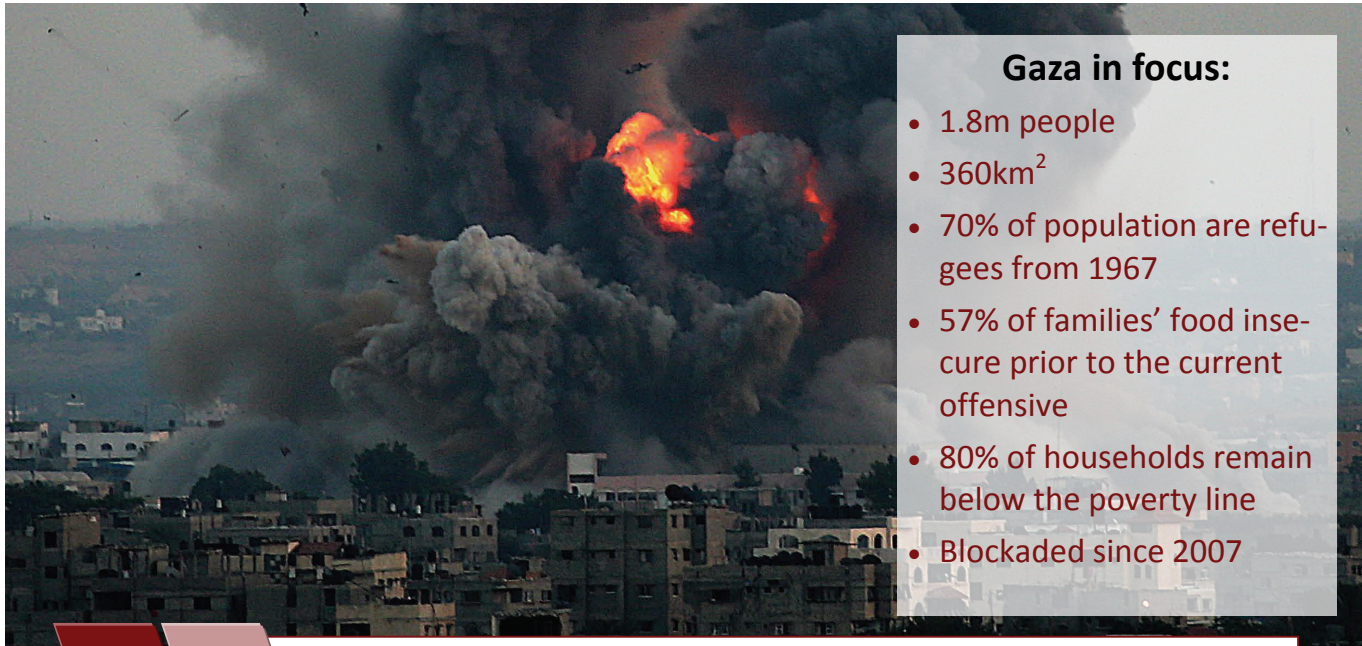




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Gaza Appeal 2014: Situation Update [August 21th]



Gaza in focus:

- 1.8m people
- 360km²
- 70% of population are refugees from 1967
- 57% of families' food insecure prior to the current offensive
- 80% of households remain below the poverty line
- Blockaded since 2007

Our Target? Humanitarian assistance to 20,000+ families and 30,000+ children. **Overheads?** None. 100% goes directly to those in need.

Key issues:

- **Water supply** damaged extensively; destruction of US\$34 million in the water sector.
- **Overcrowding** in shelters (the combined capacity of the UN schools as shelters for IDPs is 50,000 people; currently they are holding more than 238,000 people in 81 schools)
- **Alternative safe housing** required for the 100,000+ people whose homes have been destroyed entirely or severely damaged
- **Extensive destruction** of 17,000 hectares of **croplands**, as well as **agri-infrastructure** including greenhouses, irrigation systems, animal farms, fishing boats and stock feeds
- Concerns regarding **explosive remnants** scattered throughout civilian areas
- **Emergency food** supplies and **NFI**s (non-food items, such as hygiene goods) required
- Lack of **bedding** goods (mattresses, pillows, blankets) for IDPs
- Extensive emotional and mental **trauma** (373,000+ children require *urgent* psycho-social support)

Fatalities: 2016+
Injuries: 10,193
Ceasefire status: N/A
Homes uninhabitable: 16,000
IDPs: 380,000+
Hospitals & clinics damaged or destroyed: 24
Electricity supply status: 89% deficit relative to need
UNRWA IDP shelters bombed: 6

MA'ANs Emergency Response

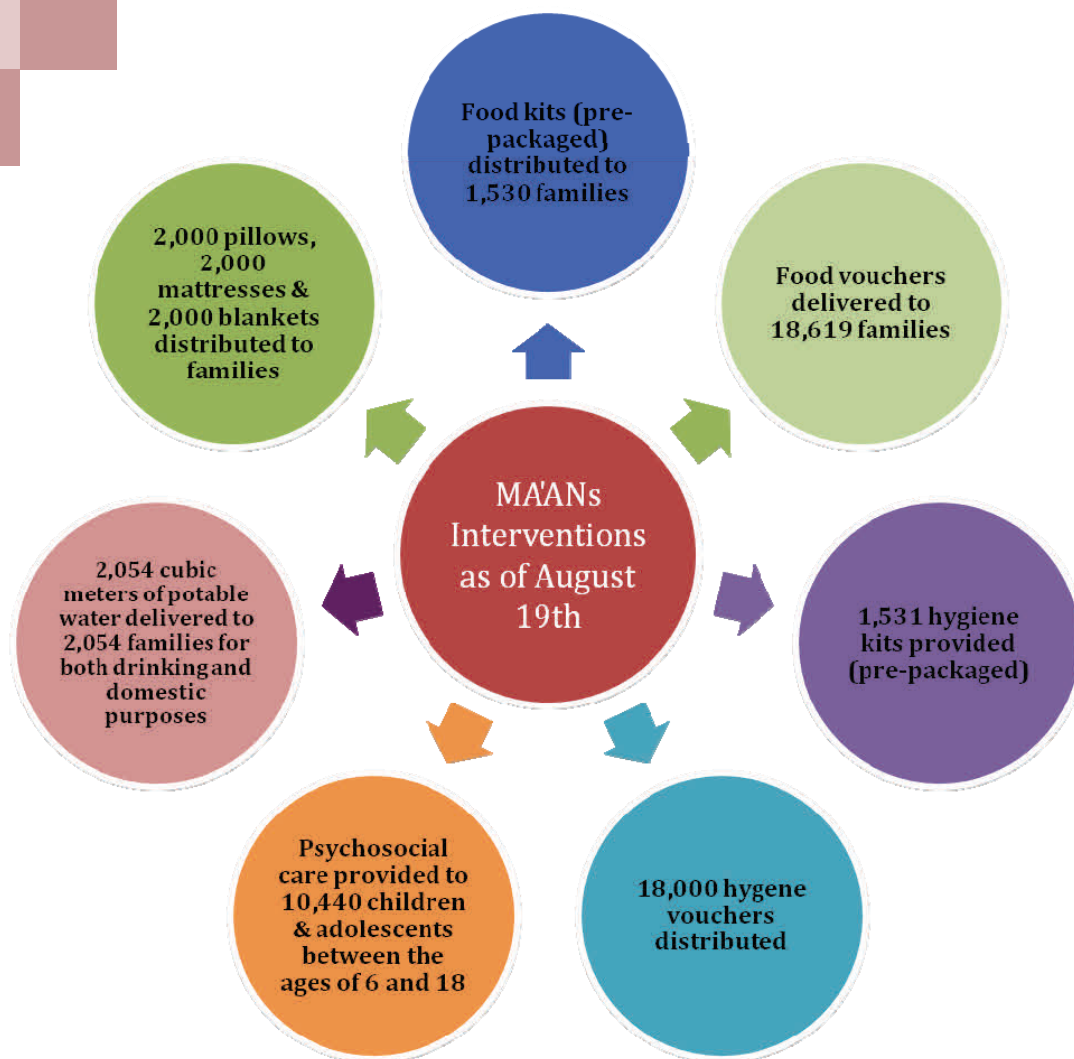
As of August 20th, your generous contributions have helped us to reach thousands of families to provide them with critical emergency shelter, as well as food, bedding and hygiene items, in addition to psychosocial care.



Above: MA'AN staff work with children and adolescents in Gaza to deliver critical psychosocial services to more than 9,600 children. MA'AN staff also monitor the distribution and cashing of food vouchers across Gaza during the recent ceasefire.

MA'AN Development Center (in partnership with The Welfare Organisation, WFP/Oxfam, UNICEF, UPA, AFPS, APHEDA, as well as individual contributions) has worked tirelessly in the Gaza Strip to provide emergency assistance since the beginning of Israel's bombardment of Gaza.

As of the 20th of August, MA'AN has met and exceeded many of its initial goals; originally, our team sought to provide food and hygiene vouchers to 13,000 families who had been crudely displaced by the attack. Today, 18,619 families have been reached. Just yesterday, MA'AN staff worked quickly to distribute 5000 of these vouchers before the end of the ceasefire so as to permit families to safely cash them at stores during the relative calm. Further, 2,000 pillows, 2,000 mattresses and 2,000 blankets have also been distributed to families in Gaza. The US\$5,000 originally allocated for supplying potable water has managed to provide 1,272 cubic meters for both drinking and other domestic purposes. MA'AN has also been able to deliver psychosocial care through recreational activities for more than 9,600 children. These packages, vouchers and services have been distributed throughout Gaza city and the surrounding districts, as well as in the Northern Gaza Strip, Khan Yunis and Rafah.



Following on from these well-received interventions, we have a long way to go in the coming weeks. The damage is extensive and a sustainable end to the war is not yet in vision, so we must remain prepared to meet the challenges ahead in Gaza. With this in mind, MA'AN is seeking to continue its targeted response, with your assistance.

How can I help?

To support the Palestinian people in Gaza during this imposed catastrophe, please contribute to MA'AN's Gaza Appeal 2014. 100% of all donations directly to those in need – no overheads. For more specific information on how to do this, email lnasr@maan-ctr.org. Any donation you can make is greatly appreciated.