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January-June 2025

Action. Impact. Hope

### Gaza Relief Report



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The genocide in Gaza has reached critical levels, with ongoing Israeli Occupying Forces incursions and bombing causing widespread displacement, and a state-imposed blockade creating severe shortages of food, clean water, medical supplies, and virtually all other basic necessities. Families are struggling to fulfil basic needs and crumbling infrastructure has left vulnerable communities in dire need of assistance.

> At MAA, our efforts are driven by Islamic values of compassion and justice. We have been entrusted by our community to provide life-saving aid and advocate for change, driving groundbreaking work that makes a difference on a global level.

This report sheds light on our efforts over the past 6 months. We pray that we've fulfilled your amanah, making a critical difference to the lives of the people in Gaza, and we look forward to continuing to serve until a permanent ceasefire is reached and Gaza begins to rebuild inshaAllah.





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## How Are We Still Providing Relief Inside Gaza?

While the borders remain sealed and the Israeli-US controlled "Gaza Humanitarian Fund" restricts most international aid, MAA has been able to continue its work.

> Thanks to our longstanding relationships inside Gaza, we've been able to sustain a locally-led response, continuing to deliver fresh water, vegetables, lentils, beans, cooking oil, and even sewing machines to support livelihoods.

We've adapted: Even as meat and fish have become impossible to source after March 2025, we've kept nutrition a priority by pivoting to protein-rich staples.

And we will continue to do so, for as long as we can, until the last moment.





Level 10 Civilians in Gaza 61,709 in West Bank 905 Children in Gaza 17,400 in West Bank 181		<ul> <li><b>131,848</b></li> <li>People Injured</li> <li>Injured in Gaza 111,588</li> <li>Injured in West Bank 7,370</li> </ul>
Journalists Civi	<b>O+</b> I defence kers killed <b>2,000+</b> Healthcare professionals killed	<b>14,222</b> People missing
<b>92%</b> Housing units damaged	68% Cropland area damaged	<b>1.9 million</b> People displaced
<b>88%</b> School buildings damaged	<b>80%</b> Commercial facilities damaged	Hospitals partially functional

The Israeli genocide in Gaza has caused mass death, displacement, and destruction, leaving entire neighbourhoods in ruins, families torn apart, and essential services including the healthcare system on the brink of collapse. Recent studies have tried to paint a more accurate picture of the extent of the damage, with a respected journal citing the death toll as likely over 4x higher than reported.

Israeli state violence often extends to the West Bank, killing and wounding hundreds more.



# Our Response Emergency Relief

MAA has remained unwavering in its commitment to **delivering vital aid** to families in Gaza facing immense hardship. These targeted efforts have brought immediate relief to thousands, illustrating the transformative power of compassion and collective action, and serving as a reminder to the people of Gaza that we will never abandon them.

Together, we continue to provide relief, a reminder that we will never abandon the people of Gaza.

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### Summary of Our Recent Efforts

Total Gaza Efforts 2025 Ø January-June Distributions 1,070,805 BENEFICIARIES 1,950 30,111 WATER TRUCKS **FOOD PACKS MUSALLAHS** 910,200 Beneficiaries 150,555 Beneficiaries **3000** Beneficiaries 1000 61050 MEDICAL SUPPLIES **EID CLOTHING RUBBLE REMOVAL TRUCKS 1000+** Beneficiaries **1000** Beneficiaries 6,050 Beneficiaries



Case Studies





Ahmed GAZAN REFUGEE IN EGYPT

Ahmed is a determined young Palestinian man who graduated with a degree in general nursing from Al-Azhar University in Gaza. At the age of 21, he volunteered with emergency medical teams at the onset of the genocide in Gaza.

His humanitarian mission turned into a life-altering tragedy when a missile strike directly hit the rescue team as they attempted to save the wounded—many of whom were already dismembered. Most of Ahmed's colleagues were killed instantly.

The blast force threw him violently into the air before slamming him to the ground, where he lost consciousness and was unable to move.

Ahmed sustained a severe injury: the main axillary artery in his right shoulder was torn, he suffered damage to his brachial plexus (nerve cluster), and shrapnel was embedded in his shoulder area. Civilians and remaining medics rushed him to Al-Shifa Hospital, where he underwent an urgent, complex surgery. Doctors harvested a vein from his right leg to replace the severed artery. He remained hospitalised for six days.

After his release, Israeli forces dropped evacuation leaflets over Gaza City. Ahmed and his family were forced to flee. There, he endured worsening pain, especially in his right arm, which trembled uncontrollably due to nerve damage. Access to medical care was nearly impossible under the dire conditions.

By chance, Ahmed met a doctor volunteering at the shelter, who worked at Nasser Medical Complex in Khan Younis. The doctor helped secure a medical referral for Ahmed to receive treatment in Egypt.

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Ahmed arrived in Egypt on November 27, 2023, where he began a series of medical examinations, surgeries, and physical therapy. It was later discovered that his right arm also had a blood clot. Multiple operations were performed to remove shrapnel and repair nerve damage. His recovery is ongoing, and he continues to receive physiotherapy in Cairo.

How we were able to support Ahmed:

While in Cairo, Ahmed was one of the beneficiaries of MAA's Qurban Meat Distribution Project during Eid al-Adha 2025. This support brought some relief and dignity during a particularly difficult time, helping him meet essential needs while continuing to undergo treatment.

"I need your continued support to carry on with my life and complete my medical care," Ahmed says, summarising his resilience and his hope for healing and a better future.





### Beyond the Borders: Our Advocacy & More



At MAA, we believe we have a duty to fight injustice at every level, big and small. Over the last 6 months, our focus has been to build strategic partnerships with organisations leading the charge for justice, particularly in response to the genocide in Gaza. **Together, our actions have helped shape national conversations, mobilise communities, build collective power, and strengthen the broader movement for change.** 

- We published full-page ads in major national and global newspapers from Sydney Morning Herald to Guardian UK, **reaching millions** to amplify Palestinian voices and shift media narratives.
- We've engaged with political leaders at the highest levels, including two critical letters to the Foreign Minister's Office **urging a stronger response** on a permanent ceasefire and allowing aid in Gaza to raise awareness and influence policy.
- Collaborating **with over 40 civil society and grassroots groups** to spearhead powerful campaigns, from the Palestinian humanitarian convoy to the historic Palestine Convergence on Parliament.
- We held a number of workshops and educational events on social justice issues including Gaza **to empower advocates** and community members.
- We're worked with Australia Palestine Advocacy Network to train **dozens of youth** in activism and support urgent political and media campaigns.
- Rapid response to critical events such as the broken ceasefire and Nakba as they've happened to keep our community informed, raise awareness and challenge negative discourse.

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**17,890,000+** People Reached



990%Overall increase in content interactions







Global

Collaborative partnerships are at the core of our mission, as they help us amplify the reach and impact of our efforts. Last year, we strategically partnered with an organisation whose work was cited in the International Court of Justice case on Gaza, and that eventually resulted in the International Criminal Court's arrest warrant for Netanyahu. These are the kind of groundbreaking partnerships and work we are committed to continuing in 2025 and beyond.

#### Local

We are supporting and strengthening local organisations that are driving the conversation, engaging with media, hosting educational events, and championing advocacy that raised awareness and empowered members to support our call for increased aid to Gaza. Together, these efforts have amplified the collective voice for justice and strengthened the movement for meaningful change.





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#### **January** 2024



#### **Emergency Winter Appeal**

On January 10th 2024, team MAA dispatched a massive convoy of ten trucks to Gaza, full of winter essentials, family food packs, and hygiene kits.

720 WINTER KITS	120 HOT MEALS
22 PALLETS OF MEDICINE	7920 FOOD AND WATER PACKS

#### February **Ramadan Advocacy**

- April Through Ramadan and beyond, we engaged in powerful online and offline advocacy efforts, empowering local and global partners, and educating and helping to organise the local community. 2024

April 2024



#### **Medical Aid Mission**

On April 12th, Dr Aziz Bhimani, an MAA board member, entered Gaza as part of a team providing urgent medical aid amidst the ongoing conflict.

#### **Ramadan Food Packs**

On the 25th-27th of Ramadan, MAA sent vital food parcels for displaced Gaza people in Rafah and Khan Younis



May 2024



#### **Emergency Food Packs**

MAA distributed 1,055 Food Packs and 1,155 Hygiene Packs in Khan Younis and North Rafah.

**June** 2024 **Qurban and Emergency** Vegetable Pack



### **1000 VEGETABLE** PARCELS

We managed to share Qurban for Gaza Refugees in Egypt and Emergency Vegetable pack for displaced Gaza people in Gaza





**July 2024 The Last Sky Movie Screening** 

> In May, we screened The Last Sky - an important, locallyproduced documentary that brought fresh perspectives on the resilience of Gaza.





108,000 PEOPLE REACHED October

#### 2024

#### **Month of Advocacy**

On the first anniversary of the onset of the crisis, the Month of Advocacy engaged global audiences through campaigns, stories, and events to rally support for Gaza.

On October 8th, MAA hosted "365 Days: Resilience, **Resistance & Revolution**," with a lineup of brilliant speakers and activists—Basma Kahil, Ramia Abdo Sultan, and Anisa Khan-the event highlighted the strength, unity, and unwavering determination that we need to cultivate for Gaza.



The campaign included the distribution of educational materials on socials & website



#### November 2024

#### **Emergency Aid**



• Gaza Refugees in Egypt

After assessing the needs of beneficiaries collaboratively, we identified that a primary need was household items such as bedding and whitegoods, which we promptly supplied.



750 BENEFICIARIES 250 MEDICINE 200 PHYSICAL EXAMINATION GROCERIES VOUCHER 150 10 SURGERIES

#### **Emergency Aid**

North Gaza, Central Gaza, South Gaza



In November, we had a breakthrough in Aid distribution, signing off on a large scale of food, health and other projects, while the blockade was at its strictest.









Medical Checkup

**Daily Bread** 

Winter Clothes

#### December 2024

#### **Ongoing Emergency Aid & Tents**

North Gaza, Central Gaza, South Gaza

We were able to maintain the momentum this month, with the delivery of 1200 tents into Gaza. This was the first distribution of it's kind from any NGO in many, many months.

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2025

#### Food & Hygiene Trucks Entering into Gaza



7 Hygiene & 3 Food trucks entered Gaza at a time where it was very difficult to do so. We were able to work with our partners to find routes into Gaza that allowed safe passage and to ensure families in Gaza received what they needed most!



Medical Check Up



March 2025

#### **Ramadan in Gaza**



During Ramadan, our team worked to ensure families could break their fasts and fulfil their obligations by providing Iftar meals.

MAA also provided 10 Musallahs each holding 300 people! Some other products that were distributed were:

- Water
- Eid clothing •
- Scrub suits & Gowns & Lab coats & Bed sheets

This was only possible through the generosity of our donors.

#### April 2025

May 2025

June

2025

#### **Ramadan Sisters Gaza Iftar**



We held an lftar for sisters to bring the community together and create brand awareness but also to educate. We had the esteemed Dr Bushra Othman, healthcare worker and Gaza volunteer as our quest speaker where she emphasised the importance of advocacy.

#### LaunchGood Campaign

We expanded our fundraising efforts on LaunchGood by collaborating with influencers and community groups for the first time. This approach helped us tap into new audiences and build community momentum, resulting in a total of \$26,564 raised.

#### **Hot Meal Prep & Distribution**

<u>46,661</u> BENEFICIARIES In May, our team was still working hard to ensure donations were being distributed and helping children and their families.



In May we also partnered with Amnesty International to help us amplify the reach and impact of our efforts. They published an article which was shared to many newspapers from The Sydney Morning Herald to The Canberra Times.

#### **Hot Meals in Gaza**

84,580 BENEFICIARIES

We were able to maintain the momentum this month, and continued to provide those who need hot meals the most!







Silent Auction Items

Help Gaza Rise \$25,584 375 LaunchGood

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Hot Meal Prep Distribution











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## What's Happening Next:

Through our trusted local partners, we will continue to deliver as **Continued Relief:** we have been. Over the next six months, we are preparing to scale our impact even further: Providing 1,000-2,000 hot meals and 200,000 litres of clean water, and blood bags - every single day.

Strategic sector collaboration: We've partnered with organisations to mobilise communities and advocates during Parliamentary sitting week this month. We'll be honouring the lives lost during the genocide and amplifying pressure for political action on Gaza through a moving 24-hour Gaza Vigil, featuring prominent activists, artists, journalists, and

health care workers.

## Deepening critical partnerships:

We'll continue to invest in long-term collaborations that combine legal advocacy, policy influence, and grassroots organising, strengthening our collective voice and a united front for justice.

## Community events with global voices:

We're hosting powerful events featuring respected international speakers to educate, uplift, and empower our communities on issues like Gaza and beyond.

## Research and policy influence:

We're developing targeted research and position papers to guide our work and push for tangible policy change, including ongoing calls for an immediate and permanent ceasefire and unhindered humanitarian access.

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Your contributions have made this possible. Together, we can continue making a lasting impact.

Thankyou \*

The achievements outlined in this report are a testament to your generosity and commitment during the last 6 months and beyond. Every meal provided, every life touched, and every moment of relief delivered has been made possible by your unwavering support.

Your contributions have been the driving force behind ensuring families in Gaza receive the care and assistance they desperately need.

As we continue forward, your ongoing support remains essential in creating lasting change and bringing hope to those in the greatest need.

Together, we can make a profound difference where it is needed most.



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