877 are children
- 520,000 displaced, 30% of the population of Gaza
- 65,000 people cannot return to their homes as they were completely destroyed
- 194,000 of children are in need of psychosocial support
- 133 schools damaged
- 22 health facilities damaged or destroyed
- Many hospitals lack medicine and fuel for generators
- Power cuts are in effect for 20-22 hours per day
- 67 Israelis were killed, including 64 soldiers

Emergency Response

On July 23, CNEWA launched an emergency appeal worldwide. Financial aid totalling **\$530,000** is required to aid traumatized families of Gaza.

Our CNEWA-Pontifical Mission for Palestine office is coordinating the activities of various Catholic and non-Catholic agencies on the ground, hosting regular meetings in the Old City of Jerusalem. We have distributed our relief activities as follows: CNEWA will concentrate on provision of medicines, fuel and medical treatments in this emergency phase; Caritas Jerusalem is providing food packages and cash assistance; and Catholic Relief Services is assisting with the provision of non-food, hygiene packages and medical supplies.

Positive response from Catholic charities:

A number of organizations responded to our emergency call — including Manos Unidas, Spain; Embrace the Middle East in England; Caritas Switzerland; the Archdiocese of Cologne; Kinderhilfe Bethlehem in Switzerland; Kindermissionswerk, Missio and Misereor of Germany; Secours Catholique in France. And many more are in dialogue with us.

Further, the Custody of the Holy Land is also contributing financially through our office to support families in Gaza.

CNEWA's program in Gaza:

1- Immediate Intervention

- Total amount needed: \$240,000
- Immediate to 3 months

Emergency medical supplies and medicine

CNEWA/PMP plans to deliver and restock essential medicine and medical supplies at Al-Ahli Arab Hospital and NECC Clinics in order to provide urgent treatment for the injured and sick, especially as Al-Ahli Hospital exhausted its stock treating hundreds of cases and NECC Clinics expect to receive and treat many cases.

Cover medical costs for the poor and displaced patients

CNEWA/PMP assessed the need to help cover the costs of emergency medical treatment and care for poor and displaced people at Al-Ahli Arab Hospital and NECC Clinics, as many have no financial means to cover these costs.

Supply fuel for generators at healthcare institutions

Consistent electrical and fuel shortages prevent healthcare institutions such as Al-Ahli Arab Hospital and NECC Clinics from treating the injured and sick. CNEWA/PMP plans to procure fuel for generators that will provide adequate power needed for surgeries, medical examinations and other healthcare needs.

2 - Short-term Intervention

- Total Amount Needed: \$290,000
- 3-9 months

Psychosocial support for traumatized children

CNEWA/PMP will work in collaboration with its partner institutions in Gaza: Near East Council of Churches (NECC) Mother and Child Clinics, the Society of the Myrrh bearers, the YMCA – Gaza, Al-Ahli Arab Hospital as well as the Women’s Graduates Society and the three Catholic Schools, to implement psychosocial programs at the institutions headed by trained social workers and staff who will provide counselling and educational activities for traumatized children. It is expected that thousands will benefit from such programs.

How to make a donation in Canada

To make an immediate gift, people can give online at www.cnewa.ca; write a cheque to CNEWA Canada and send to 1247 Kilborn Place, Ottawa, Ontario K1H 6K9 (please indicate “Gaza Relief”); or call toll-free at 1-866-322-4441. As a registered charity, CNEWA will issue tax receipt.

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