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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

May the Lord give you peace!

Your untiring support and steadfast charity are once again at the center of our gratitude and joy.

Two years ago, the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem appealed to you for help due to the waves of hatred and discord that have fallen on the Holy Land. For the second consecutive year you have responded with a sea of generosity.

“...am I my brother’s keeper?” (Gn. 4:9)

Tens of thousands of people of different faiths have been reached by your support. The lives of many, young and old, have been literally saved by your care and attention to the sufferings of the innocent.

The time has come again to publish a detailed report of the help received, of funds spent and earmarked to date, and of the projected needs for the upcoming time.

The attached report shows where the aid has been and shall be disbursed.

It specifies what types of initiatives have begun and what other initiatives are planned.

It describes the significant changes that have affected each region in the past year.

Finally, it gives direction to future efforts that we wish to make as we strive to maintain hope alive by trusting God, trusting others and by being trustworthy.

In this time, as Church we have experienced that when we trust one another our eyes are opened to see reality in a constructive manner. Instead, when there is no trust, our eyes become closed and we lose our sense of perspective. Trust also generates respect for the dignity of every human being. This trust is what we have tried to protect, encourage and rebuild especially where tragedies have made us aware that we are not only to care for, but also to *be like* the little ones of the Gospel.

Though few in number and with limited resources, we have hope in the words of Christ which have been our guiding light in times of darkness: *“See to it that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I tell you that their angels in heaven constantly see the face of my Father who is in heaven”* (Mt. 18,10).

Dear Brothers and Sisters, be assured of our gratitude!

May the motherly intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary support each of us as we continue to hear the Word and to make room for God and others in our daily lives.

In Christ,

+ PIERBATTISTA CARD. PIZZABALLA

Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem

TOTAL AID RECEIVED: US \$12.49 M

\$4.58 M from last year + \$7.9 M from November 2024 – October 2025

Aid allocated to the West Bank & Jerusalem: US \$5.79 M

Aid allocated to Gaza US \$6.7 M



Aid distribution, August 2025



BENEFICIARIES

Total for all regions: 200.000 people

FOOD RELIEF
CASH ASSISTANCE
MEDICAL AID
EDUCATION
JOB CREATION
HOUSING SUPPORT
MIGRANTS' SUPPORT
OTHER



The second year of the war proved to be much more difficult than the first. In Gaza the number of those killed reached 70,000 and those injured 170,000 with around 70% being women and children. The destruction level surpassed all previous wars with most of Gaza's structures and infrastructure completely destroyed leaving most of its inhabitants internally displaced, living on the streets without a proper support mechanism like you would expect in wars. On the West Bank, settler violence, settlement expansion and land confiscation along with hundreds of physical barriers and checkpoints turned each Palestinian city, town and village into a small prison. This was complicated further by the ever-increasing unemployment that reached record levels due to the collapse of the pilgrimage and tourism sector – being the life supply of most Christian families – and the revocation of most work permits in Israel. Moving around the West Bank freely and safely has become a nightmare for most Palestinians. These difficult developments did not slow us down but made us more determined to increase our support and diversify it to reach those who are suffering and most in need. This was certainly made possible with the continued generous support we received from all corners of the world, in most instances without asking!

In Gaza, despite the suspension of all humanitarian supplies for several months, we consistently found ways to get shipments in not only to relieve the members of the Christian community, but to be that beacon of hope to all the suffering population in the north providing aid to hundreds of thousands of desperate refugees who have nothing. We were able to reach a peak of over 300 tons of supplies in June 2025. In addition to the humanitarian supplies, we were able to provide shelter, food, water, medical supplies, and personal items to the members of the Christian community who took refuge at the two church complexes. The greatest contribution is nonmaterial being the continuation of the educational process for around 180 children, not to mention the spiritual accompaniment of the three priests and six nuns in residence at the parish grounds, who tried to make life as normal as possible at great personal sacrifices. They are certainly our heroes in Gaza.

On the West Bank, we needed to intensify our support and diversify it and reach people in their own locations given the travel difficulties. The support ranged from food vouchers, cash distributions, tuition support, medical support, utility bills and rental support, baby basics and seniors support benefiting tens of thousands. Special attention was given to programs that provided employment opportunities, training, and income generation possibilities. Hundreds -if not thousands – of jobs were created ranging from project implementation for a few weeks to internships lasting several months up to one year. All our projects were turned to job creation projects to provide jobs to people who lost their employment, bringing a dignified income to so many.

Of special mention is the initiative of His Beatitude Cardinal Pizzaballa to forgive all old debts accumulated on most of our 19,000 students studying at the 44 Latin Patriarchate schools in the spirit of the Jubilee Year. The total waived was in the millions of dollars which brought great relief and appreciation to so many suffering families. We did not ask for or expect external funds to come to cover this large expense. It was His Beatitude's way to say that we need to make sacrifices in our own budget to match the great generosity of our donors and collectively relieve the suffering of the population. Charity starts at home. His Beatitude has taught all of us the true meaning of leading by example and giving before asking others to give!

As the ceasefire takes hold, the needs will change but will not go away. It will be a long time before Gaza and the West Bank recover from the painful experiences of the past two years. As we take this opportunity to brief you on our work, we also encourage your continued generosity and support, without which our work would have been impossible. On behalf of every beneficiary, we extend our gratitude for your incredible generosity. You will be blessed abundantly for standing by your suffering brothers and sisters in the Holy Land. More importantly, never underestimate the power of prayer. Please keep us all in your prayers.

SAMI EL-YOUSEF
Chief Executive Officer

AID TO GAZA



Distribution of food packages in Gaza, January 2025

MASS DISPLACEMENT IN GAZA CITY

The return of the city's residents during 2025 brought the population back to circa 1 million



Gaza City, Summer 2025

THE HOLY FAMILY PARISH IN GAZA CITY

Christian residents dropped from 700 to 650

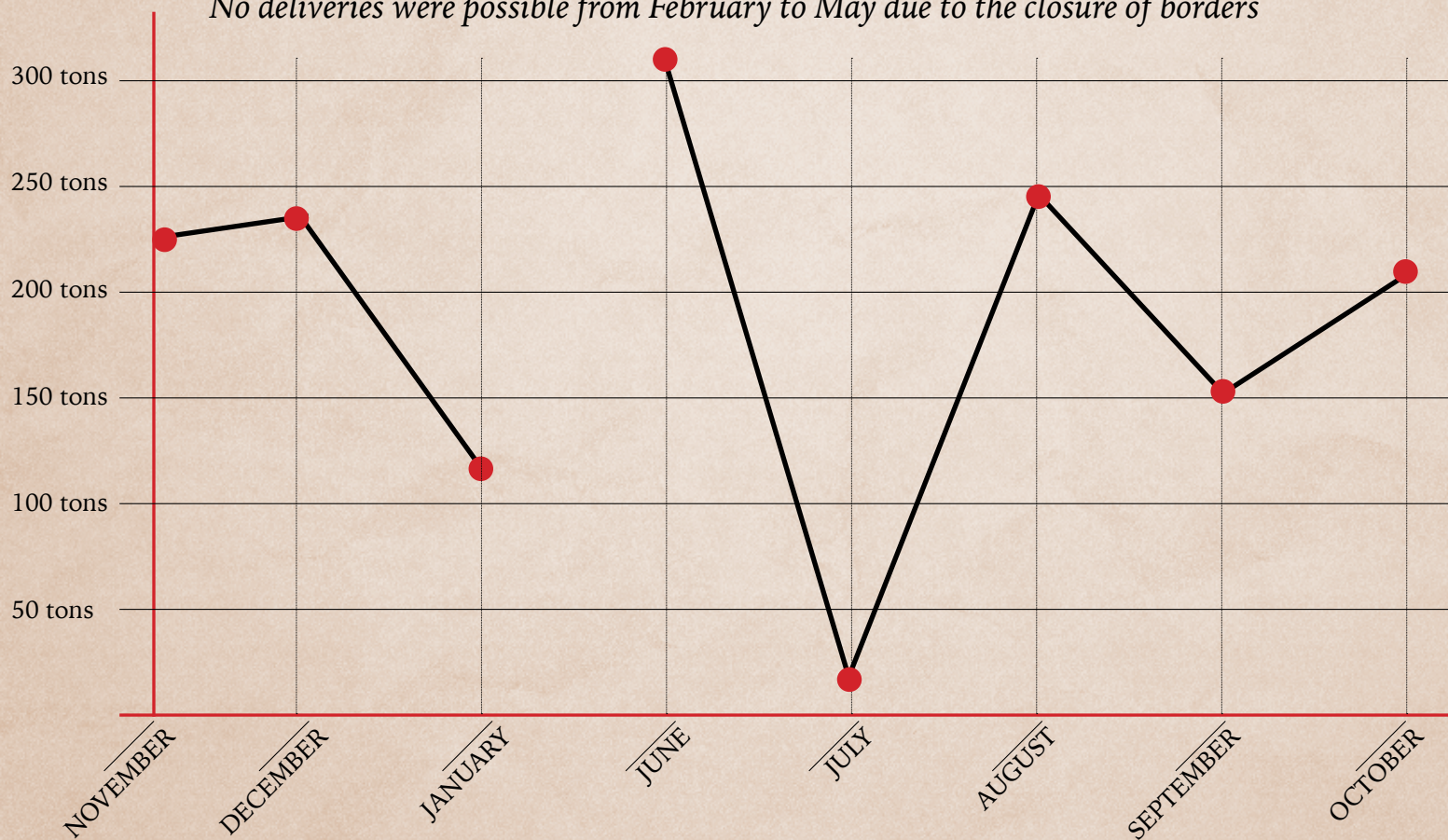


H.B. Pierbattista Card. Pizzaballa praying with the children



Overview of food distribution in Gaza, November 2024 – October 2025

No deliveries were possible from February to May due to the closure of borders



The Latin Patriarchate
was able to deliver
over 1,500 tons of aid
in the period
Nov. 2024–Oct. 2025
through the
distribution center
in Gaza City



The distribution center





Children of the Holy Family Parish



Readapting the kitchen for educational purposes

*Visit of H. B. Pierbattista Card. Pizzaballa
to the Holy Family Parish in Gaza
December 19th – 22nd, 2024*

In December 2024, His Beatitude returned to Gaza in preparation for Christmas and to share the sorrows and joys of the community of the Holy Family Church.

The celebration of the Sacraments brought consolation to the flock gathered around the shepherd. The children and the families were encouraged to look at the future with steadfast faith following the example of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, who, according to local tradition, passed through Gaza as they made their way to Egypt.



First Holy Communion and Confirmation in Gaza



Preparing the hosts for Christmas Mass

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

“Bear one another’s burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.” (Galatians 6:2)

Sustaining Hope – Upholding Dignity Under Fire

The Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem, His Beatitude Cardinal Pierbattista Pizzaballa, launched the LPJ Emergency Appeal 2023 to meet the unprecedented humanitarian crisis affecting the Holy Land. This report reflects the rapid, comprehensive, and dignity-centered interventions across Gaza, the West Bank, East Jerusalem, and among displaced migrant communities, demonstrating the Church’s solid commitment to serve the most vulnerable and marginalized people in the region.

The escalating conflict since October 7th has triggered a disaster of devastating scale: massive killing of innocent civilians, substantial unemployment rates, widespread displacement, deteriorated health and nutrition conditions, severe restrictions on essential resources like food, water, and healthcare in addition to major mobility restrictions and a denied access to livelihoods. In this context of extreme deterioration, the LPJ did not step back, rather, guided by its solid mandate and persistent Christian social teaching stepped up, translating faith into coordinated action to preserve life and maintain community cohesion.

Our interventions were designed to provide both immediate survival aid and critical long-term stability, ensuring continuity of life, health, and education even amid chaos.

Lifeline in Gaza: The Holy Family Church Hub

In one of the most challenging operational environments on earth, the Church of the Holy Family in Gaza transformed into a enormous humanitarian hub. This single, steadfast institution served as a true lifeline, integrating spiritual strength with practical support:

- **Massive Food Response:** The LPJ provided over 1.2 million meals to displaced individuals within the parish compound and surrounding communities, working actively to sustain an estimated 10% of Northern Gaza’s population with essential necessities.



- **Infrastructure of Survival:** Fully functioning systems, including an on-site bakery, a medical clinic, water wells, solar power, and dedicated laundry facilities, creating the very infrastructure required for hundreds of residents to survive with dignity, were established.
- **Dignity Through Work:** Recognizing that stability is essential, the employment program grew to 200 critical positions by 2025, providing income and restoring purpose to families whose livelihoods had vanished.
- **Education Preserved:** Formal educational programs were established, staffed by 48 Christian and Muslim teachers, providing accredited schooling to traumatized children and safeguarding their academic path.

Stability Across the West Bank and East Jerusalem

In the West Bank and East Jerusalem, where economic blockades and political volatility destroyed livelihoods, LPJ's support focused on preventing the collapse of families and community infrastructure. We distributed 5,600 food vouchers, which provided critical nutrition to struggling households and helped sustain local Christian businesses impacted by economic decline. Essential stability was ensured through medical and educational support: our healthcare initiatives assisted over 2,000 individuals, guaranteeing access to vital procedures and chronic medications. Simultaneously, we preserved the future for 5,000 students across the region through comprehensive tuition and scholarship aid. To combat unemployment, we created over 4,000 employment opportunities through cash-for-work programs and subsidized internships. Furthermore, our housing program provided rental and utility support to more than 4,000 families (approximately 20,000 individuals), serving as a critical safeguard against homelessness. Finally, targeted assistance reached the most fragile populations, including specialized Baby Basics support for over 3,000 infants and critical Winterization aid (heaters, clothing, blankets) for over 6,000 individuals.





The Patriarch visits the damaged chapel



*Poignant Moment with His Beatitude
during His December 2024 Visit*







His Beatitude with one flame, offers many prayers

AID TO JERUSALEM AND THE WEST BANK



*Distribution of aid
to Jerusalem and
the West Bank*

MEDICAL AID



EDUCATION



“Let the children come to me”

(Mt. 19,14)



Distribution of toys to children

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

LPJ'S EMERGENCY INTERVENTIONS

West Bank and East Jerusalem

FOOD COUPONS

Throughout Jerusalem and the West Bank, food coupons have provided critical support to struggling families. These coupons enable households to access essential groceries and supplies, helping them maintain adequate nutrition during difficult circumstances. Through our collaboration with neighborhood grocery stores, we have simultaneously supported vulnerable families while helping preserve local businesses impacted by economic decline. In the past 12 months, around 5,600 food vouchers to Christian households in East Jerusalem and the West Bank have been distributed.

MEDICAL AID

The LPJ medical assistance program has provided essential care to over 2,000 individuals in 2025 impacted by the current crisis. Throughout the West Bank, where many families lack health insurance coverage, our healthcare support initiative has enabled access to vital medical procedures and treatments that would otherwise remain out of



reach. This program has proven especially important for individuals managing chronic conditions, ensuring uninterrupted access to necessary medications and medical procedures despite significant financial strain.

EDUCATION SUPPORT

During this ongoing crisis, educational assistance has become a fundamental source of stability and hope, reaching 5,000 students throughout Jerusalem, the West Bank and Jordan. Our multifaceted educational program addresses three essential areas to preserve educational continuity and academic progress: (1) Our scholarship initiative enables young people to access higher education opportunities. This investment develops skilled professionals who will contribute to future community development and rebuilding efforts. (2) The tuition assistance program has prevented financial obstacles from forcing families to remove children from school. By covering these costs, we have preserved academic continuity for thousands of students, providing essential stability during uncertain times. This educational consistency supports children's mental health through structured routines and sustained social connections. (3) Our distribution of school supplies addresses a fundamental need by providing students with necessary learning materials, from textbooks to basic stationery. This support alleviates substantial financial burden from families facing multiple economic pressures, ensuring no child's education suffers due to inadequate resources. These three integrated components create a comprehensive support system for 5,000 students, safeguarding their educational trajectory and future opportunities. This program reflects our dedication to protecting education as both a fundamental right and a strategic investment in regional recovery.



JOB CREATION

Understanding that steady income is essential for enduring stability, our employment initiatives have concentrated on developing meaningful work opportunities within local communities over the past 12 months. Our approach includes directly employing skilled workers in LPJ construction and renovation projects through cash-for-work programs, enabling local laborers to contribute to community-benefiting projects while earning income. Rather than hiring single contractors, we distribute work among community



members, expanding economic benefits to more families. We have also partnered with local businesses and institutions to create positions and internship opportunities for unemployed individuals, particularly those with specialized skills. By supplementing salaries or funding internships, we strengthen both institutional capacity and individual professional development. Through over 4,000 employment opportunities created in 12 months, we are establishing economic stability that addresses immediate needs while fostering long-term community growth.

HOUSING

Our housing stability program combines rental assistance with utility payment support, ensuring families can retain their homes while maintaining essential services. This integrated approach serves as a vital safeguard against homelessness and helps preserve family dignity during crisis periods. By addressing both housing costs and utilities, families can prioritize other critical needs. More than 4,000 families (approximately 20,000 individuals) have received assistance through this program.

BABY BASICS

This targeted program addresses the specific needs of infants and young children by providing essential care items—including diapers, formula, appropriate clothing, and blankets—that are often costly to obtain during crises. The program ensures consistent access to supplies that support healthy infant development during critical early stages. This focused assistance reduces family financial pressure while promoting proper infant care. Over the past 12 months, more than 3,000 babies across the West Bank and Jerusalem have received support.



WINTERIZATION

This seasonal program protects vulnerable populations from severe winter weather through distribution of warm clothing, and foot wear, blankets, and heaters. The initiative addresses heightened cold-weather risks, particularly for conflict-affected individuals, through comprehensive winter preparedness measures that help prevent cold-related health issues and ensure comfort during harsh months. Over the past 12 months, more than 6,000 individuals across all affected regions have received concrete support.

SUPPORT OF MIGRANTS AND ASYLUM SEEKERS



The migrants celebrating at the Notre Dame through music and song

The LPJ has undertaken a vital mission in aiding Christian migrant households forced to relocate due to the continuing hostilities in Israel's northern and southern regions. Understanding the profound difficulties confronting these at-risk communities, LPJ has established assistance measures focusing on two essential requirements: housing and food security. Through focused rental aid, LPJ has helped uprooted families obtain secure accommodation in safer areas, delivering much-needed stability and safety amid the ongoing conflict. Alongside this residential support, LPJ has developed a program guaranteeing these relocated households' consistent access to wholesome meals. This integrated strategy meets the urgent material needs of those compelled to abandon their residences and offers compassionate support during a time marked by instability and psychological strain, reflecting a dedication to upholding human dignity throughout the crisis.



Also children and adults celebrating

Visit of H. B. Pierbattista Card. Pizzaballa to the Holy Family Parish in Gaza July 18th – 20th, 2025

On July 18th, His Beatitude Pierbattista Card. Pizzaballa visited the Latin Holy Family Parish in Gaza in the wake of a devastating strike that claimed three lives and left many others wounded. Joining him was His Beatitude Theophilos III, the Greek Orthodox Patriarch of Jerusalem. The visit was not made in a political or diplomatic capacity, but as pastors standing with their people. Their message resonated with firm clarity:



***“The Church
and the entire Christian community
will never abandon you.”***

During their time in Gaza, the delegation met with members of the local Christian community, extending condolences and expressing solidarity with those impacted by the recent tragedy. Cardinal Pizzaballa personally evaluated the humanitarian and pastoral needs facing the community, ensuring the Church’s response would be both immediate and sustained.

Working at the request of the Latin Patriarchate and in partnership with humanitarian organizations, the delegation coordinated the delivery of critical aid—not only to the Christian community but to as many families as possible throughout Gaza. This assistance included hundreds of tons of food supplies, first aid kits, and urgently needed medical equipment. The Latin Patriarchate also arranged for the medical evacuation of individuals wounded in the attack, ensuring they would receive proper care at facilities outside Gaza.

Cardinal Pizzaballa has maintained a longstanding commitment to visiting the Holy Family Parish twice annually, yet this particular visit took on extraordinary significance. He spent three days immersed in the life of the parish community, attentively addressing both their spiritual and material needs. With deep pastoral compassion, he listened to the stories, fears, and hopes of his parishioners.

Throughout his stay, he led the faithful in prayer, celebrated daily Mass, and offered consolation to grieving families and the wounded. He visited the Orthodox Church and the Caritas center, and personally inspected the damage sustained by the parish buildings and school facilities, ensuring a complete understanding of what would be required for recovery and continued service.



G A Z A



The Church of the Holy Family in Gaza

During one of the most devastating periods in Gaza's history, the Church of the Holy Family transformed from a place of worship into a lifeline for survival. Thanks to the generosity of donors worldwide and the steadfast commitment of the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem, this parish church became an emergency shelter, medical clinic, school, bakery, and distribution center all at once. While providing spiritual strength to help people endure unimaginable hardship, the church simultaneously delivered the practical support that kept families alive and preserved their fundamental dignity. Through wide-ranging programs spanning shelter, food, healthcare, education, jobs, and community solidarity, the church proved that faith and coordinated action can bridge the gap between spiritual values and humanitarian need, demonstrating that compassion can prevail even amid the devastation of war.



Creating safety and structure amid Chaos

When traditional options for safety disappeared, the church opened its doors wide. But managing hundreds of displaced people requires more than good intentions—it demands organization and infrastructure. Six specialized emergency committees took shape, each handling critical aspects of operations: daily management and coordination, warehouse and supply logistics, meal planning and food preparation, power and electrical systems, facility maintenance, and relations with the outside world.

The church grounds underwent a remarkable transformation. A broad warehouse system stored and distributed food, bedding, and essential supplies. A fully functioning kitchen



prepared regular meals while an on-site bakery, complete with gas ovens and traditional wood-burning alternatives, produced fresh bread daily, offering not just sustenance but a powerful symbol of resilience. A poultry farm provided eggs for residents and elderly community members. The church drilled its own water well, installed storage tanks throughout the property, and built dedicated washing stations and laundry facilities that conserved water while reducing the physical burden on women. Solar panels with battery storage kept lights on and essential equipment running, particularly crucial for elderly residents and medical needs. A medical clinic and pharmacy operated on-site, ensuring continuous healthcare access despite widespread shortages. Security cameras protected residents and assets. Internet networks kept people connected to information and distant family members. Make-shift classrooms allowed children to continue their education, and a specialized distribution center extended aid far beyond the church walls, also serving communities in the neighboring areas surrounding the church.

Preserving dignity through work

The LPJ understands something fundamental: meaningful work during crisis isn't just about earning money but also it's about maintaining purpose, dignity, and hope. The employment program which was established in the Holy Family Church in Gaza, grew from 15 positions at the beginning of 2024 to 200 by 2025, creating jobs that had never existed before. Security personnel, water system operators, laundry technicians, kitchen and bakery staff, agricultural workers managing the poultry operation, program coordinators for children's activities, maintenance crews; each position addressed real operational needs while providing income to families whose livelihoods had vanished. The program even extended to support the Sisters of Charity shelter, creating positions for both church residents and community members caring for children, elderly individuals, and persons with disabilities.

Keeping education alive

For children caught in crisis, school represents more than academics, it is about routine, safety, friendship, and belief in a future beyond today's



chaos. Working with the Ministry of Education, the LPJ established formal educational programs providing displaced Christian students with accredited schooling that would be officially recognized. Forty-eight qualified teachers, both Christian and Muslim educators from various institutions, staffed the program, demonstrating interfaith cooperation while providing critical income for professional families. The classrooms offered structure that promoted psychological stability, safe spaces for peer interaction, and a powerful message to traumatized children: your future still matters.

Healthcare when hospitals are overwhelmed

Throughout two years of conflict, the health committee never stopped operating. The clinic and pharmacy provided continuous primary care: examinations, consultations, and medications for both shelter residents and surrounding community members. When hospital systems were overwhelmed or damaged, when transportation to medical facilities became dangerous or impossible, when pharmaceutical supplies ran desperately short, the church clinic remained open. For elderly residents and people with chronic conditions requiring ongoing medication and monitoring, this integrated healthcare access was life-sustaining.



ENDURANCE AGAINST EXTRAORDINARY ODDS

Operating under these conditions meant confronting constant security threats, severe resource scarcity, damaged infrastructure, coordination complexity across multiple programs, and relentless psychological stress on everyone involved: staff, residents, and aid recipients alike. Yet the church sustained its operations month after month, year after year, through the remarkable commitment of its leadership, staff, and volunteers.

Challenges and constraints

The operational context in Gaza involved severe challenges, mainly:

- **Security threats** were constant and unpredictable, demanding relentless vigilance and ever-evolving safety protocols.
- **Organized looting** became a devastating reality, as mobs attacked aid convoys, stealing desperately needed supplies before they could reach those waiting for them.
- **Closure of border crossings** themselves became choke points of suffering. Closures lasting days or weeks meant aid sat trapped while people went without. When shipments finally arrived, fresh fruits and vegetables had often rotted in the heat, turning lifesaving supplies into worthless waste.
- **Severe scarcity of everything:** food, water, fuel, medical supplies, building materials forced staff into constant problem-solving mode, finding creative workarounds and implementing strict rationing that never felt adequate.
- **Damaged infrastructure** meant that nothing could be taken for granted: backup systems needed backups, and maintenance became a full-time battle against deterioration.



- **The psychological toll** weighed on everyone. Staff members were themselves living through trauma while serving others in crisis. Residents carried the weight of displacement, loss, and uncertainty. Beneficiaries arriving for aid brought stories of unbearable hardship. Sustaining compassion, hope, and operational effectiveness under such relentless emotional strain required reserves of resilience that seemed impossible to maintain; yet somehow, they did.

Lessons learned

This experience offers valuable insights for humanitarian actors:

- **Faith-based institutions** possess unique advantages including community trust, physical infrastructure, moral authority, and sustained commitment
- **Comprehensive service integration** addressing multiple needs simultaneously proves more effective than fragmented sectoral approaches
- **Investment in infrastructure and systems** enables sustained operations beyond immediate emergency response
- **Dignity-centered programming** addressing psychological and social needs alongside material assistance supports resilience and recovery
- **Collaborative partnerships** leveraging diverse institutional strengths multiplies impact.



HUMAN IMPACT STORIES

- **Ramzi**, a 46-year-old father of seven, has been unemployed since the outbreak of the war. With no source of income, his family faces daily hardships of hunger and repeated evacuations. He expressed deep gratitude for the food package he received through our Church, noting that it was the first assistance he had received in months. He highlighted his appreciation for the inclusion of fruits such as pineapple and apples, items that are either restricted from entering Gaza or sold at unaffordable prices in the local market, making it impossible for him to provide them for his children.
- **Ahmad**, a father of eight children, is also enduring extremely difficult conditions marked by unemployment and food insecurity. He expressed heartfelt appreciation for the package he received, emphasizing that its contents and quantity were sufficient to meet the needs of his large family. He was particularly relieved and pleased to receive this support without having to bear any financial burden.
- **Evan**, is a 20-year-old young man, grew up at the Magnificat School for music. After losing his father during the COVID-19 pandemic, his mother became the sole breadwinner for the family, which has been facing very difficult economic conditions. Despite these challenges, Evan continued to live with his mother and sister, carrying a deep passion for music. After graduating, he decided not to give up on his dream, but to turn it into a profession. Through the job creation program, he was given the opportunity to teach music at the Magnificat Institute, affiliated with the Custody of the Holy Land. Evan was a social case followed by the Social Services Department, and for us, his story represents real success. He proved himself, demonstrated strong skills, and was well-loved by the students. Over the course of four months, he made a clear positive impact, which led the institute to express their desire to keep him on after the support period ended. Evan's story is a powerful example of how empowering young people and giving them a chance can help them achieve their dreams, even in the face of hardship.
- **Marianne**, is studying medicine at An-Najah National University and is currently in her sixth and final year. She is 24 years old and comes from Zababdeh, from a poor and humble family. Her father was diagnosed with cancer, and her mother works with a limited income that is not sufficient to cover the high costs of medical school. Despite these difficult financial and social circumstances, Marianne continued her studies with determination and perseverance. Marianne received continuous support from the Social Services Department of the Latin Patriarchate to continue her studies. Marianne says: "Without the support of the Patriarchate, my dream would not have come true. You are the guardian angel who accompanied me throughout my years of study to achieve a great dream."
- **Odette**, is a 71-year-old widow living alone in a rented apartment in Ramallah, with no children or family support

system. She faces multiple serious health challenges, battling breast cancer while also managing hearing problems, hypertension, and diabetes. With no source of income or family members to provide care, Odette represents one of the most vulnerable members of the Christian community in the West Bank. The Latin Patriarchate has become her lifeline, providing essential monthly medications costing 500 shekels (approximately \$150), which would otherwise be completely unaffordable on her non-existent income. Beyond medical support, the program also ensures she receives regular meals and basic household supplies, recognizing that her health battles have left her unable to work or care for herself independently. Without this intervention, Odette would face the impossible choice between life-saving cancer treatments and basic survival needs like food and shelter.

- **Linda**, is a 68-year-old elderly widow who lost her husband in 2021 due to the Covid-19. She has four married children, each with their own families, responsibilities, and financial obligations. Linda suffers from a serious health condition, as a malignant tumor was discovered in her colon. She underwent surgery to remove the tumor along with part of the colon, which resulted in very high medical expenses that the family could not afford. The Latin Patriarchate assisted the family by contributing to the costs of the surgery and providing financial support to help alleviate the heavy burden caused by medical expenses.
- **Yousef**, is a 36-year-old man who is married and has three children. His family is currently facing extremely tough

economic conditions, which have worsened significantly due to the ongoing war. Since the conflict began, Yousef's working hours have been drastically reduced, and his income is no longer sufficient to cover the basic needs of his family. As a result, the family has accumulated debts, including school fees and rent payments for their home. The situation became even more challenging when Yousef suffered a serious accident at work, resulting in torn ligaments and severe damage to his foot. This injury has required multiple surgeries due to extensive damage to his foot, leaving him unable to work and further straining the family's financial situation. The cost of the surgeries is high, and given the family's limited income, it has become increasingly difficult to cover these medical expenses. Recognizing the gravity of this situation, the Latin Patriarchate stepped in to provide much-needed support. Through its social services department, the Patriarchate has assisted the family by covering part of the high medical costs of Yousef's surgeries. This support has been crucial in allowing him to receive the necessary treatment while easing the financial burden on the family.

- **Anna**, has been separated from her husband for five years and currently lives with her two daughters: the elder is 19 years old and the younger is 18. She used to work as a school secretary with a small income, but due to her eldest daughter's illness, she was forced to leave her job and stay by her side permanently to care for her and support her. About a year ago, the eldest daughter was diagnosed with Multiple

Sclerosis (M.S). Since then, her health has significantly deteriorated, including loss of vision in one eye. She suffered from deep depression and underwent long and intensive psychological treatment, including several hospitalizations. This situation has created great emotion for the mother, who bears full responsibility for her daughters, including the younger one, who is currently in her final year of school. Our Social Services Department accompanied the mother and her daughter through this difficult journey, providing them with essential emotional and social support through sessions and continuous follow-up. We were able to stand by the mother, encouraging her to remain strong and support her daughter with all her strength. We were also able to provide food coupons and help in covering accumulated bills that had become a heavy burden during these difficult times.

- **Hala**, is a 46-year-old married woman and a mother of two daughters. She has recently started working; however, her income is very limited and insufficient to cover the family's basic needs. Her husband is currently unemployed due to health-related issues, which have further affected the family's financial stability. As a result, the family has accumulated significant debts and is struggling to manage

their living expenses. The Latin Patriarchate, through the Social Services Department, continues to stand by the family, offering both emotional and financial support. The department strives to assist Hala and her family in coping with the increasing burdens of daily life, which they are no longer able to manage on their own.

- **Patricia**, is a ninth-grade student at Terra Sancta School in the Old City of Jerusalem. She lives with her mother and three siblings in a small, rented house. The mother is the only breadwinner of the family. She works cleaning jobs in several places to secure a living for her children. The father suffers from heart disease and is completely unable to work. He holds a West Bank ID and therefore does not receive any allowances or support to help the family. The mother lives under very harsh conditions, barely managing to cover the rent and basic household expenses. Through the Social Services Department, we support the family by providing food vouchers to help them sustain themselves. The daughter, Patricia, is a bright and ambitious child. Through this project, we were able to cover part of her school tuition, easing some of the financial burden on her mother and supporting the family during these difficult circumstances.

PLANNING FORWARD

The way ahead is full of challenges that we must face together. Our partnership with local and international organization in these difficult years has shown us that there are concrete reasons to maintain hope alive and to work with faith for the dignity of every human being.

Communities across Gaza, the West Bank, and East Jerusalem remain exhausted, economically devastated, and deeply anxious about the future. In this context, the LPJ is determined to intensify its relief, educational, and developmental interventions, remaining as close as possible to the poor and wounded in spirit, fully aligned with the vision of a Church that walks with its people and accompanies them in their suffering, dignity, and hope.

In Gaza, the path ahead requires a comprehensive strategy that integrates reconstruction, humanitarian relief, quality education, and livelihood restoration. Our priorities include rehabilitating destroyed homes, rebuilding community infrastructure, and strengthening the Holy Family Church compound as a center of resilience.

The concrete goals for the upcoming year are to help people restart their lives: by providing housing, by opening at least one more school, and by providing much needed medical care. We will also continue investing in education, psychosocial care, and job-creation programs to restore dignity and stability to traumatized families. In the West Bank and East Jerusalem, the focus will be on job creation, emergency humanitarian assistance, housing support, tuition aid, psychosocial services, economic development, and family stabilization, ensuring that the most vulnerable households are not pushed into irreversible poverty.

Across all regions, the LPJ will continue to uphold its mission: to safeguard life, sustain hope, and nurture the future of our communities through committed service, responsible stewardship, and compacted Christian solidarity. In the year 2026 we look forward and commit, in Christ Jesus, to listen to the voices of the little ones of the Gospel so that the voice of the people may produce positive change in our region and in the world that is so connected to it.



THANKS AND APPRECIATION

Today, thanks to your compassionate support, LPJ is actively sustaining approximately 10% of northern Gaza's population with essential necessities like food, clean water, and shelter. Heeding the exhortation of St. Paul, "If one part suffers, all the parts suffer with it..." (1Cor. 12:26).

It is through your support that we are able to answer this call, serving Jesus Christ directly through our care for our suffering brothers and sisters. You are the key to this critical mission; we simply could not do this without you. Your continued partnership is both vital and deeply appreciated as we work to alleviate suffering and restore dignity.



SUMMARY OF AID SHIPMENTS

delivered to Gaza between November 2024-October 2025

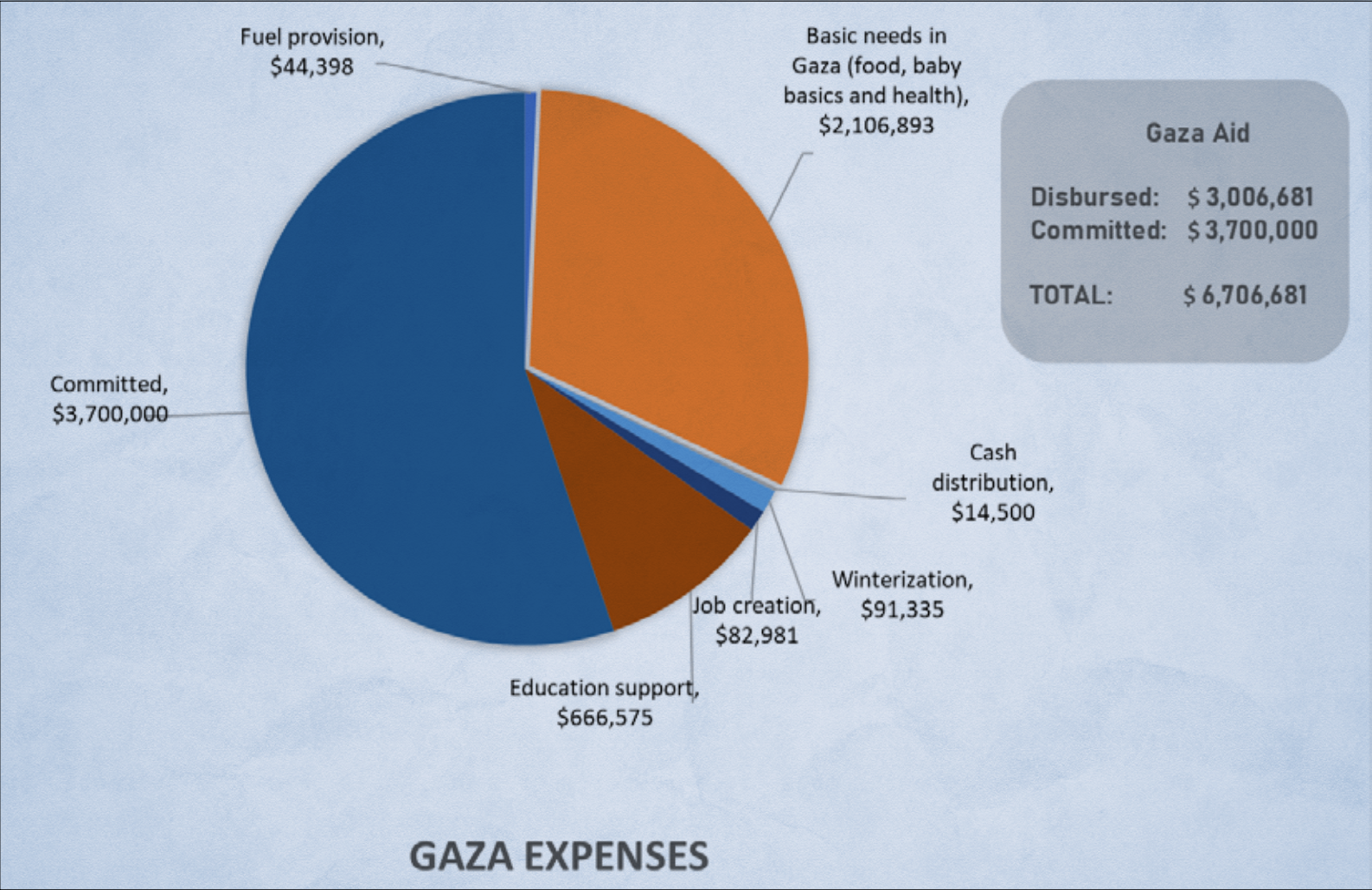
Date	Items	Cost (NIS)
November 2024	Fruits & Vegetables, Milk Powder, Food Parcels, Hygenic Items, Plastic Bags	1,728,435
November 2024	Fruits & Vegetables, Milk Powder, Food Parcels, Hygenic Items, Plastic Bags	44,933
November 2024	Fruits & Vegetables, Milk Powder, Food Parcels, Hygenic Items, Plastic Bags	1,391,439
December 2024	Fruits & Vegetables, Milk Powder, Food Parcels, Hygenic Items, Plastic Bags	1,038,405
December 2024	Fruits & Vegetables, Milk Powder, Food Parcels, Hygenic Items, Plastic Bags	121,700
December 2024	Fruits & Vegetables, Milk Powder, Food Parcels, Hygenic Items, Plastic Bags	586,413
January 2025	Fruits & Vegetables, Milk Powder, Food Parcels, Hygenic Items, Plastic Bags	160,007
February 2025	Fruits & Vegetables, Milk Powder, Food Parcels, Hygenic Items, Plastic Bags	102,20
April 2025	Fruits & Vegetables, Milk Powder, Food Parcels, Hygenic Items, Plastic Bags	64,300
June 2025	Fruits & Vegetables, Milk Powder, Food Parcels, Hygenic Items, Plastic Bags	401,200
July 2025	Fruits & Vegetables, Milk Powder, Food Parcels, Hygenic Items, Plastic Bags	175,610
July 2025	Fruits & Vegetables, Milk Powder, Food Parcels, Hygenic Items, Plastic Bags	1,800,090
August 2025	Fruits & Vegetables, Milk Powder, Food Parcels, Hygenic Items, Plastic Bags	46,262
August 2025	Fruits & Vegetables, Milk Powder, Food Parcels, Hygenic Items, Plastic Bags	2,163,026
September 2025	Fruits & Vegetables, Milk Powder, Food Parcels, Hygenic Items, Plastic Bags	446,317
October 2025	Fruits & Vegetables, Milk Powder, Food Parcels, Hygenic Items, Plastic Bags	224,84
October 2025	Fruits & Vegetables, Milk Powder, Food Parcels, Hygenic Items, Plastic Bags	607,900
October 2025	Fruits & Vegetables, Milk Powder, Food Parcels, Hygenic Items, Plastic Bags	70,800
TOTAL +TRANSPORTATION AND LOGISTICS		12,057,481

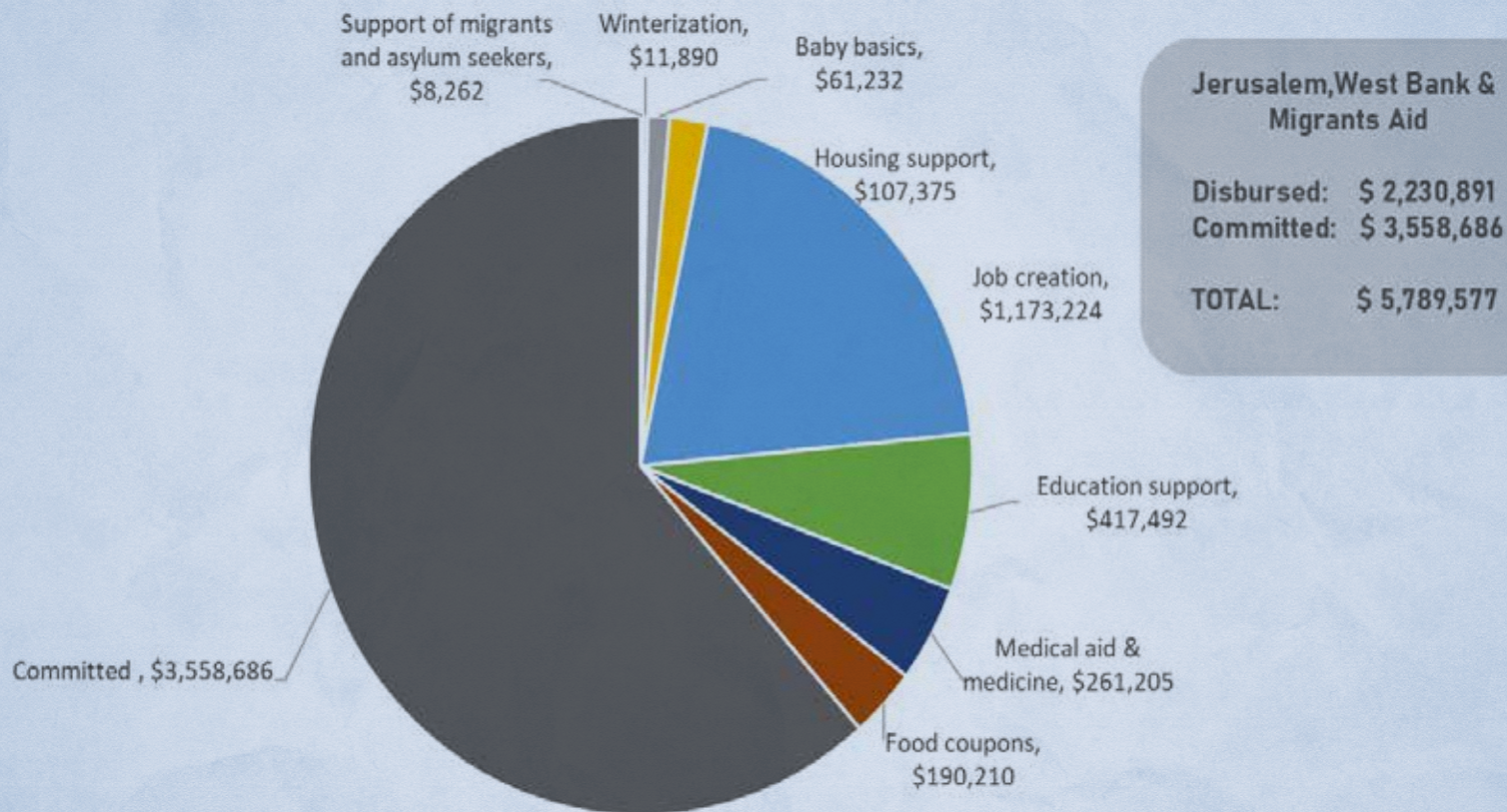
FINANCIAL SUMMARY (NOV. 2024 – OCT. 2025)			
DONATIONS		Amount in USD	
Knights of the Holy Sepulchre		\$1,675,008	
International organizations		\$5,360,597	
International individual		\$782,385	
Local organizations		\$85,806	
Local individual		\$4,707	
TOTAL DONATIONS		\$7,908,503	
REMAINING BALANCE FROM 1ST YEAR OF WAR		\$4,587,755	

GAZA EXPENDITURES	Actual Spent	Committed	Total
Fuel provision	\$44,398		\$44,398
Basic needs (food, baby basics and health)	\$2,106,893	\$700,000	\$2,806,893
Cash distribution	\$14,500		\$14,500
Education support	\$666,575	\$3,000,000	\$3,666,575
Job creation	\$82,981		\$82,981
Winterization	\$91,335		\$91,335
SUBTOTAL GAZA	\$3,006,681	\$3,700,000	\$6,706,681

JERUSALEM, WEST BANK & MIGRANTS EXPENDITURES	Actual Spent	Committed	Total
Food coupons	\$190,210	\$500,000	\$690,210
Housing support	\$107,375	\$200,000	\$307,375
Education support	\$417,492	\$600,000	\$1,017,492
Job creation	\$1,173,224	\$2,178,686	\$3,351,910
Baby basics	\$61,232		\$61,232
Medical aid & medicine	\$261,205	\$80,000	\$341,205
Winterization	\$11,890		\$11,890
Support for migrants and asylum seekers	\$8,262		\$8,262
SUBTOTAL JERUSALEM, WEST BANK & MIGRANTS	\$2,230,891	\$3,558,686	\$5,789,577

TOTAL EXPENSES	\$5,237,572	\$7,258,686	\$12,496,258
AVAILABLE FUNDS			\$0





JERUSALEM, WEST BANK & MIGRANTS EXPENSES

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