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Question for written answer E-001471/25
to the Commission
Moritz Körner (Renew)
(9 April 2025)

Subject: Humanitarian aid channelled through UNRWA 2

In my Question E-002880/2024 ([1]) I asked the Commission whether it could state what percentage of the humanitarian aid sent to Gaza from around the world since October 2023 had been channelled through the UN Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA), and if not, why not?

The Commission replied that the EU's humanitarian funding to UNRWA amounted to EUR 48.5 million, or some 20% of the EUR 237 million total humanitarian budget allocated by the EU in 2024 to the occupied Palestinian territory. This was not the question.

1. Does the Commission know what percentage of the humanitarian aid sent to Gaza from around the world since October 2023 has been channelled through UNRWA, and if not, why not?

2. How much of the aid from the EU budget allocated to the Palestinian people in Gaza is channelled through UNRWA?

3. How much of the aid from the EU budget allocated to the Palestinian people outside of Gaza is channelled through UNRWA?

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Answer given by Ms Lahbib on behalf of the European Commission
(30 June 2025)

Detailed information on the percentage of aid channelled through the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA) can be accessed directly from UNRWA or other platforms such as the Financial Tracking Service (FTS) ([1]).

According to the latest data from the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs ([2]) on the 2025 flash appeal for the Occupied Palestinian Territory (OPT), UNRWA was the second largest recipient of funding, having received USD 451 million out of a total of USD 2.93 billion — or 15.3% of the global funding.

Through the Directorate-General for Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations (DG ECHO), the Commission provides humanitarian aid to Palestinians in need through a range of humanitarian aid organisations, including UN agencies, international non-governmental organisations and the Red Cross/Red Crescent movement.

In response to the escalation of hostilities in October 2023, the UNRWA received EUR 14.5 million from DG ECHO, amidst other humanitarian organisations, for continuing its humanitarian operations in Gaza and the West Bank.

In 2024, the EU's humanitarian aid budget amounted to EUR 2.48 billion. Of this, EUR 38.5 million was earmarked for UNRWA activities in the OPT, as well as EUR 10 million for UNRWA operations in Syria, Jordan and Lebanon. EUR 33.5 million was for Gaza, while the remaining EUR 5 million supported the West Bank, including East Jerusalem.

Additionally, the Commission provided EUR 92 million in development funding to UNRWA's core budget for 2023 and 2024.

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[1] [1]https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/E-10-2024-002880_EN.html.

([1]) https://fts.unocha.org/.

([2]) https://fts.unocha.org/countries/171/summary/2024.