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In 2026, the EU will sustain its support to the UN Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA). On 16 April 2026, Member States approved the proposal from the Commission to allocate EUR 82 million[1] to the 2026 Programme Budget of UNRWA. Additionally, on 16 March 2026, the EU announced a substantial humanitarian aid package of EUR 124 million for Gaza and the West Bank, including East Jerusalem. UNRWA will benefit from humanitarian funding, underscoring its indispensable role in delivering life-saving assistance to Palestine refugees.

The Commission welcomes the outcome of the conciliation procedure on the 2026 budget, where a EUR 35 million reinforcement for the Southern Neighbourhood was agreed by the Budgetary Authority. The modalities and repartition of that reinforcement will be defined and adapted to the evolving situation on the ground.

The Commission remains steadfast in its commitment and support to UNRWA to enable the Agency's capacity to fulfil its mandate. In parallel, the Commission continues to pursue pragmatic solutions in coordination with UN agencies and humanitarian partners, to safeguard the uninterrupted delivery of humanitarian assistance, ensuring operational continuity under all circumstances.

[1] https://north-africa-middle-east-gulf.ec.europa.eu/news/commission-announces-multiannual-programme-palestinian-recovery-and-resilience-worth-eu16-billion-2025-04-14_en.