

## Japan Platform to launch Emergency Response to Humanitarian Crisis in Gaza

### - Preventing the humanitarian crisis caused by air raids from further escalation -

On May 28, Japan Platform (hereafter referred to as JPF; Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo) has decided to launch an emergency response for the displaced people in Gaza in the Palestinian Territories, which has been devastated by the recent Israeli attacks. The program policy is outlined below.

#### Emergency Response for Humanitarian Crisis in Gaza

- Period: Six months
- Budget: 159,296,218 yen (government funding)
- Locations: Gaza
- Content of program: Protection, shelter, NFI, food, healthcare, WASH, education, etc.

\*The program period and budget will be re-examined as needed depending on the situation on the ground.

#### ◆ Overview

- ✧ From May 10 until the ceasefire on May 21, the Israeli military conducted air strikes and bombardment across the entire Gaza Strip, where two million people live. By May 27, there were 256 casualties, 66 of whom were children, and approximately 2,000 wounded. 113,000 people were displaced and forced to take shelter in a host community or one of the 59 educational facilities run by the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA). In addition, over 2,000 homes have been completely destroyed or severely damaged by the air raids\*.
- ✧ Medical institutions are overwhelmed, as they must treat the wounded in addition to patients with COVID-19. Although the fighting has stopped, damage to the infrastructure is causing power outages that last 18 to 20 hours every day, affecting hundreds of thousands of people. There is also a shortage of fuel to supply energy through generators, making it difficult to provide healthcare services. Furthermore, WASH facilities including water systems, sewer systems and wells have also been affected by the shortage in electricity, causing the water supply to Gaza to decrease and leaving 800,000 people without access to safe water\*.
- ✧ There is also concern of heightened levels of psychosocial stress among the population as a result of the air strikes and the risks of encountering explosive remnants of war (ERW). In addition, 58 schools have been damaged by air strikes, and the 59 UNRWA-run schools that over 70,000 people were taking shelter in need to be repaired before they can reopen. The provisioning of safe educational opportunities for children is an urgent issue as this has already been repeatedly disturbed due to the pandemic\*.
- ✧ JPF began its assistance to Palestine in August 2014 and continues to deliver aid through its program, [Humanitarian Assistance for Palestine/Gaza](#). The damage caused by the latest air raids against Gaza has created further need for assistance in WASH, healthcare, food and education, and in response, JPF has decided to launch a new program to swiftly deliver aid along with its member NGOs and local partner organizations, to prevent the humanitarian crisis in this region



from further escalation. Updates on our program will be reported on the [JPF website](#) as well as through its [Facebook account](#).

\*: OCHA, [Response to the escalation in the oPt, Situation Report No. 1 \(21-27 May 2021\)](#)

#### ◆How to donate to JPF's Emergency Disaster Aid Fund

For JPF to act quickly and deliver aid to refugees and internally displaced persons fleeing conflict, your ongoing support is critical. In order to assist those in need as quickly as possible, please support our efforts by making a donation to the Emergency Disaster Aid Fund.

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#### ◆About Japan Platform (JPF)

JPF was established in 2000 as a new mechanism for Japanese emergency humanitarian assistance provision where NGOs, the business community, and the government work together in equal partnership. JPF provides various forms of support to Japanese member NGOs to provide rapid and efficient emergency assistance abroad as well as within Japan. Over the years, JPF has built trust by providing assistance through more than 1,800 projects in more than 50 countries and regions of the world with a total amount of more than 71 billion yen as we promoted cooperation between businesses and NGOs and provided solid activity reports. Information is shared among more than 40 JPF member NGOs in various fields of expertise to create assistance projects together. In the Great East Japan Earthquake relief efforts, which received a total of more than 7 billion yen from the private sector, we worked together with regional cooperation and intermediary support organizations in the affected prefectures in supporting local NGOs and contributed to the development of reconstruction frameworks. (JPF is currently conducting Fukushima Response Program.)

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