

Palestinian Community in Ireland, 31, Howth Road, Sutton, Dublin 13.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

This is an appeal, a <u>personal</u> appeal to you, to assist us in bringing relief-aid to Palestinians in the Gaza strip who, right now, are suffering from the devastating effects of an ongoing bombardment.

I am writing to you on behalf of Irish Medical Aid For Palestinians; a charitable, non-political, organization which works continually to provide medical aid in response to the needs of those afflicted, especially during times of emergency.

The horrific images of human suffering portrayed hourly on television screens across the world serve to stress the very great need for medical supplies; a need that grows daily as more and more casualties occur. Medical and health-care professionals are working around the clock trying to cope with the seemingly endless list of injuries, wounds, amputations, and terrible burns. We have heard the doctors working in Gaza report that they have had to operate on children in crowded and unsanitary conditions, sometimes using only local anaesthetics. One hospital was bombed leaving those who should have been treated and recovering actually in a worse-off condition.

Our capacity to respond is based on strong links with our partner organizations, local health care providers, and hospitals. We work in conjunction with the **Red Cross** and **UNRWA**(United Nations Relief and Work Agency for Palestinians); as these are the two main organizations helping to care for the injured and the homeless in Gaza.



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What are needed most are all kinds of medical supplies and appliances and equipment, and all donations, however small, are gratefully accepted. Along with

trying to provide immediate medical aid we are also working to provide long-term assistance to those who have been rendered disabled and homeless. Current estimates suggest that between \$50,000,000 and \$80,000,000 will be needed to help those afflicted rebuild their shattered lives.

Please, please help us to help the suffering Palestinians by donating what you can. You can log on to our website at www.irishmap.ie and make your donation to our bank (details below), or by sending a cheque payable to Irish Medical Aid For Palestinians to the address at the top of this letter.

I thank you for having taken the time to read this letter and for, I hope, having considered making a donation. Please try to do so as soon as possible as the need is indeed great.

Please do not hesitate to contact me on 087-2332433 should you require any further information.

Yours sincerely,

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