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# Introduction

## WE ARE CHANGING LIVES FOR THE BETTER IN GAZA

The people of Gaza are trying to build lives in an ‘unliveable’ place. Gaza has been under siege for over 13 years, faced four large scale bombardments as well as dealing with the impact of Covid-19. Now it faces even higher inflation on basic food and commodities. Two million people are trying to live with a broken economy, inadequate and damaged infrastructure and a severely limited health sector. With almost 80% of the population depending on international aid for survival and unemployment as high as 49%, poverty rates have significantly grown. Many persons who are entrapped in poverty have complicated needs and vulnerabilities related to housing, education, disability, and physical and mental wellbeing.

The rising cost of living that is affecting people all around the world has made the humanitarian crisis in Gaza worse. According to the World Food Program, the population of Gaza is unable to afford basic dietary needs due to rising commodity and food costs around the world; on top of the ongoing siege.

IF Charity’s work on the ground, through your donations, is changing lives for the better in Gaza. We are helping people across Gaza to build productive, safe and self-sufficient communities. Our rapid emergency response alongside long term projects, such as back to school, school buses and wheelchairs for the disabled are all a vital lifeline to the people of Gaza.

This report is a short snapshot of all the amazing work you have done through your continuous support and donations.

Thank you

**Abdessamed El Haouari**  
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# Drinking Water for Needy Families

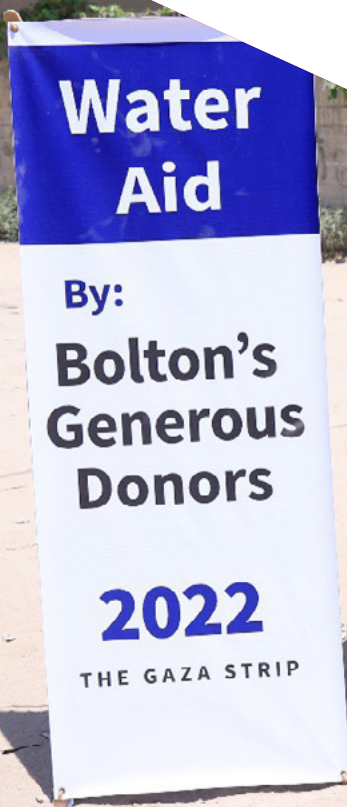
KINDLY SUPPORTED BY BOLTON'S GENEROUS DONORS

► **Beneficiaries** | 6 Needy Families

A recent Reuters report warned that more than 90% of groundwater is unfit for safe human consumption and domestic usage.

Many Gaza residents rely solely on ground water for their daily needs as it's supplied by municipalities and local authorities.

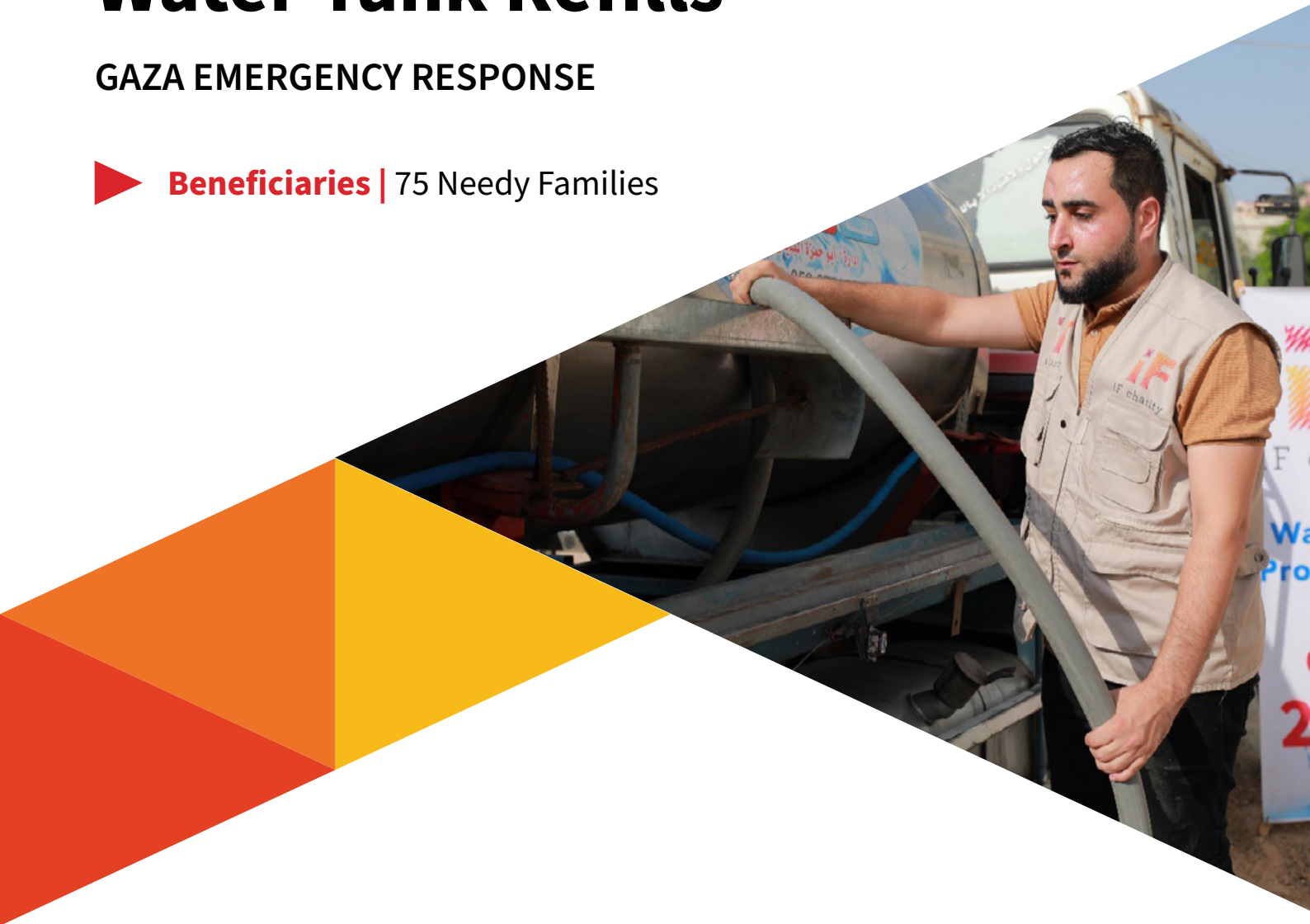
This has enormous consequences for people's health and well-being. Through the donations from Bolton, UK, our team provided water tanks for families. It will enable families to use clean and safe drinking water. Each tank is made of high-quality materials, suitable for storing drinking water. Each tank has a capacity of 1000 litres.



# Water Tank Refills

## GAZA EMERGENCY RESPONSE

► **Beneficiaries** | 75 Needy Families



The August attack left many families desperately in need. As part of iF's response not only did we provide water tanks, we were able to refill them with fresh drinking water through a private vendor.

Our tanks provide safe water to people who would otherwise drank or washed with contaminated water, affecting their health and falling ill. This

is part of our continuous effort to assist families in their hour of need.

Access to clean, safe water is a basic human right, as part of the Gaza emergency response 2022 our team has provided Water Aid to the most affected people in Gaza, the beneficiaries in the most need of anything especially potable water.

Funded tanks provide water to people who would otherwise have to drink or wash with contaminated water, which makes so many people here sick.

Each tank is made of high-quality materials that are suitable for storing drinking water, and each tank has a capacity of 1000 liters.



Humanitarian Relief

# Qurbani Distribution

SHARING IN THE SACRIFICE AND JOY OF EID

► **Beneficiaries** | 34 Needy Families

Qurbani, or Udhiyah in Arabic, means sacrifice. Every year Muslims around the world slaughter an animal – a goat, a sheep, a cow or a camel – to reflect Prophet Ibrahim’s willingness to sacrifice his son Ismail for the sake of God. At least one third of the meat from the animal must go to people who are poor or in vulnerable situations.

The meat from Qurban can be distributed to the poor or rich, Muslim or non-Muslim. However, many Muslims prefer

to have their Qurbani performed in poorer countries or those in dire need.

We made arrangements to perform Qurbani on behalf of our donors. All meat and proceeds from the sacrificial animals were distributed. More than 2,395 families received fresh meat of calves and 1,306 families received fresh meat of sheep. In total 3,701 of the poorest families and low-income earners received a package of fresh meat.





Humanitarian Relief

# Food Parcels

## SPECIAL REQUESTS FROM PROJECT PALESTINE

► **Beneficiaries** | 28 Needy Families

Poverty rate in the Gaza Strip has risen to 59 percent from 43 percent five years ago due to very high unemployment and deteriorating social conditions. Many families do not have any source of income to fulfil their basic need. Gaza not only faces conflicts but also a siege which devastates the economy.

In response, our donors from Project Palestine donated food parcels. 34 food parcels were distributed to the needy families through distribution points across Gaza as well as door to door. They contain sugar, tea, rice, oil, olive oil, pasta, tomato paste, cans, different kinds of cheese, and many other items. This parcel covers their needs of food for two to three weeks.



# Supplying Gas Heaters & Warm Blankets

## WINTER AID

### ► **Beneficiaries** | 235 Needy Families

For people of Gaza, the cold winter months is a time for rainwater leaking into the house, children freezing in their damp, cold homes. The cracks of the walls are nightmare to keep the wintery weather out.

Over a hundred families received heavy gas heaters and thick warm blankets to protect against falling temperatures in the region. The recipients are among the poorest families living in marginalized camp communities and include vulnerable members such as orphans and the elderly.

The aid consisted of a gas tank with a capacity of 5 KG and a gas heater. The blankets were made from good materials and weight about 3 KG each, and each family was provided with 2 blankets.



# Repairing Homes for Winter

## WINTER EMERGENCY AID

### ► **Beneficiaries** | 8 Needy Families

Living in a house without proper roofing and without a basic toilet is the reality of many families in Gaza. Their homes have no basic facilities, nor roofing. They are unable to upgrade their homes for winter because of the absence of fixed income and job opportunities. Many families cannot meet their basic needs for housing, water, sanitation, food, health care and education.

Dilapidated housing is associated with illness triggers such as mould, moisture, dust mites, and rodents.

The rainy and cold weather of Gaza recently has led to the sinking of dilapidated houses.

This project provides desperate families with rehabilitation and repairing of their homes (windows, doors, roof etc...)





Humanitarian Relief

# Zakat and Fitrana Distribution

## CASH AID: ZAKAT EL-FITR DISTRIBUTION

► **Beneficiaries** | 455 Needy Families

Gaza is still facing a protracted living crisis where too many Palestinians struggle to live in dignity with constrained access to basic services. In 2022, the humanitarian crisis had intensified and in turn deepened the demand for humanitarian assistance; 1.3 million Palestinians in Gaza reported their dire need for charity aid.

This need inevitably increased during Ramadan and so, IF Charity UK allocated a budget for providing cash assistance for 455 poor families.

In accordance to Islamic Sharia, Zakat Al-Fitr shall be disbursed in the last days of Ramadan before the sunrise of Eid Al-Fitr and on behalf of our donors this was carried out.

Lists of recipient families were selected based on their level of need whether from our sponsored database or from certified charity organisations. 260 families were provided boxes of food that contained a packet of rice, a bottle of cooking oil, olive oil and fresh chicken, which helped them prepare various dishes.



Humanitarian Relief

# Frozen Meat Distribution

SHARING IN THE SACRIFICE AND JOY OF EID

► **Beneficiaries** | 500 Needy Families

Poverty in Gaza is a product of political, economic and social factors. It has forced three-quarters of the population to only eat meat once a year. The price of meat produce is prohibitively expensive.

On behalf of our donors, we arranged to distribute qurbani frozen meat. This project provides frozen meat which

has health benefits for their families. It gives them hope to continue their lives with dignity and participate in the joys of Eid.

Distributed among 500 of the poorest families and low-income earners; each family received a package of frozen meat ranging from 4 to 5kg.







Humanitarian Relief

# Hot Iftar Meals

FEEDING THE FASTING IN RAMADAN

► **Beneficiaries** | 164 Needy Families

Ramadan is the month of mercy between Muslims everywhere. It is also the month where our empathy towards poor and vulnerable people is increased.

In order to share the Ramadan atmosphere, Hot Iftar meals were distributed to 164 poor families. Our team along with volunteers made sure that they were delivered just prior to the Maghreb call for prayers so that the families can enjoy them hot.

# Vouchers, Parcels and Vegetable Baskets

## FOOD AID: FOOD VOUCHERS

► **Beneficiaries** | 250 Needy Families



64.4 percent of the population in Gaza are food insecure due to the ongoing escalations and the protracted socioeconomic crisis. Poorly diversified diets are resulting in serious nutritional and health problems; nearly 50 percent of inhabitants have low levels of basic minerals and vitamins. The vulnerable do not have access to healthier foods. Vegetable diet is necessary for the prevention of diseases and for the function of a healthy immune system.

Through our “Food Vouchers Project” we provided coupons for 250 poor households who were able to exchange them at local supermarkets for food items. iF Charity has distributed 2,010 “Food Parcels” to vulnerable families. This included packs of rice, pasta, cooking oil, serial, soup, tomato paste, lentils and beans in addition to different kinds of cheese, salami, fruit jam, tahini paste, sugar, tea and

other items. Each parcel can feed a typical family in the Gaza Strip for a period of 10 to 15 days during the holy month of Ramadan.

To improve the diversity of food meals for the poorest, If Charity provided “Vegetables Baskets” for 320 needy households. The vegetables baskets, which were selected and packed by our cooperative team, included all kinds of fresh vegetables: tomatoes, zucchini, potatoes, onions, eggplants, cucumbers, chilli pepper and bell pepper.

# Debtors Release

## REPAYING DEBTS IN RAMADAN

► **Beneficiaries** | 50 Debtors



In the Gaza Strip, high levels of indebtedness, along with the inability of families to repay, represents a big source of hardships and suffering. Among those indebted families, who owe money to the sellers at the vegetables market, local shops or for rent, one quarter is at risk of imprisonment and being separated from their children in Ramadan.

This project helps to reduce indebtedness and allows debtors to spend Ramadan and Eid with their loved ones. We released 50 debtors from prison through coordination with the local authorities and the creditors in an atmosphere of mercy, collaboration and cordiality.



# Helping Disabled Patients in Ramadan

## MEDICAL AID IN THE BLESSED MONTH

### ► **Beneficiaries** | 83 Patients, Disabled & Elderly People

During Ramadan, 40 disadvantaged patients received cash aid to help them access suitable medical care outside Gaza, buy medicines and cover expenses for urgent surgeries. Patients suffer from cancer, chronic diseases, eye problems, hearing impairment and other genetic diseases.

Moreover 43 disabled, elders and patient children were supplied with medical items such as: assistive tools, air mattresses, medicines, special milk and health disposables. These items help the beneficiaries get well and alleviate some financial burdens of their families.

Beneficiaries are visited by social workers and all of them live in severe dilapidated living conditions. Medical items were delivered directly to the patients' houses.



# Support during the Recent Bombardment

## CASH AID IN AN EMERGENCY

► **Beneficiaries** | 89 Impacted Families



The 3-day escalation caused a lot of destruction and losses across Gaza as 1,761 homes sustained damages. 450 Palestinians were internally displaced, and 8,500 people

were impacted by the bombardment, according to the OCHA. Vulnerable people who left their houses due to partial or complete destruction lost their clothes, furniture

and money. So, to help them overcome the hard conditions imposed on them, cash aid was distributed to around 89 impacted families over different areas in the Gaza Strip.



Health Relief

# Psychological Support after the Bombardment

FUN DAY IN AN EMERGENCY

► **Beneficiaries** | 800 Children and their Parents

As part of the psychological and social support for children in Gaza, and after the dark days of the latest bombardment; an entertainment event was held with around 200 needy families from different areas of the strip. Families experienced difficult living conditions and their children were in a dire need for recreational activities especially ahead of the beginning of the new academic year.

The event included presenting cash aid, school bags and stationery for each family. Lunch meals and drinks were also distributed during the event, and a comedy troupe has presented. Exciting and joyful shows entertained the kids and relieved their stress & anxiety. Moreover, face paint brightened up the children's faces.

# Medical & Health supplies during the bombardment

## EMERGENCY RESPONSE

### ► **Beneficiaries** | 121 Needy Patients & Injuries

The 3-day bombardment increased misery for Gazans and left the Gaza Strip with a number of casualties, injuries and destruction that worsened their humanitarian situation. To alleviate the immediate suffering of the injured, antibiotics and painkillers

were delivered to them. Thankfully, 53 beneficiaries directly benefited from this aid. Moreover, diapers, dressing kits and Mackintosh sheets were provided to 68 injured with open wounds to help them through their healing journey.







# Providing Wheelchairs for the Disabled

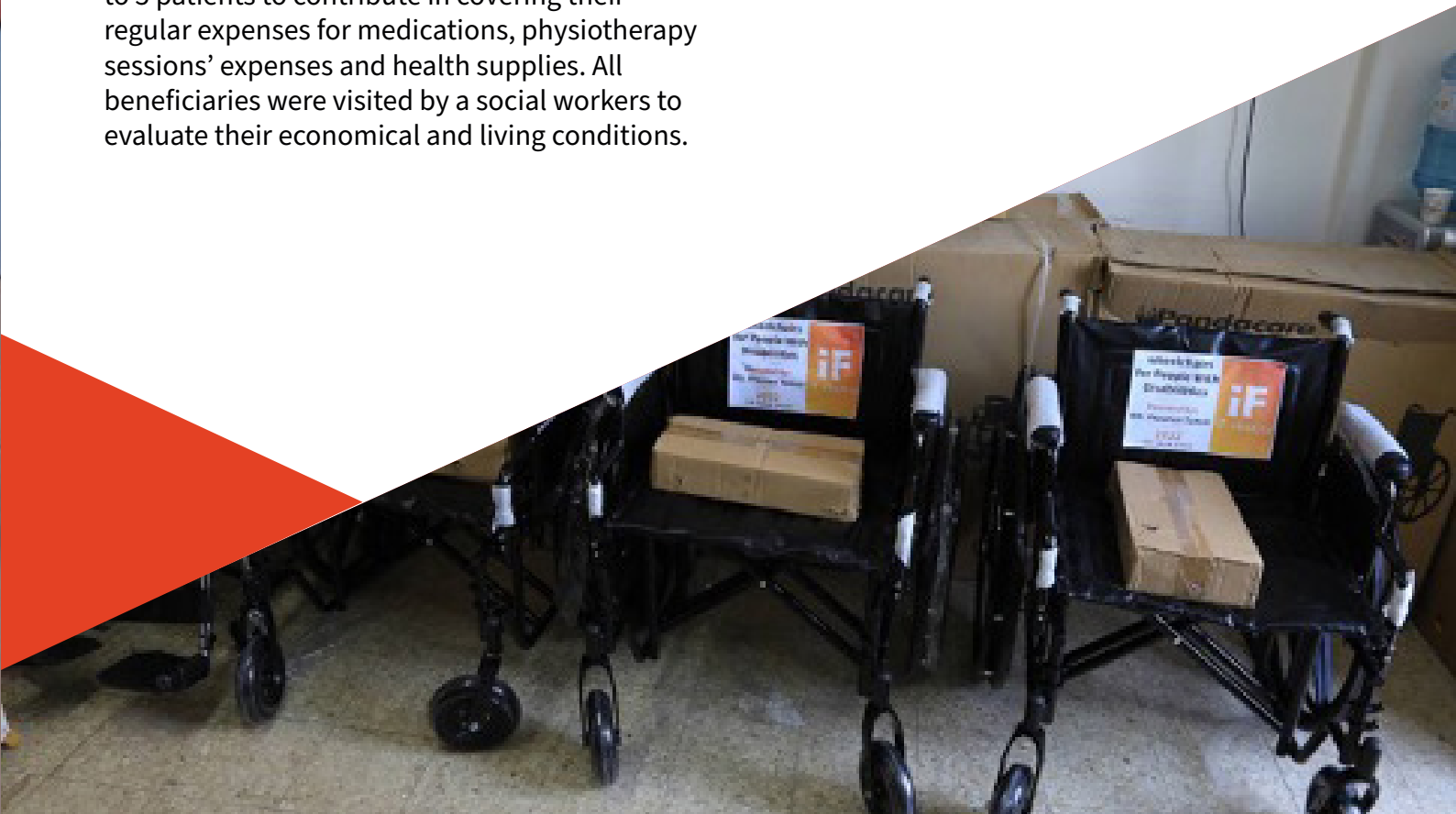
## SPECIAL DONOR REQUEST

### ► **Beneficiaries** | 54 Disabled and Needy Patients

A generous donation from Ms. Tanvir was received to provide wheelchairs. Consequently, 50 field visits to the nominated patients' houses was carried out by a physiotherapist; to evaluate their exact demands and suitable size. 48 wheelchairs (including 11 bathroom wheelchairs and a long back wheelchair) were provided and distributed door-to-door across the Gaza Strip.

In addition, an air bed mattress was delivered to an old disabled woman according to her needs and requirement. The remaining amount of the money was distributed as financial gifts to 5 patients to contribute in covering their regular expenses for medications, physiotherapy sessions' expenses and health supplies. All beneficiaries were visited by a social workers to evaluate their economical and living conditions.

One such beneficiary who received a wheelchair was Reda Nawajha, aged 73. A widow suffering from breast cancer, she lives with her son and his 6-member family in a house in Khan Younis city. Reda takes chemotherapy that has affected her ability to walk. Reda's son, Mohamed, is the breadwinner in the family; he is an Electrical Engineer, but is unable to find regular work. He said: "Alhamdulillah I can match the basic needs of my family, but the expenses of the wheelchair is a great burden. Thanks for your significant help during these trying times"



# Memorisation of the Quran

## HIFZ PROGRAMME

▶ **Beneficiaries** | 150 Persons



This project provides lessons in Tajweed (rules of recitation), Tafsir (exegesis) and Memorisation techniques, taught by a qualified teacher. The Project offers a safe learning environment for student, many of whom have suffered trauma and come from financially struggling families.

Most of the students are full-time students in mainstream schools, where they also undertake a subject in religious education. The students therefore balance their busy school work, with these supplementary Quran lessons.





Education Aid

# Supporting Education in Gaza

## BACK TO SCHOOL

► **Beneficiaries** | 22 Needy Students & 103 Needy Families

Due to the high cost of living and difficult economic conditions in Gaza, back to school season puts extra burden on the shoulders of needy people. Destitute families can barely afford food never mind buying school books. 19 children from many needy families were taken to personally choose their school uniforms, shoes, bags and/or school stationery. As a result, these children went back to school fully-prepared.

A special donation from a generous donor, Dr. Attiya was delivered to cover urgent aid for different beneficiaries cross the Gaza Strip. The urgent aid helped 83 needy families with expenses for their children school uniforms and stationary. 3 needy students were helped to cover accumulated school fees so that they can continue their studies. A beneficiary had their debt cleared and their medication expenses covered.







Education Aid

# Covering Student Tuition Fees

HELPING STUDENTS COMPLETE THEIR EDUCATION

► **Beneficiaries** | 248 People

Education has always been a priority to Palestinians. To young people from very poor backgrounds, who have nothing to rely on, believe education is the way for a brighter future for their families.

Unfortunately thousands of university students are unable to register for the new semester, as they cannot pay the education fees. These include

new and mature students. iF Charity provided 200 USD to help in their registration for the new semester. 73 Students at the Islamic University Gaza (IUG), 50 students at Al-Azhar University Gaza (AUG), 50 students at the University College for Applied Science (UCAS) and 50 students at Al-Aqsa University were supported by this project.

# Creating Employment and Sustainable Income

## JOB CREATION PROGRAMME

▶ **Beneficiaries** | 21 People



Poverty and unemployment are the most challenging problems for a significant number of Palestinians in Gaza. The unemployment rate in Palestine is one of the highest in the world.

The programme offers four month employment for different graduates each year, improving

their professional and practical skills and in turn, enhancing the future job prospects. Implemented through three cycles in 2022 and monthly salaries/rewards were paid to each beneficiary. Four-month employment was offered in 2022 for 21 graduates.

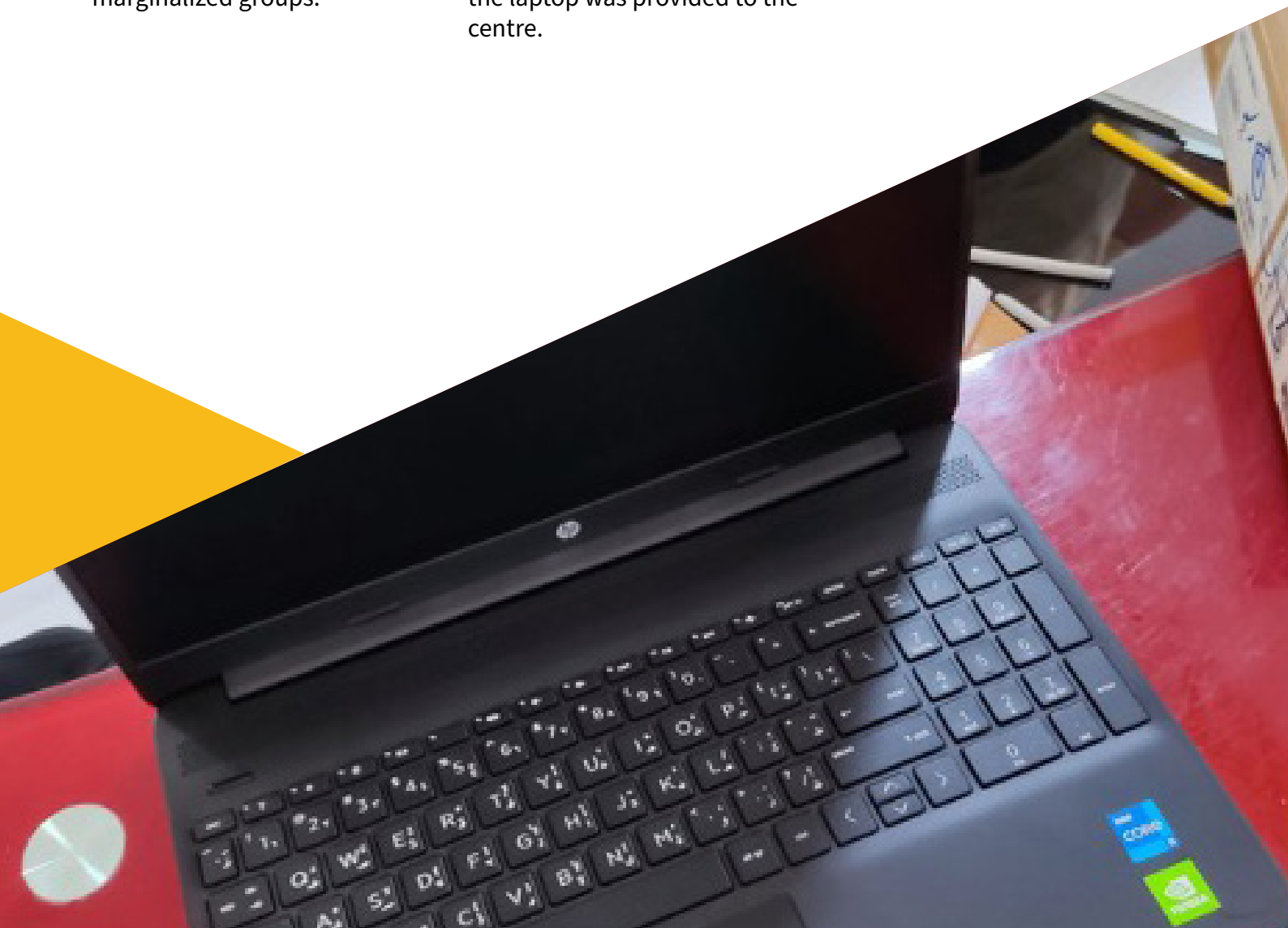
# Laptops for Disabled Children

## REHABILITATION CENTRE REQUEST

### ► **Beneficiaries** | People with Disabilities

Numerous bombardments over the years have left Gaza with a high proportion of People With Disabilities (PWDs). According to the information issued by the Ministry of Social Development 53% of the population of have a disability and they are more likely to be among the most marginalized groups.

We received a request from the Disabled Rehabilitation Centre to provide a laptop with high specifications to be used to train people with disabilities in the centre in multiple fields such as mobile phone software design, E-marking and multimedia. The request was approved and the laptop was provided to the centre.





Community Support

# Football Championship

SUPPORTING YOUTH AND SPORTSMANSHIP  
THROUGH THE PEACE CUP

► **Beneficiaries** | More Than 100 People

Due to the imposed siege and challenging conditions, football fans are deprived of participating in any local and international sports event for the last fifteen years. Many youth and children players dream to play football.

IF Charity established a championship cup to improve sports and help with the psychological well being of young people in Gaza. The project contributed to improving the scope and quality of sport in the Gaza strip.



Community Support

# Planting Olive Trees

A SADAQAH JARIYAH REQUEST FROM DONORS

► **Beneficiaries** | 50 Needy Families

Due to a special request from generous donors, IF Charity planted olive trees as a Sadaqah Jariyah.

For over forty years, ongoing conflict has led to the uprooting of over a million olive trees in Palestine.

For many farmers, olive trees are their sole income, so planting trees offers an opportunity to support Palestinian farmers and help offset the enormous destruction of olive trees. As they will continue to grow for over 1,000 years, the trees will benefit people for generations to come.



# Roof-top Garden for Orphans

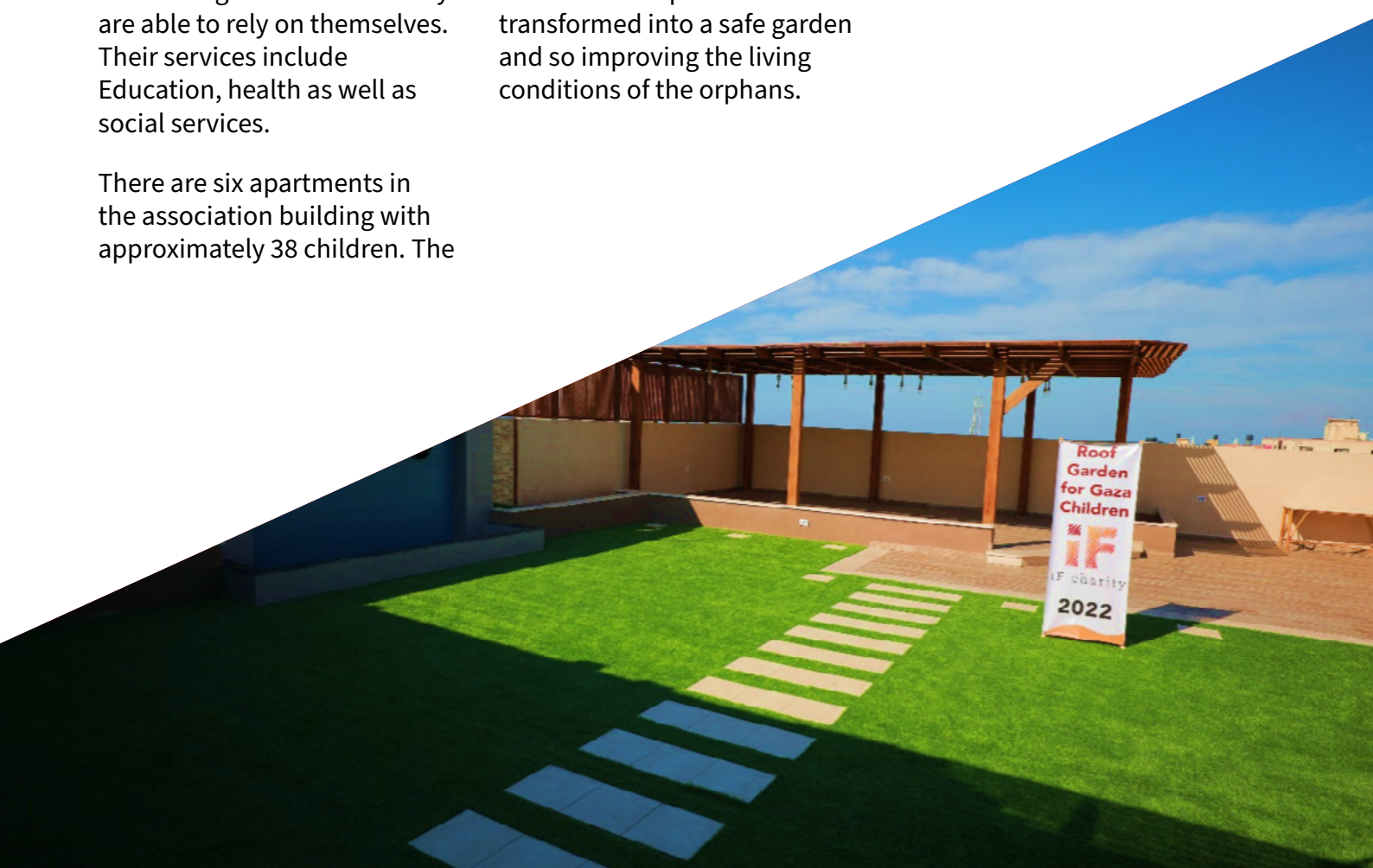
## MERCY ASSOCIATION FOR CHILDREN REQUEST

### ► **Beneficiaries** | Orphans at the Mercy Association for Children

The Mercy Association for the Children (Gaza) is a Non-Profit/ Non-Government Association was established in 1993. It is one of the major orphanage houses in Gaza. The Association focuses on orphans as well as marginalised members of society. It provides extensive care to those who are in need until the age of 18 or until they are able to rely on themselves. Their services include Education, health as well as social services.

There are six apartments in the association building with approximately 38 children. The

number of children varies from time to time as some of the children are adopted at an early age. The area surrounding the orphanage lacks public parks and recreational facilities, and so, the majority of the orphans spend most of their time indoors. The building which houses the orphanage has an unused roof-top which was transformed into a safe garden and so improving the living conditions of the orphans.





Community Support

# Improving Mobility for Persons with a Disability

## OUTREACH PROGRAMME

► **Beneficiaries** | 350 PwDs & Kidney Dialysis Patients

Mobility is a basic human right, and a fundamental pillar for independency and freedom. For people with disabilities (PwDs), mobility has always been a luxury. Unfortunately, public transport lacks disability friendly infrastructure which makes it hard for PwDs to move around and lead a normal life.

In our efforts to improve the living conditions of PwDs in the Gaza, the Outreach Programme continued its mission to provide decent transportation to persons with disabilities.

Our interventions have targeted the transportation of about 350 persons who are unable to reach their study, rehabilitation or medical care centres.

# Water Desalination

## MAINTENANCE AND RELOCATION OF AL-HAWA PLANT (SPECIAL REQUEST)

► **Beneficiaries** | 20,000 Needy Families



As ground water is unsafe in Gaza, desalination plants provide a crucial lifeline to local communities and their access to safe drinkable water. The Tal Al-Hawa water desalination plant was not functioning to specification. The plant's technical specifications were insufficient for the water characteristics of local area. This was confirmed through

a assessment by the Gaza Municipality and reviewed by the Coastal Municipalities Water Facility.

Our donors funded a project to restart the Tal Al-Hawa plant to increase the maximum production capacity. It was relocated to a new site in the Yarmouk area. Our teams carried out maintenance and

rehabilitation work upgrading the plan to specification.

This project will provide safe and improved access to drinking water for local residents.



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