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Some 1.5 million people are trapped within Gaza's borders with diminishing food, water, fuel and medical supplies. CWS long term partner, the Department of Service to Palestinian Refugees, and ACT (Action by Churches Together)



International are distributing emergency food and supplies as well as endeavouring to provide medical assistance. Unfortunately the destruction of 3 mobile health clinics(above) and more recently the primary healthcare clinic in the Shaja'ih area of Gaza city have made the task much more difficult.

Working under constant attack is proving very difficult for partners trying to meet the urgent needs of those requiring medical care or to deliver desperately needed supplies of food and water. They are also preparing a major psycho-social care support programme to deal with the harmful effects of the unprecedented levels of trauma. Prior to the bombardment which began on December 27, 2008, 80% of those living in Gaza subsisted on less than US\$3 a day, and were heavily dependent on support from international agencies. Now the situation is worse, as so much has been destroyed.

If you can help, Christian World Service would greatly appreciate your support for this appeal.

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