

**Question for written answer E-004599/2025
to the Commission**

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Subject: EU humanitarian action to address escalating humanitarian needs in Gaza during the rainfall season

Following the onset of heavy winter rainfall in Gaza, aid agencies report that more than a quarter of a million families lack adequate shelter, and remain exposed to flooding and sewage-contaminated water. More than two thirds of children in Gaza are living in tents that are falling apart after two years of bombardment and displacement. Displacement on a massive scale, combined with widespread destruction of housing, has left most families reliant on makeshift coverings that cannot withstand the seasonal storms. Health conditions are rapidly deteriorating, with 93 % of the enclave's 135 000 tents now uninhabitable. Meanwhile, persistent restrictions by the Israeli Government continue to block around 75 % of aid from entering Gaza, leaving tens of thousands of essential items blocked outside the Gaza Strip.

What concrete measures is the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and the Commission taking, in cooperation with the Member States, to secure the predictable, rapid and unhindered entry of shelter materials, including tents, poles and other winter-response items, into Gaza during the current rainfall season?

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