



**American  
Red Cross**

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## **Middle East Humanitarian Crisis: One-Year Report**

### **RESPONSE AT A GLANCE**



Supported delivery of more than **338,000 tons of aid** with over **24,000 truck crossings** into Gaza



Provided more than **960 metric tons of medical supplies**, including orthopedic devices, weapon-wounded kits, wound dressing sets, medicine and emergency medical sets to **19 local health facilities**



Supported the Palestine Red Crescent Society to distribute more than **1,600,000 relief items** including food, tents, blankets, mattresses, water and much more



Supported Magen David Adom to help collect and process more than **315,000 units of blood**

Cumulative figures reflecting Red Cross and Red Crescent network-supported efforts, including services provided or supported by the ICRC, IFRC and affiliated national societies, as of September 29, 2024.

### **American Red Cross Supports Vital Aid as Conflict Continues**

The year following the attacks of October 7, 2023, has brought immeasurable heartbreak and horrific devastation in Gaza, Israel and the surrounding region. As hostilities widen, the American Red Cross mourns the loss of tens of thousands of lives across the Middle East. Over the past twelve months, we have steadfastly supported the vital work of the global Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, assisting in the reunification of loved ones, the critical delivery of humanitarian aid and restoration of essential medical services. We remain unwavering in our call for the safe release of innocent civilians held hostage.

Thanks to generous donations from the public, the American Red Cross has spent and committed \$16.2 million — and pledged a further \$4 million — to support 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 September 7, 2024, the American Red Cross has funded \$11 million to bolster critical work led by the ICRC and IFRC, including:

- \$10 million to the ICRC, the lead Red Cross and Red Crescent entity within conflict zones, to help ensure humanitarian protection and assistance for victims amid violence while advocating for all parties to ensure that humanitarian law is followed during armed conflict. ICRC technical experts, including a war surgery team and a weapons contamination specialist, have deployed to assist medical caregivers and emergency responders in Gaza.

Above left: The Palestine Red Crescent Society (PRCS) has started a project to distribute fresh bread daily to displaced families in the Al-Mawasi area. American Red Cross support has helped the PRCS procure food, hygiene kits and more. Photo by PRCS. Above right: Every 22 seconds, an emergency medical team of the Magen David Adom (MDA) in Israel responds to an urgent call. American Red Cross support has helped MDA Blood Services purchase critical supplies. Photo by Magen David Adom

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In addition, the ICRC has also helped provide 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, mobility devices like crutches, and other crucial aid.

- \$1 million to the IFRC, to support the passage of critical relief supplies into Gaza and help meet the urgent needs of evacuees, including health care services, water, shelter, sanitation, hygiene and logistics support.

The American Red Cross will provide an additional \$4 million to support planned IFRC efforts to expand its logistical hub operations in Egypt and extend activities to Jordan as the conflict continues. This strategic investment will enhance the IFRC's ability to adapt the flow of relief supplies as conditions change and border crossings open or close.

In addition to our financial support for the ICRC and IFRC, the American Red Cross is funding \$3.5 million to support the Palestine Red Crescent Society (PRCS) in Gaza and Magen David Adom (MDA) in Israel. Both national societies have been on the ground since the violence escalated, providing emergency assistance with health and ambulance services as well as other critical needs.

We have supported the reported emergency priority needs of the PRCS and MDA as follows:

- **Palestine Red Crescent Society:** The American Red Cross is funding \$1.75 million to support **Relief Assistance** for civilians in Gaza impacted by the fighting, including procurement of food parcels, hygiene kits and dignity kits (which include items explicitly tailored towards the local needs of women and girls).
- **Magen David Adom:** Magen David Adom delivers emergency medical services in Israel, and the American Red Cross is funding \$1.75 million for **Magen David Adom's Blood Services Division** to support the purchase of blood testing kits and blood filters.

Red Cross and Red Crescent teams from around the world are united in supporting people affected by this crisis. Tragically, more than two dozen staff members from these national societies, as well as the ICRC, have been killed while courageously aiding civilians during the hostilities. Humanitarian workers must be protected worldwide. As colleagues in the global Movement, we mourn their loss, honor their heroism, and stand resolute in our commitment to alleviating suffering.

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# Caring Supporters Enable Essential Humanitarian Relief

Thanks to compassionate donors, as of September 7, 2024, the American Red Cross had raised \$21.7 million to support relief for people affected by the humanitarian crisis in the Middle East resulting from the escalated conflict in Israel, Gaza and the wider region. The American Red Cross has spent approximately \$16.2 million supporting the humanitarian needs generated by this crisis. As the response continues, we will allocate the remaining program dollars to support immediate and ongoing relief efforts through our Red Cross and Red Crescent network partners.

Middle East Humanitarian Crisis Expenses and Commitments <sup>1</sup> (in millions USD) as of September 7, 2024 (\$21.7 million raised)				
Expense Categories	Food, Shelter and Relief Items	Health	Total	Expense %
Grants to support financial assistance, food, medical and other relief items	\$2.8	\$11.7	\$14.5	89.5%
Full-time American Red Cross employees	—	\$0.1	\$0.1	0.5%
<b>Total Program Expenses and Commitments</b>	<b>\$2.8</b>	<b>\$11.8</b>	<b>\$14.6</b>	<b>90.0%</b>
Management, general and fundraising <sup>2</sup>			\$1.6	10.0%
<b>Total Spent and Committed</b>			<b>\$16.2</b>	<b>100%</b>
Program dollars remaining <sup>3</sup>			\$4.9	
Management, general and fundraising remaining (to be applied)			\$0.5	
<b>Total Budget</b>			<b>\$21.7</b>	

<sup>1</sup> Dollar figures are rounded to the nearest \$100K; therefore, expenses \$49,999 and below are represented as — .  
<sup>2</sup> 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.  
<sup>3</sup> Includes \$4.0 million pledged to the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC).



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.