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In 2025, the Commission allocated a total of EUR 220 million in humanitarian assistance to Gaza and the West Bank, including East Jerusalem. This brings the total of humanitarian aid to over EUR 550 million since 2023, including funding provided to some of the 37 international non-governmental organisations (NGO) concerned.

The Commission works with trusted and certified international NGO partners and intends to continue this support for as long as they can operate, even under difficult circumstances. It does not plan to suspend its humanitarian funding to principled international NGOs which are still legally registered with the Palestinian Authority.

The EU has been unequivocal that the international NGO registration framework cannot be implemented in its current form, as reiterated in the joint statement¹ by the High-Representative/Vice-President (HR/VP), the Commissioner for Equality, Preparedness and Crisis Management, and the Commissioner for the Mediterranean, on 6 January 2026. The current process, and the ongoing de-registration of 37 international NGOs, is a major obstacle to the delivery of the humanitarian response in Gaza. The EU has continued raising these issues with Israeli authorities, including through the diplomatic engagement between the HR/VP and Israeli Foreign Minister.

The Commission advocates for a registration framework based on clear and fair criteria, minimal administrative requirements and streamlined renewal procedures. Such a framework must fully respect international humanitarian law (IHL) and humanitarian principles, allowing humanitarian actors to operate independently, neutrally and impartially in line with IHL.

¹ https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/statement_26_41.