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Middle East Humanitarian Crisis

RESPONSE AT A GLANCE



Supported delivery of **197,500 tons of aid** with over **17,000 truck crossings** into Gaza



Provided basic assistance, including water, hygiene kits, food, clothing, medication, psychosocial support, housing and accommodations through **61 service points**



Provided **167 metric tons of medical supplies**, including wound dressing kits, medicine and emergency medical sets



Enabled **emergency medical care** for some **30,000 people** in Gaza

Cumulative figures reflecting Red Cross and Red Crescent network-supported efforts, including services provided or supported by the ICRC and IFRC and affiliated national societies, as of April 7, 2024.

Supporting the Work of Red Cross and Red Crescent Network Partners to Provide Critical Aid

The attacks of October 7, 2023, and the subsequent six months of conflict between Israel and Hamas have brought unimaginable heartbreak and devastation. As hostilities continue, the American Red Cross mourns the thousands of lives lost, and we continue to support the work of the Red Cross and Red Crescent network to reunify families with loved ones who were taken hostage and to deliver critical humanitarian aid and essential medical services inside the conflict zone. The fact that innocent civilians continue to be held hostage is unacceptable and their safe release must remain a top priority.

Thanks to the generosity of our donors, the American Red Cross is providing millions of dollars to support the relief efforts of our Red Cross and Red Crescent network partners, including the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) and the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC). As of April 7, 2024, we had already provided or pledged \$15 million in funding for this vital relief work.

As one of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement's national societies, the American Red Cross continues to use its influence to implore all organizations and combatants in the region with the capacity, the influence and the remit to do whatever possible to deliver immediate relief for the innocent civilians, aid workers and emergency responders suffering from this humanitarian devastation.

Delivering essential relief to people affected by this conflict is a collective effort, and the American Red Cross is working in close collaboration with partners in the global Red Cross Movement to get help where it is needed most.

The ICRC is the lead Red Cross and Red Crescent entity within conflict zones, advocating for all parties to ensure that humanitarian law is followed during armed conflict and providing humanitarian protection and assistance for victims amid violence. To enable critical family reunification efforts and essential medical and health services in the conflict areas, the American Red Cross has pledged \$10 million to the ICRC, which will help remove financial obstacles that may impact their ability to provide humanitarian relief.

In Gaza, residents face a dire humanitarian situation, with water, food, fuel and medical supplies in extremely short supply. Additionally, the health system is nearing collapse due to the high demand for care from the sick and wounded, both in the north and south. The ICRC has deployed technical experts to assist medical caregivers and emergency responders, including a war surgery team and a weapons contamination specialist.

They have also provided medical shipments and other critical supplies to hospitals, such as war-wounded kits, fuel for generators and ambulances, surgical equipment, foldable beds, chlorine tablets for safe drinking water and mobility devices like crutches. The ICRC has also installed solar power systems at 12 school shelters to provide energy for water well pumps and desalination. Ongoing medical assistance is being provided at the European Gaza Hospital, with the addition of a nutrition program to help meet the needs of recovering patients.

Alongside funds provided or committed to the ICRC, we have pledged an additional \$5 million to the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies to support passage of critical relief supplies from Egypt into Gaza, as well as to help meet the urgent needs of evacuees arriving in Egypt, including health care services, water, shelter, sanitation, hygiene and logistics support.

Volunteers and staff from the Egyptian Red Crescent Society are playing a crucial role in moving supplies into Gaza at the Rafah border crossing, but it is not nearly enough for the over 2.2 million people in need. Delivering essential relief to people affected by this conflict is a collective effort, and the American Red Cross is working in close collaboration with partners in the global Red Cross Movement to get help where it is needed most.

Red Cross and Red Crescent teams from around the world are united in supporting people affected by this crisis. Magen David Adom (in Israel) and the Palestine Red Crescent Society (in Gaza) have been on the ground providing emergency assistance since the violence escalated, including health and ambulance services and other critical needs.

Sadly, many volunteers and employees working with Magen David Adom, the Palestine Red Crescent and the International Committee of the Red Cross have been killed during this conflict. The American Red Cross supports the heroic work of these dedicated humanitarians and grieves those who lost their lives while helping others. We stand firmly with the global Red Cross Movement in calling for civilians, medical workers, health facilities and aid workers to be protected.

Compassionate Donations Enable Essential Humanitarian Relief

Thanks to our compassionate donors, as of April 7, 2024, the American Red Cross had raised \$21.1 million to support relief for people affected by the humanitarian crisis in the Middle East resulting from the escalated conflict between Israel and Hamas. In the first six months of this response, the American Red Cross has spent approximately \$9.0 million to respond to the humanitarian needs generated by this crisis.

An additional \$10.5 million has already been pledged or is in process of being provided to support relief being provided by the Red Cross and Red Crescent network. As the response continues, we will program the remaining funds to assist with immediate and ongoing relief efforts through our Red Cross and Red Crescent network partners, including Magen David Adom and the Palestine Red Crescent Society.

Middle East Humanitarian Crisis Expenses and Commitments ¹ (in millions)				
as of April 7, 2024 (\$21.1 million raised)				
Expense Categories	Food, Shelter and Relief Items	Health	Total	Expense %
Grants to support financial assistance, food, medical and other relief items	\$1.6	\$6.4	\$8.0	89.2%
Full-time American Red Cross employees	—	\$0.1	\$0.1	0.8%
Total Program Expenses and Commitments	\$1.6	\$6.5	\$8.1	90.0%
Management, general and fundraising ²			\$0.9	10.0%
Total Spent and Committed			\$9.0	100%
Program dollars pledged, in process and remaining ³			\$10.9	
Management, general and fundraising remaining (to be applied)			\$1.2	
Total Budget			\$21.1	

¹ Dollar figures are rounded to the nearest \$100K; therefore, expenses \$49,999 and below are represented as —.

² Management, general and fundraising expenses support our work at its core and are indispensable to running the organization and helping people in need. They include the people and systems to maintain our enterprise-wide computer and telecommunications, HR and payroll systems to support our nearly 18,000 employees and more than 265,000 volunteers, fundraising and communications functions, and other support services across all program lines. Ninety cents of every dollar spent for the humanitarian crisis in the Middle East will support delivering care and comfort to help people affected by this conflict.

³ Includes \$10.5 million already pledged and in process to Red Cross and Red Crescent network partners, including the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), Magen David Adom and the Palestine Red Crescent Society.

Thank you!



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The American Red Cross responds to disasters and other crises around the world by mobilizing cash support, pre-positioning relief supplies, deploying disaster response experts and in some cases, implementing recovery and preparedness programs. The remarkable generosity of our supporters — individuals, corporations and foundations — drives our ability to provide relief to people in need and support our partners in the global Red Cross and Red Crescent network. We are grateful for your trust.