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FACT SHEET: GAZA FLASH APPEAL

Flash appeal aims to help: **1.4 million** people to meet their emergency relief and early recovery needs

Duration of the appeal: **9 months**

Flash appeal overall funding needs: **\$613 million**

Relevant funding to date: **\$80 million**

Funds still needed: **\$533 million**

In the military actions since the start of Israel’s Operation Cast Lead on December 27:

- ◆ Some 1,300 people in Gaza have been killed;
- ◆ At least 5,300 injured (including 1,855 children and 795 women);
- ◆ 21,000 destroyed or badly damaged homes (about 13% of the total);
- ◆ Hundreds of thousands cut off from basic essential services such as water and sanitation, health care, food supply and markets, and even availability of cash;
- ◆ Basic infrastructure (electricity, water, sanitation, health facilities) has been badly damaged;
- ◆ Much economic infrastructure (factories, agriculture) has been destroyed or badly damaged.

This disaster has compounded the protracted humanitarian crisis that Gaza had already been suffering: 18 months of restrictions on the entry of goods impaired livelihoods and many essential basic services, deepening the vulnerability of Gaza’s population.

The Flash Appeal:

- ◆ Is presented by the Humanitarian Country Team for the occupied Palestinian territory – the key international and national humanitarian organisations.
- ◆ Includes 98 NGO projects and 73 UN projects.
- ◆ Will be formally launched in Geneva by the Emergency Relief Coordinator on February 2.
- ◆ Requires, for full implementation, the sustained opening of all crossings into Gaza for relief supplies and aid workers.
- ◆ Incorporates funding for the “Initial Response Plan and Immediate Funding Needs” appeal of January 15.

Clearly, there are major needs for **long-term reconstruction** as well. The United Nations is conducting a detailed assessment of damages. Based on this, a plan for reconstruction will be developed as soon as possible.

TYPE OF AID	FUNDING REQUEST
Agriculture	\$30 million
Cash-for-work and cash assistance	\$92 million
Coordination and support services	\$30 million
Early recovery	\$27 million
Education	\$40 million
Food	\$153 million
Health	\$48 million
Protection/human rights/rule of law	\$6 million
Psycho-social and mental health	\$33 million
Shelter and non-food items	\$128 million
Water and sanitation	\$25 million
TOTAL	\$613 million

