The People of Gaza need Help!

Wafa Kanaan is the Medical Director of DSPR in Gaza. She writes, "Bombs are everywhere in Gaza with no stop. We are really living a disaster here. I cannot sleep at all since the first day till now. I am feeling scared all the time. I am thinking of my 11 month old baby girl and how to protect her. I am hearing and watching everyday stories of fathers and mothers who were not able to protect their children."

More than 1,000 people have lost their lives, many of them children. Thousands have been injured and more than 215,000 people have been forced from their homes. Electricity is limited to a maximum of 4 hours on a good day. This means water and other services are severely limited. Prices for food when available are high and there are few opportunities to leave their cramped living rooms. Half of Gaza's 1.7 million population is under the age of 18. According to the UN more than 200,000 children already need psychosocial care because of what they have experienced.

CWS partner the Department of Service to Palestinian Refugees (DSPR) will help when it can. While the attacks continue, it is too dangerous to fully operate. DSPR will provide emergency cash grants of US\$100 to families in need of food, water and fuel. They will provide medical care and trauma support, especially to mothers and young children. They will resume their vocational training programmes and provide extra support for young people determined to learn skills. Other ACT Alliance partners are also providing emergency assistance, including through the partly damaged Al Ahli Hospital run by the Anglican Church. The suffering is unimaginable and the people will need support to recover.

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