

Updated Briefing Report:

UAWC's "Stop Gaza Starvation" Campaign

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Introduction

Since October 7th, the Gaza Strip has been the epicenter of the Israeli genocide war. This term gravely underscores the intensity and the deliberate targeting of civilians in this genocide war. This war, unfolding over 80 days, has not only been marked by its brutality but also by its catastrophic human toll.

Unprecedented Human Loss and Suffering

The human cost of this genocide war is staggering. About 21,000 lives have been lost, a figure that starkly epitomizes the enormity of the tragedy. Injuries are widespread, with approximately 55,000 reported, cutting across all demographics and revealing the indiscriminate nature of the war. The anguish is deepened by the report of roughly 8,000 individuals who remain missing, leaving families in a state of desperate uncertainty.

Mass Displacement and Destruction

The war has triggered a massive displacement crisis, with over 1.9 million people forced to abandon their homes. This exodus has led to overcrowded shelters and dire living conditions, exacerbating the humanitarian crisis. Compounding this displacement, more than 80% of buildings and residences in Gaza have been obliterated or severely damaged. The destruction of essential infrastructure, including homes, schools, and hospitals, has stripped away the fundamental necessities for daily life.

Use of Starvation as a Weapon

A particularly alarming aspect of this Israeli genocide war is the use of starvation as a weapon, an approach that inflicts suffering on a massive scale and violates international humanitarian laws. The blockade and targeted destruction of food sources, agricultural areas, and water facilities have resulted in acute shortages of essential supplies. This strategy has placed hundreds of thousands of Palestinians at severe risk of starvation and malnutrition, a crisis with immediate and long-lasting health implications.

Campaign Overview

On October 24th, the Union of Agricultural Work Committees (UAWC) launched the critical "<u>Stop Gaza Starvation</u>" campaign, a response to the escalating food and resource crisis in Gaza and the West Bank. This initiative aims to alleviate the harsh conditions caused by the genocide, focusing on addressing acute food scarcity and the essential needs of those affected.



Distribution of hot meals to displaced families - labalia.

The campaign prioritizes humanitarian aid delivery, supplying food, water, and clothing to families severely impacted by the conflict, particularly targeting vulnerable groups like children, the elderly, and those requiring medical care. It also seeks to combat the long-term effects of war on food security and living conditions.

Strategically, the campaign concentrates its efforts in the most affected areas of the Gaza Strip and the West Bank. It overcomes logistical challenges and adapts to changing needs through robust collaboration and coordination with local and international organizations. This dynamic approach ensures the effective distribution of aid in this volatile environment, highlighting the campaign's commitment to resilience

and solidarity in addressing the dire humanitarian situation.

In essence, the "Stop Gaza Starvation" campaign stands as a beacon of hope, symbolizing the strength of collective action in the face of adversity and underscoring the enduring human spirit.

Campaign Achievements Summary

1. Gaza Strip Achievements

- The campaign has made significant moves in the Gaza Strip, reaching out to 38,500 families, which translates to approximately 231,000 individuals. This outreach has been crucial in providing necessities.
- The provision of drinking water has been a key aspect of the aid, considering the scarcity and importance of clean water in the conflict-ridden area.
- Food parcels have been distributed to address immediate hunger and nutritional needs.
- Additionally, clothing has been provided, which is particularly vital for those who have lost their homes and possessions in the conflict.
- Preparations are underway to support approximately 4,000 sheep farmers. This is a significant endeavor aimed at providing essential feed, crucial for maintaining the livelihoods of these farmers and the health of their livestock.

2. Efforts in the West Bank

 In the West Bank, the campaign has focused on aiding 188 families who have been forcibly displaced, a group particularly vulnerable due to their unstable living conditions.

Challenges of UAWC's "Stop Gaza Starvation" Campaign

The UAWC's campaign faces significant challenges in alleviating the humanitarian crisis in Gaza and the West Bank. Key among these is resource management in the face of scarcity and

surging prices, making the procurement and distribution of essentials like food, water, and medical aid increasingly difficult. Additionally, the logistics of delivering aid in a war zone are fraught with danger and unpredictability, requiring constant adaptation and resilience from the team to ensure the safety of both aid workers and recipients.



Distribution of food parcels - Khan Yunis - UAWC

Complicating matters further is the damage to

UAWC's infrastructure in Gaza. The destruction of offices and nurseries hampers operational capabilities, adding to the coordination and distribution challenges. Despite these hurdles, the campaign remains committed to its vital mission, showcasing remarkable resilience and dedication in the face of adversity.

Call for Support: The escalation of hostilities demands increased assistance. Both immediate relief and long-term recovery efforts are crucial. UAWC commits to transparency in its operations and extends gratitude to all supporters, urging continued assistance to sustain and expand aid programs.







