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GAZA EMERGENCY RESPONSE 2025



In **October 2023**, Gaza did not simply enter a humanitarian crisis. It entered a **humanitarian collapse**. What has unfolded since is, by every measure, among the worst civilian catastrophes of our time. Livelihoods have been decimated. Water and sanitation systems have collapsed. Children have grown up, in the span of just over a year, knowing nothing but displacement, hunger, and loss.



Nearly 90% of Gaza's 2.1 million people have been displaced,



1 in 3 people in Gaza was going without food for days at a time.



94% of Gaza's hospitals damaged or destroyed.



70% of crop fields have been destroyed.

It is into this reality that Human Concern International has refused to turn away. Following October 7, 2023, Gaza became the primary focus of HCI's emergency operations, not because the work was easy, but because the need was undeniable.

Working through trusted local partners in one of the most volatile environments on earth, HCI deployed an integrated, multi-sector response:



HEALTH



WASH



FOOD SECURITY



SHELTER & PROTECTION

We continuously recalibrated as conditions shifted, always guided by one principle: that every family reached deserves not just survival, but dignity.

The following is a snapshot of what that commitment looked like in 2025, and what it meant for the people who lived it.



Food aid

1,576,080 kg of food was delivered to **516,645** rights holders.



Ramadan 2025

- **12,000** iftars were provided to **12,000** rights holders.
- **20,000** meals were provided to the rights holders from the community kitchen.
- **600,000** hot meals were provided to **600,000** rights holders.
- **1,000** Eid gifts were distributed amongst **children**.
- **16,157** food packs were distributed, reaching a total of **93,343** rights holders.

Qurbani 2025 (Canned meat delivered)

200 bulls equalling 1400 shares, which fed 8400 families consisting of 42,000 rights holders

170 cows, equalling 1190 shares, which fed 7140 families consisting of 42,840 rights holders

464 shares distributed in Egypt to Gazan displaced population, targeting 4197 families consisting of 20,985 rights holders





Food Packs

Additionally, **2,000** food packs were distributed to **2,000** families, which fed **10,000** rights holders.

Infant Formula

We have distributed approximately **16,800 kg** of infant formula to **11,200** infants.





Shelter

- **4,685** (approximately **33,000** rights holders) have received waterproof tents during winter.
- **6,655** families (approximately **33,000** rights holders) received tarpaulins.

Winter Kits

28,400 families (**170,400** rights holders) received warm clothes for children and adults.



Health

100,000+ patients have been treated since **2024** at HCI-supported Primary Health Care Clinic





Maternal & Child Health

13,692 patients served for Maternal & Child Health in Gaza, including:

- Child nutritional screenings: **1,344**
- Maternal assessments: **1,273**
- IYCF counselling sessions: **892**
- Pediatric consultations: **2,980**

Surgical Operations

Gaza Surgical procedures performed in Yafa Hospital and Public Aid Hospital: **90**

Dialysis Services

Gaza dialysis machines procured **33**

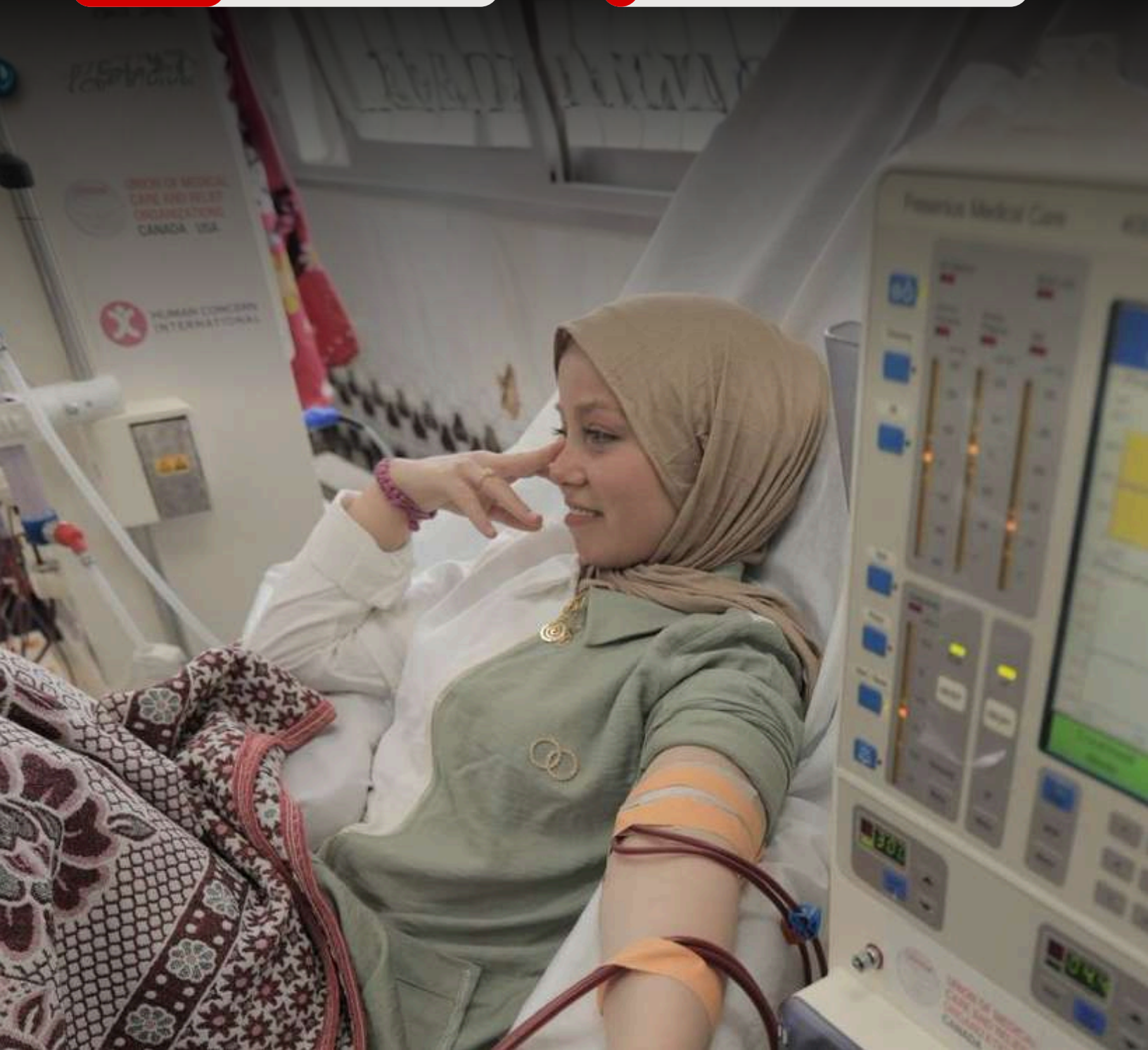
Water desalination units procured **2**

Operational dialysis units **11**

Children's Hospital (with 1 water unit) **3**

Al-Shifa Hospital **7**

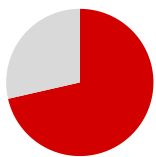
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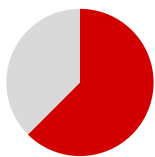
Maternity Services – Gaza



55,797
Women
served



6,163
Total
deliveries



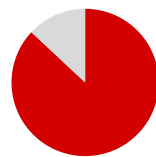
4,419
Normal
deliveries



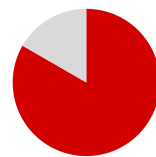
1,744
Cesarean
sections



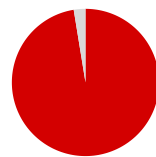
1,485
Gynaecological
surgeries



24,625
Antenatal
care visits



15,532
Postnatal
care
consultations



122,500
Rights Holders
supported via
Dignity Kits
and Hygiene
Kits



Child Sponsorship Community Projects

Under this project, **3,314** orphaned children and their families have been supported for the distribution of in-kind food packages, distribution of Eid/festival clothing, winter blankets and Psychosocial activities

3,314 orphans/children and their families (around **10,231 rights holders**) supported with **7,436** food parcels which contained essential food items.



2,626 vegetable baskets distributed contained fresh vegetables.

4,328 Hygiene Kits distributed. The hygiene kits contain soap and cleaners.



3,000 Social events for these orphans/children were organized for recreational activities.

3,000 orphans/children supported with winter kits. The winter kits contained a jacket, a pair of winter pants, a blanket, and a mattress.



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Clean drinking Water

- **5,433,000 litres** of clean water have been provided via water tankers to approximately **416,021 rights holders**.
- **70,560 bottles** of (1.5L) mineral water have been delivered to families who had health conditions and people who were moving back to their homes on foot.
- Rehabilitated the water plant at **Al Maghzai Camp**, which is currently operating at its designed capacity of **12 cubic meters per hour** and serving approximately **35,000** residents.





Education Projects in Gaza

- **734** Medical students received monthly allowances for the year.
- **27** Medical Faculty received monthly allowances for the year.
- **339** Palestinian students from Gaza pursued higher education in Jordan, Egypt, and Türkiye through HCI-funded scholarships covering tuition fees and monthly living expenses.
- **1,440** vulnerable children and adolescents in Gaza accessed safe, inclusive, and holistic learning and well-being services through the **UNICEF-HCI Makani Centre**.

Impact Story from a Multisectoral Intervention in 2025

After the ceasefire in Gaza, HCI's response included multi-sector humanitarian action. Rather than addressing needs in isolation, the intervention delivered comprehensive support to families facing compounded vulnerabilities caused by conflict, displacement, and medical fragility. *One Family. One Intervention. One Restored Reason to Keep Going.*

Just like that, before HCI's team arrived, a man wasn't just struggling to survive. He was struggling to remain a father. Forced from his home in northern Gaza, he arrived in the south with four children – two battling skin cancer, a chronically ill son, an orphaned niece with her own health conditions, and a widowed sister with nowhere else to turn. The war had taken his brothers, his uncles, his cousins. *"There is no one left but a few of us,"* he said. They were living in a flimsy tent by the sea, battered by coastal winds and biting cold, exposed to the elements with almost nothing to shield them.

But what was truly breaking him wasn't the cold. It was this: every hour he spent hunting for food, water, or firewood was an hour he could not spend being present for his children. Children with cancer. A child who had lost his parents. A family clinging to him as their only anchor. The war hadn't just stripped them of their home, it had stolen his ability to show up as their protector, their comforter, their father.





When HCI's local partner team reached this family, they didn't arrive with a single box of aid and a signature form. They arrived with a response built around what this family actually needed, physically, emotionally, and in terms of dignity.

Warm blankets and weather-appropriate clothing meant the children with compromised immune systems were no longer sleeping through fever-inducing cold. Nutritious food boxes, designed to meet the needs of the sick and the young, didn't just end the daily panic of an empty meal; they gave his cancer-stricken children the caloric and nutritional foundation to withstand ongoing treatment. Safe bottled water and hygiene kits meant that the infections and waterborne disease that ravage overcrowded displacement sites had one less foothold in their home. And when HCI's team saw the state of the family's shelter, they immediately prioritized them for a weather-resistant tent, giving them, for the first time in months, a private and protected space to rest, recover, and simply be a family.

The impact of this intervention cannot be measured only in food boxes distributed or litres of clean water delivered. It must also be measured in what it gave back to the father.

"You have lifted a mountain from my shoulders," he said. "Now I can focus on being their rock, on comforting them, instead of only searching for scraps."

That shift, from desperate survivalism to restored presence, is what holistic humanitarian response is for. **We did not just provide food. We restored a father's ability to father. We did not just provide water. We removed the daily terror of disease from families already fighting illness. We did not just provide shelter. We gave children with cancer a safe place to sleep.**

His fight is far from over. The grief runs deep, the medical needs are ongoing, and the road ahead is long. But today, this family is no longer teetering on the absolute brink. They have been seen. They have been heard. And because of the generosity behind HCI's work, they have been given back something that no airstrike could create and no aid box alone can deliver: the space to hold on to their humanity.



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