WRAP-UP ON THE MONTH OF MAY IN GAZA

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Boy sitting in the rubble in Jabalia

> From Philippe Lazzarini, the UNRWA Commissioner-General as posted on his official X account (previously known as Twitter)

End of May in #Gaza:

- More than 1 million people - most displaced several times- forced to flee once again, in search of safety that they never find.
- All of our 36 @UNRWA (https://x.com/UNRWA)shelters in #Rafah are empty now. This is where people seek shelter & should be protected at all times under the UN flag.
- @UNRWA (https://x.com/UNRWA)had to stop health and other critical services in Rafah.

- We are however committed to stay and deliver for the communities. We know working from Rafah is the worst place anywhere 1.7 million people are living.
- In Khan Younis, we restarted operations despite damage to all our facilities.
- The humanitarian space continues to further shrink: @UNRWA (https://x.com/UNRWA)was allowed to pick up just under 450 trucks in the past 3 weeks in support of the humanitarian operation. This is nothing in the face of the needs: at least 600 trucks/ day of commercial, fuel & humanitarian supplies.
- Fuel is running short: our teams are standing by to pick it up when the Israeli Authorities give the green light.
- Meanwhile, we received the most horrific photos from the Jabalia Refugee camp in northern #Gaza. Thousands of displaced people have no choice but to live amid the rubble & in destroyed @UNRWA (https://x.com/UNRWA)facilities.

Destruction will bring more destruction, more grief, more anger & more loss to Palestinians & Israelis.

All eyes are on the proposal to reach an end to this war through a ceasefire, the release of all hostages + substantial & safe flow of urgently needed supplies into Gaza.

Background Information:

UNRWA (https://eur02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.unrwa.org%2F&data=05%7C01%7CHQ-PIO%40UNRWA.ORG%7C7edfcbc8399c400e4a6c08dafba2254d%7C262f6a4120e941408d3efdf the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East. The United Nations General Assembly established UNRWA in 1949 with a mandate to provide humanitarian assistance and protection to registered Palestine refugees in the Agency's area of operations pending a just and lasting solution to their plight.

UNRWA operates in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem, The Gaza Strip, Jordan, Lebanon and Syria.

Tens of thousands of Palestine refugees who lost their homes and livelihoods due to the 1948 conflict continue to be displaced and in need of support, nearly 75 years on.

UNRWA helps Palestine Refugees achieve their full potential in human development through quality services it provides in education, health care, relief and social services, protection, camp infrastructure and improvement, microfinance, and emergency assistance. UNRWA is funded almost entirely by voluntary contributions.

Your support is crucial to help us provide emergency aid (https://bit.ly/3rXMZ0P) to displaced families in Gaza (https://bit.ly/3rXMZ0P)

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