And it continues. Nine months have passed, and the Israeli occupation persists in bombing and committing massacres in Gaza with full impunity. The UN estimates that nine out of ten people in Gaza are currently internally displaced. Fuel shortages are critically impeding life-saving health services and the functioning of essential water and sanitation systems. The people in Gaza are enduring severe hardships, including inadequate water, unsafe shelters, and insufficient food aid, amid ongoing Israeli bombardment from the air, land, and sea. The latest assessments indicate that up until July 4, 2024, The Israeli occupation has at least killed 38,011 Palestinians and injured 87,445 in Gaza.

UAWC remains steadfast in its mission, striving to alleviate the misery and crisis faced by suffering families, even if only by a little. The "Stop Gaza Starvation" campaign is spearheading crucial efforts to meet the urgent needs of the people on the ground. The campaign has significantly expanded its reach across the entire Gaza Strip, delivering vital aid to a total of 629,569 individuals. Despite severe bombardments and logistical challenges, the campaign has successfully provided essential supplies to alleviate the suffering of the besieged population.
Despite the continuous direct targeting of humanitarian aid by the Israeli military, which exacerbates the crisis and violates international laws protecting civilians and aid workers, the UAWC remains steadfast in its mission. The blockade and the weaponization of starvation have made resources scarce and expensive. UAWC’s team and volunteers are determined to assist the affected families despite the perilous conditions also in efforts to ensure that its supporters’ contributions reach the target people and its supporters.

**Key achievements:**

1. Food Parcels: 48,702 parcels containing essential food items and vegetables, addressing immediate nutritional needs.
2. Hot Meals during Ramadan: 20,000 hot meals were distributed during the holy month, providing comfort and sustenance during iftar times.
3. Hygiene Kits: 13,000 kits with necessary hygiene and sanitary products, particularly important for maintaining health.
4. Children’s Clothing: 8,000 items, ensuring warmth for children amid harsh conditions.
5. Women’s Hygiene Bags: 424 bags containing essential health supplies for women.
6. Drinkable water: The campaign has successfully provided 10,500 cubic meters of water.
7. Tents: 25 tents provided to displaced families, offering shelter amidst ongoing heatwaves.
8. Mattresses and Blankets: 5,000 items, improving sleeping conditions and providing warmth.
9. Barley for Sheep: 2,909 shepherders received barley, crucial for sustaining their livestock and livelihoods.
10. Firewood: 25 tons, used for heating and cooking in the absence of gas.

**Overcoming challenges**

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In the upcoming period, the UAWC will focus on several critical needs to support people in Gaza, addressing both immediate and long-term challenges:

1- Providing Tents: Priority will be given to sheltering displaced families amidst ongoing heatwaves.
2- Ensuring Access to Drinkable Water: Rehabilitation of artesian wells, especially in the north, to provide vital drinking water.
3- Supporting Women and Children's Health Needs: Distribution of health supplies to address the needs of women and young girls.
4- Expanding Hot Meal Distribution: Increasing hot meal provisions, particularly in the famine-stricken northern regions, to meet immediate nutritional needs.
5- Clothing Distribution: Continuing and increasing clothing distribution to ensure adequate apparel for families and children.
6- Agricultural Support: Assisting farmers, especially in central and southern Gaza, to access lands and produce local food.
7- Rehabilitation of Sanitary Facilities: Improving sanitation in shelter centers to ensure dignity and reduce disease risk.

CALL TO ACTION

We urge all supporters and partners to continue their invaluable contributions to the "Stop Gaza Starvation" campaign. Your support is critical in ensuring that we can reach more families and provide the essential aid needed to alleviate their suffering.

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