



GAZA ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

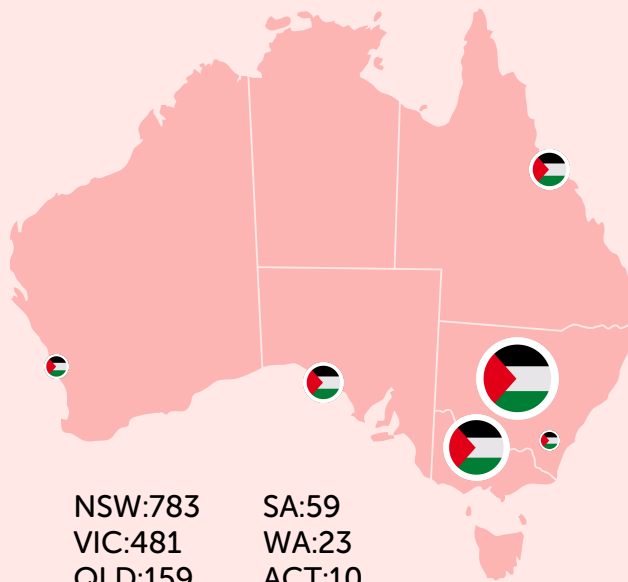
Empowering Gaza's Displaced Families in Australia

OUR RESPONSE: GAZA ASSISTANCE PROGRAM



1,515

Individual Palestinians
reached out to NZF and
received assistance to
settle in Australia



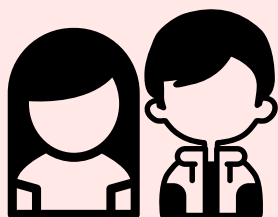
Rebuilding Lives

National Zakat Foundation (NZF) has reached 1,515 Palestinian individuals, providing essential support to help them settle across Australia. This widespread assistance underscores our commitment to aiding displaced families, ensuring they have access to the resources needed to rebuild their lives, no matter where they are.

Impact Beyond Numbers

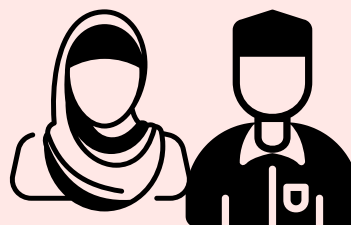
While these figures highlight the breadth of support, the true impact of your Zakat and Sadaqah is deeply personal. You've offered families more than financial aid; you've restored their dignity, given them hope, and provided a chance to rebuild their lives with honour. Each contribution is a testament to our Ummah's unity and shared values during times of crisis.

OUR RESPONSE: GAZA ASSISTANCE PROGRAM



35%

between the ages
of 0-17 years



65%

are over the age
of 18 years

Empowering Gaza Families Through Education and Support

Through the Gaza Assistance Program, NZF focuses on education to help displaced Gaza children integrate into society, break cycles of disadvantage, and improve long-term economic outcomes. Education provides much-needed stability for their mental well-being, aiding in their healing and growth.

With 35% of our beneficiaries aged 0-17 and 65% over 18, we offer critical support for living expenses, including rent, food, and household needs,

ensuring families have the stability to rebuild their lives. NZF helps families connect with the wider Australian community aiding in long-term success. Your contributions are not just transforming lives—they are rebuilding a community, one family at a time.

GAZA DISPLACED FAMILY ASSISTANCE

ONE OFF SETTLEMENT GRANT + MONTHLY ALLOWANCE



A one-off settlement grant* will be made available to every family group, as detailed below. The only eligibility criteria being they have arrived into Australia under the Emergency Gaza Visa category (visitor subclass 600). This visa does not allow them access to any services such as work, school, medicare, etc. Hence, this grant will be made under the Fuqaraa and Ibn Sabeel categories of Zakat.

Additional ongoing monthly expenses grant* (of up to 6 months) will be made available to eligible families.

SETTLEMENT GRANTS PER INDIVIDUAL*	
AGE GROUP	AMOUNT
Adult	\$1,125.00
High School	\$750.00
Primary School	\$525.00
Pre-School	\$375.00

MONTHLY GRANT PER INDIVIDUAL*	
AGE GROUP	AMOUNT
Adult	\$750.00
High School	\$670.00
Primary School	\$375.00
Pre-School	\$188.00

* Subject to review and change, based on Program demand and budget

OUR RESPONSE: GAZA ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Your Zakat and Sadaqah has been allocated to provide essential support for our displaced brothers and sisters from Gaza, paving the way for new beginnings in Australia.

Settlement Grants

One-time payments to help families establish themselves in their new environment.

Monthly Assistance Grants

Providing ongoing support for six months to ensure stability during the crucial initial period, covering living expenses, education, & health assistance.

\$1,059,315.62

SETTLEMENT GRANTS

\$4,076,708.43

MONTHLY ASSISTANCE GRANTS

\$5,136,024.05

TOTAL FUNDS DISTRIBUTED



OUR RESPONSE:

NZF CONNECT PROGRAM

Empowering Gazan Families & Building Community Connection Program.

This six-week initiative is designed to empower Gazan families by fostering connections to essential community services and providing meaningful support for their resettlement in Australia. The program focuses on:

- **Health & Mental Wellness:** Providing resources and guidance to support both physical and mental well-being.
- **Legal Support:** Assisting families with navigating legal processes and accessing their rights.
- **Housing Assistance:** Helping participants find secure and affordable housing solutions.

- **Education & Social Integration:** Encouraging opportunities for learning and helping families integrate into the community.

Each session is carefully structured to address a specific area of need, ensuring participants feel supported every step of the way.

Featuring special guest Dr. Mona Kaskeen, Gaza's first female neurosurgeon and mental health advocate, who will share insights on resilience and well-being.



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CASE STORY: FROM GAZA TO AUSTRALIA

FEBRUARY 16, 2024

Ibrahim was living in Gaza with his wife for many years before having to flee to Australia in December 2023 after the war began. Both his children were studying abroad; however, that's all on hold now due to the events taking place in Gaza.

Currently, one of his children and his wife are stuck in Egypt, while his other child is in another country. Despite his wife being granted a visitor's visa (subclass 600), Ibrahim couldn't afford to bring her to Australia. The emotional toll of displacement and loss weighs heavily on Ibrahim, who had sacrificed years to ensure a promising future for his children, which changed overnight, losing everything he worked hard for. Struggling emotionally, Ibrahim often goes days without eating, prioritising sending most of his income to his stranded family.

A community member referred Ibrahim to NZF. A Zakat assessment revealed Ibrahim's need for ongoing support until he gets back on his feet. Your Zakat has helped ease his immediate needs and now he is concentrating on reuniting his family.

Inshallah, when his family arrives in Australia from Gaza, his wife will be enrolled in our Gaza Assistance Program, receiving ongoing financial support until they are all settled.

This is local Zakat in action, building resilience and giving hope to vulnerable members within our community.

If you or someone you know is in need of assistance and unsure about Zakat eligibility, please reach out to us at NZF.

*All images, names and places have been changed to protect the identity of clients



CASE STORY: FLEEING WAR FOR SAFETY

MARCH 1, 2024

Fleeing a war-torn country, with the knowledge that all your immediate family members' names are on the approved Australian Visa list, your goal is to board that plane to safety. You cross the border with three young, terrified, yet resilient children, facing a shortage of food and water. Finally, you board the plane bound for Australia.

Mohamad and his family had never left Palestine before; this was their first time departing from their homeland. Mohamad's brother sponsored him and his family to come to Australia on temporary visas to escape the atrocities unfolding in Gaza.

Upon arrival, Mohamad and his family had only the clothes on their backs and the documents in their hands. They hadn't showered in weeks and had

developed rashes on their bodies. Upon medical examination, they were provided with antibiotics for the rashes they had all developed.

Mohamad's brother had already applied to us at NZF as a sponsor for Mohamad's family. Once we completed our compliance checks, the family received their settlement payments immediately. From then on, they would receive a monthly allowance for living expenses from NZF. Working with service partners, Mohamad's family was provided with housing, new furniture, new clothes, and a fridge full of food.

This is your local Zakat in action, empowering families arriving from Gaza, who are already resilient, to regain their dignity.

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IN SUMMARY: **OVERALL FUNDING SPENT FOR GAZAN COMMUNITY**

TOTAL
\$5,136,024.05

WHAT'S NEXT: **MOVING FORWARD 2025**

Gazan Intervention for Integration

Although many Gazan families are transitioning between visas, they continue to face significant settlement challenges within the community. To address this, NZF has launched its Gazan Intervention for Integration Program—a community development initiative aimed at supporting the Gazan community in making a smooth transition and integrating successfully

NEWLY ARRIVED GAZANS

- All newly arrived Gazans will receive a one-off settlement payment.
- Existing Gazan clients have transitioned from ongoing monthly payments to being regular clients, allowing them to apply for assistance as needed.
- We also collaborate closely with other organisations by funding external programs that support both the Gazan community and the broader community with essential needs. For example:
- We funded IWWA \$178,000 within a 6 month period for their food program.
- We provided House of Sadaqa with \$15,000 to supply household items.

POWER OF COLLABORATION

The strength of our program lies in the collective generosity of the Australian Muslim community. Every dollar donated is an expression of faith, compassion, and solidarity, making a tangible difference in the lives of displaced families. As we strive to meet our funding goals, remember that behind every number is a family looking to rebuild, a child hoping for a brighter future, and a community coming together. Your ongoing support is not just meeting immediate needs – it's about investing in the long-term success

and integration of these families, strengthening our Ummah, and living out the values of compassion and generosity that are at the heart of our faith. Together, we can continue to make a profound difference, offering not just aid, but a chance at a new beginning filled with dignity, hope, and the promise of a brighter tomorrow. The power to change lives is in our hands – let us embrace this responsibility with open hearts and generosity.

We're grateful for our key partners enabling this crucial work:



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