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26th of January 2024

*Dear Everyone at Scoil Ghormáin Naofa,*

On behalf of UNICEF, I would like to formally acknowledge receipt of your generous donation of €2142.45 in support of UNICEF's emergency humanitarian response in Gaza.

I was in Gaza on a UNICEF monitoring mission shortly before the war began. Never could I have imagined what was about to transpire there in the coming weeks. As we have all watched the events unfold on our screens, it is clear that a catastrophic humanitarian situation has rapidly developed inside Gaza. As I write to you the reports we are receiving from our team on the ground are of a devastating situation. A major humanitarian relief operation is currently underway and that will need to be sustained and expanded over the coming weeks and months. When I was in Gaza, I was inspired by UNICEF's substantial operation which was focused on providing water, sanitation, hygiene, education, food and psychological support for children who were traumatised by previous conflicts. That work will need to be accelerated in the coming weeks and months and that is why your generous support for UNICEF's work is hugely appreciated at this stage.

With support like yours, UNICEF has been able to transport substantial amounts of humanitarian assistance through the Rafah border crossing into Gaza for distribution to those in need. From the outset, UNICEF's humanitarian aid ( including 11 Airlifts ) has been among the first deliveries which have passed through the Rafah border crossing as soon as it was opened. As I write to you, since before Christmas UNICEF has transported in hundreds of trucks of aid including :

- **Water** - Under the United Nations humanitarian system UNICEF is the designated lead responder for water in humanitarian crises. When I was in Gaza before the conflict arose, I visited a UNICEF sponsored water desalinisation plant just south of Gaza city which has the capacity to provide water for 450,000 people on a daily basis. Our supplies will help get that plant ( and 4 other water treatment plants ) up and running again. In the meantime, our water team has transported in 7.5 million litres of water for those living in United Nations shelters. In addition, over 300,000 water purification tablets have been delivered.
- **Hygiene Dignity Kits** - As you will be aware, at least 1.5 million people are now internally displaced within Gaza itself - many of which are in United Nations schools and shelters. The sanitation/hygiene conditions in those shelters are very poor and we are greatly concerned about the increase in waterborne diseases. This is now a very pressing problem. UNICEF has already brought in 250,000 Hygiene/Dignity kits. We are currently replenishing that stockpile.

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- **Tents and Blankets** – As winter approaches, temperatures drop dramatically in the region, and we are concerned about the lack of warmth for displaced children – particularly those living in UN shelters. Last week UNICEF delivered 70,000 blankets and 120,000 items of warm winter clothing for children.
- **Vaccines** - Vaccines are critical for all children, but especially those who are living in poor sanitation and hygiene conditions. On Christmas day, UNICEF transported 600,000 vaccines into Gaza which are currently being distributed to children in need.
- **Psychological Support** - A key part of UNICEF's response is to provide psychological support for children who have been deeply traumatised from seeing things that no child should ever see. Prior to the crisis we already had a strong psychological unit providing trauma therapy. Your support will enable that to be scaled up to meet a huge demand.

All these supplies will need to be replenished on an ongoing basis from our global supply depots. Inside Gaza, UNICEF has a committed team are working on the supply chain logistics to deliver the humanitarian assistance that I have outlined above to our various operational implementing partners on the ground for distribution.

Friends at Scoil Ghormáin Naofa, as you can see from above, this complex logistical supply operation involving airlifts, trucking and distribution is very costly and that is why your support today, along with the incredible support from the Irish people for UNICEF, will allow us to scale up our operations over the coming weeks. It will also allow us plan for the replenishment and delivery of further life-saving supplies. On behalf of our committed team inside Gaza as well as our logistical supply chain colleagues, please accept our huge gratitude for your support.

Unicef greatly appreciates this strong support from Scoil Ghormáin Naofa for our Emergency Response in Gaza.

Thank You.

*Peter*



**Peter Power**  
**Executive Director.**

A young girl watches on at what remains of her home. She, and many thousands more, will need vital humanitarian assistance over the coming weeks and months.

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Many thanks again for your generous support for Unicef's Emergency Humanitarian Response in Gaza.

I would invite you to scan the QR Code below to see a video message from Unicef's Head of Operations inside Gaza. It will provide you with a sense of the type of humanitarian assistance you are supporting.

Thank You again.

Peter



Message from Majed Altwal,  
Deputy Representative  
Operation State of Palestine



Message from Peter Power,  
Executive Director  
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