

# PALESTINE

## ACTIVITY REPORT

2014 - 2023

*This report describes IHH Humanitarian Relief Foundation's 10 years of work in Palestine between January 1, 2014, and December 31, 2023.*

## A B O U T U S

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*Since its establishment in 1992, IHH Humanitarian Relief Foundation has continued to operate with the aim of delivering humanitarian aid to all people who have been victimized, distressed and persecuted due to reasons such as wars and natural disasters, wherever they are in the world, and to prevent the violation of their fundamental rights and freedoms. These efforts, which started with volunteer activities and became institutionalized in 1995, have spread to 123 countries in a short time and a bridge of charity has been established from Türkiye to the whole world.*

*While operating in the axis of humanitarian relief, human rights and humanitarian diplomacy, IHH also promotes the development of the sense of solidarity, communion and brotherhood in Türkiye and across the world by developing many social and cultural projects as it continues its operations. IHH assumes the duty of a pioneer and a role model in the development of NGOs that operate in regions experiencing hardship and victimization. In addition to emergency aid, IHH also takes part in the construction of sustainable projects including schools, orphanages, mosques, water wells, cultural centers, health clinics and hospitals to serve the people in these regions and contribute to the development of the countries. IHH also acts as a mediator in solving issues using humanitarian diplomacy in all regions where people are victimized, and international diplomacy is inadequate.*

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# INTRODUCTION

Since the Israeli occupation of the Palestinian territories, the Palestinian people have been subjected to all kinds of violence and violations of their rights. They've been systematically oppressed and subject to massacres, with half of the population becoming refugees. Additionally, several factors such as the restriction of access to natural resources, ongoing infrastructure destruction, energy resource shortages, and Israeli control over critical ports and customs crucial for foreign trade exacerbates the challenges faced by Palestinians, making their lives even more difficult.

Tens of thousands of people were killed, thousands of houses were destroyed, and hospitals became unusable in Israel's attacks that started on October 7, 2023 and continued in front of the eyes of the whole world. More than 1.5 million people who had to leave their homes are struggling to survive without the most basic needs, especially food and shelter.

Our Foundation, which has been carrying out aid and support activities for Palestinians since its establishment, opened an office in Gaza in 2009 after the Israeli blockade of Gaza in 2007 and started to carry out humanitarian aid activities through this office. In addition to providing emergency aid to the people of Gaza, it has implemented many projects in areas such as orphan support, health, education and shelter. Our foundation's aid activities for the Palestinian people continue uninterruptedly.

We will  
Never  
give  
UP!

ISM

our bodies  
our lives  
for PALESTINE

TEAR DOWN  
THIS WALL

FREE PRISONERS



Arabic graffiti: لا للتعذيب والقتل وأسرى

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# A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE PALESTINE CRISIS

The Zionist movement, which emerged in late 19th century, marked the beginning of a critical period for the Middle East and especially, in Palestine. At the First World Zionist Congress organized by Theodor Herzl and held in Basel in 1897, the issue of a legally guaranteed homeland for Jews in Palestine was discussed. As a result of the regular immigration that began from this date onwards, the Jewish population in the region grew from only 15 in 1881 to nearly 40,000 in 1914. In this process, it is recorded in historical records that the Zionists met with Abdul Hamid II and offered to pay the foreign debts of the Ottoman Empire in exchange for the purchase of land in Palestine, but Abdul Hamid II rejected this offer.

The issue of Palestine was left ambiguous in the Treaty of Sykes-Picot signed between France and Britain during the First World War, which envisaged the division of the Middle East after the war. In 1917, British Foreign Secretary Arthur James Balfour wrote a declaration addressed to Baron Walter Rothschild, the leading figure of the Zionist movement, promising a homeland for the Jews in Palestine. As the Ottoman Empire's presence in Palestine came to an end in September 1918, the declaration was included in the post-war Treaty of Sèvres. Britain established a mandate administration in Palestine in 1920, which was recognized by the United Nations (UN) in 1922. In 1929, at the 29th Zionist Congress in Zurich, Switzerland, it was recognized that the term “National Home” in the Balfour Declaration meant “Jewish State”.

In the years following the Second World War, the situation in Palestine deteriorated. Britain took the issue to the UN and started the process of establishing the State of Israel. In 1947, with the Partition Plan, the Jews were given large and fertile lands that were out of proportion to their



population. Britain also announced that it would end the mandate administration in Palestine. With the Partition Plan, it was decided that Palestine would be divided into six regions excluding Jerusalem, three of these regions would be given to Muslims and three to Jews, and Jerusalem would be given international status. The Zionists accepted this plan and quickly began to occupy the territories they were told would be given to them. On May 15, 1948, on the night of Britain's withdrawal from Palestine, the establishment of the State of Israel was announced.

Upon the declaration of independence, the Arab League declared war on Israel. While the Palestinians achieved limited success with their struggles led by Iz Al-Din Al-Qassam and Amin al-Husseini, the Zionist movement pursued a more organized policy.

The Al-Fatah Movement, founded by Yasser Arafat in 1958, became an important actor in the Palestinian independence movement. However, Israel won the Six-Day War (Arab-Israeli War) in 1967, occupying new territories and worsening the situation of the Palestinian people.

Since then, Israel has continued its policy of occupation and destruction in Palestine. Palestine is being Judaized through policies such as the expulsion of Palestinians from Jerusalem, the destruction of historical monuments that show the Islamic identity of the city, the ongoing excavations under the Al-Aqsa Mosque, and the increasing number of Jewish settlements.

Today, Palestinians have become unable to carry out their daily lives in their own land. The Zionist Israeli government is committing all kinds of unlawful acts, including arbitrary arrests, to intimidate the people and force them to leave Palestine.

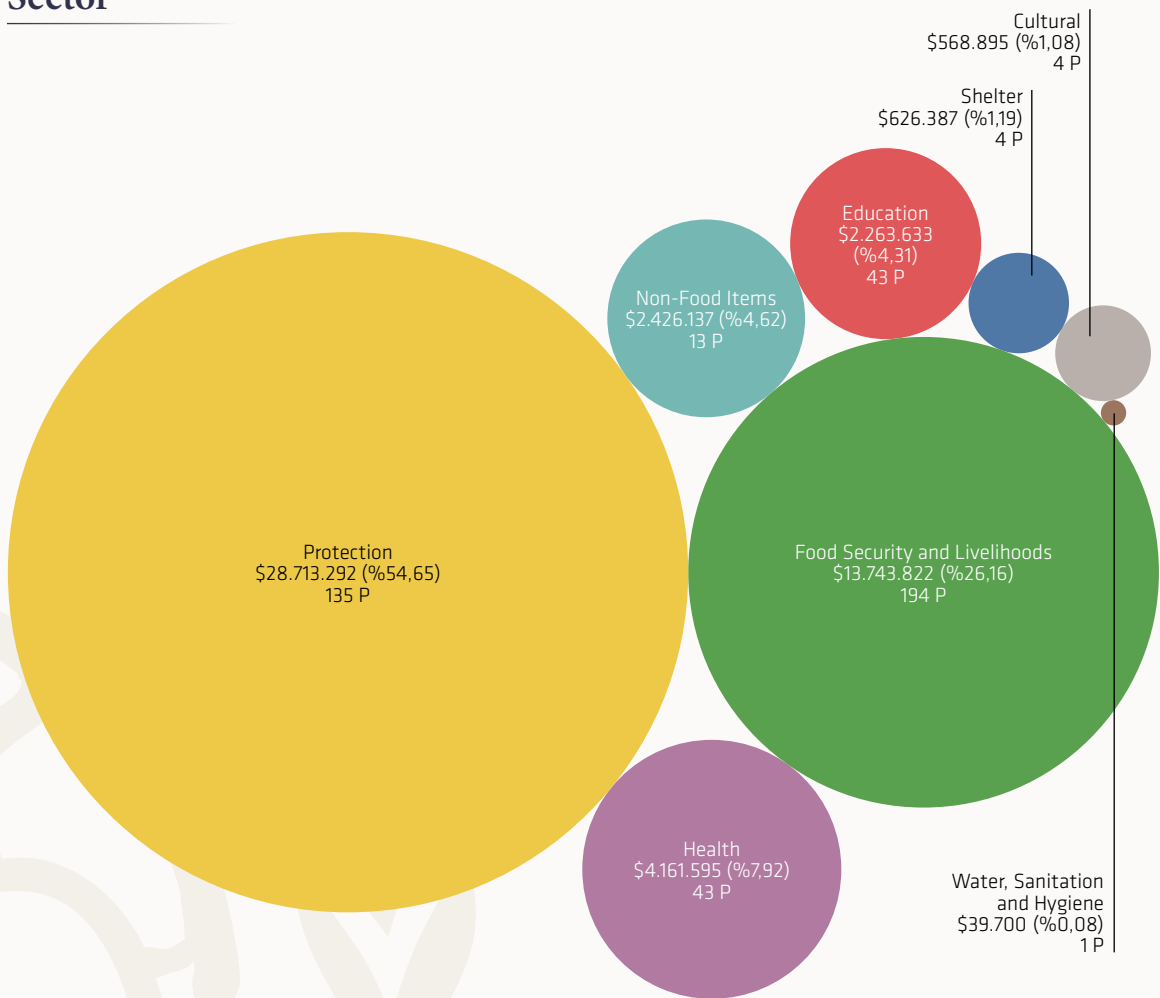


A BRIEF SUMMARY OF IHH'S ACTIVITIES IN PALESTINE

As IHH Humanitarian Relief Foundation, we have provided aid amounting to \$52.543.461 to assist over 3 million Palestinians in need through 437 projects implemented over the past decade. These efforts aims to improve the living conditions of Palestinians living under occupation.

Our Foundation carries out its aid activities in eight humanitarian aid sectors recognized by international institutions and organizations.

Sector



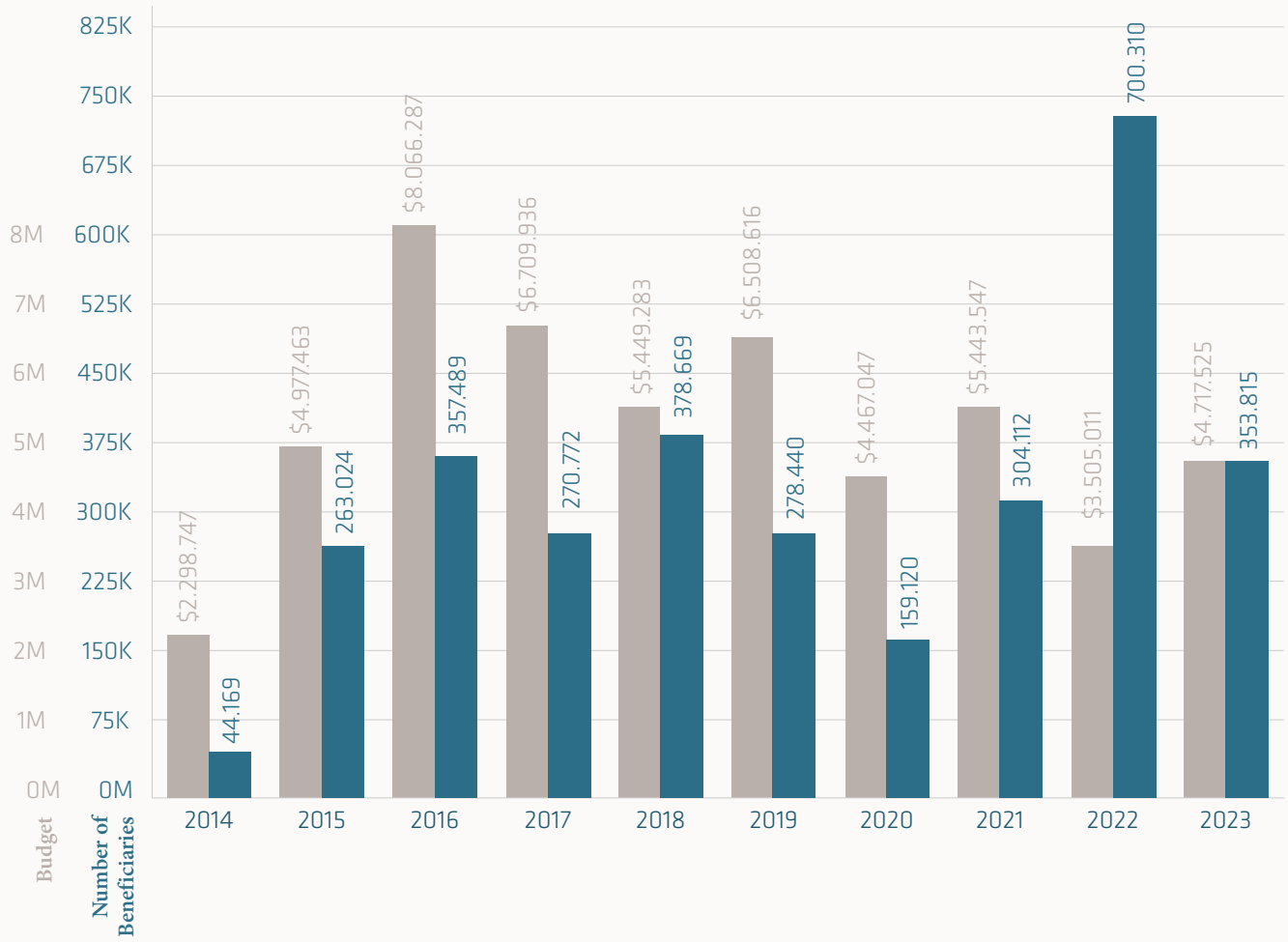
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	<b>Total Number of Projects</b>	<b>437</b>		<b>Budget</b>	<b>\$52.543.461</b>
	<b>Number of Beneficiaries</b>	<b>3.109.920</b>			



## Budget and Number of Beneficiaries

■ Budget ■ Number of Beneficiaries



# Food Security and Livelihoods

In the last 10 years, we have provided \$13.743.822 to the needy in Palestine with our food security projects consisting of qurbani shares, Ramadan rations, iftars, periodical food aids and cash aids. About 2 million 150 thousand people benefited from our projects.



Total Number of Projects

194



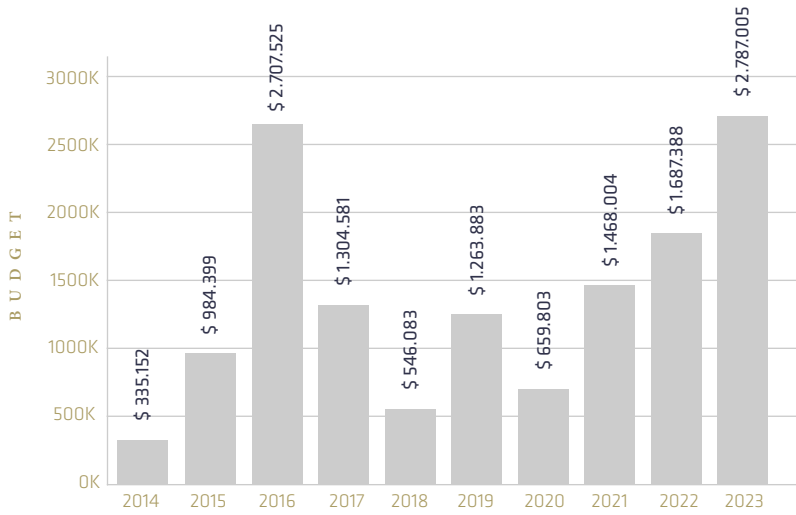
Budget

\$13.743.822



Number of Beneficiaries

2.144.209



# Mavi Marmara Martyrs Soup Kitchen

In 2016, we launched our Mavi Marmara Martyrs Soup Kitchen to provide daily hot meals to the elderly, disabled, needy, and orphaned families in Gaza. Following the bombardments that began on October 7, 2023, we expanded the capacity of our soup kitchen from preparing meals for 3.000 individuals per day to serving 70.000 people.



# Non-Food Items

2 million people in Palestine are in need of humanitarian aid. Our Foundation, which carries out aid and support activities in the region where access to basic life products is extremely limited due to embargo and financial impossibilities, has reached many Palestinians with non-food aid such as clothes, blankets, fuel and household items since 2013.



Total Number of Projects

13



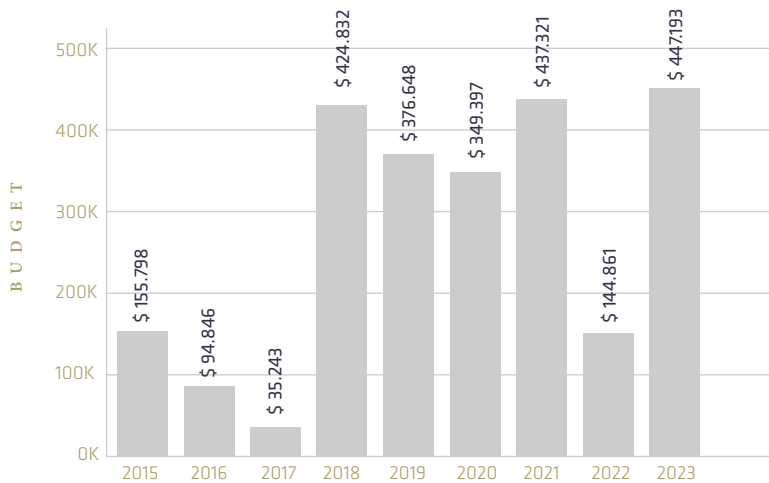
Budget

\$2.426.137



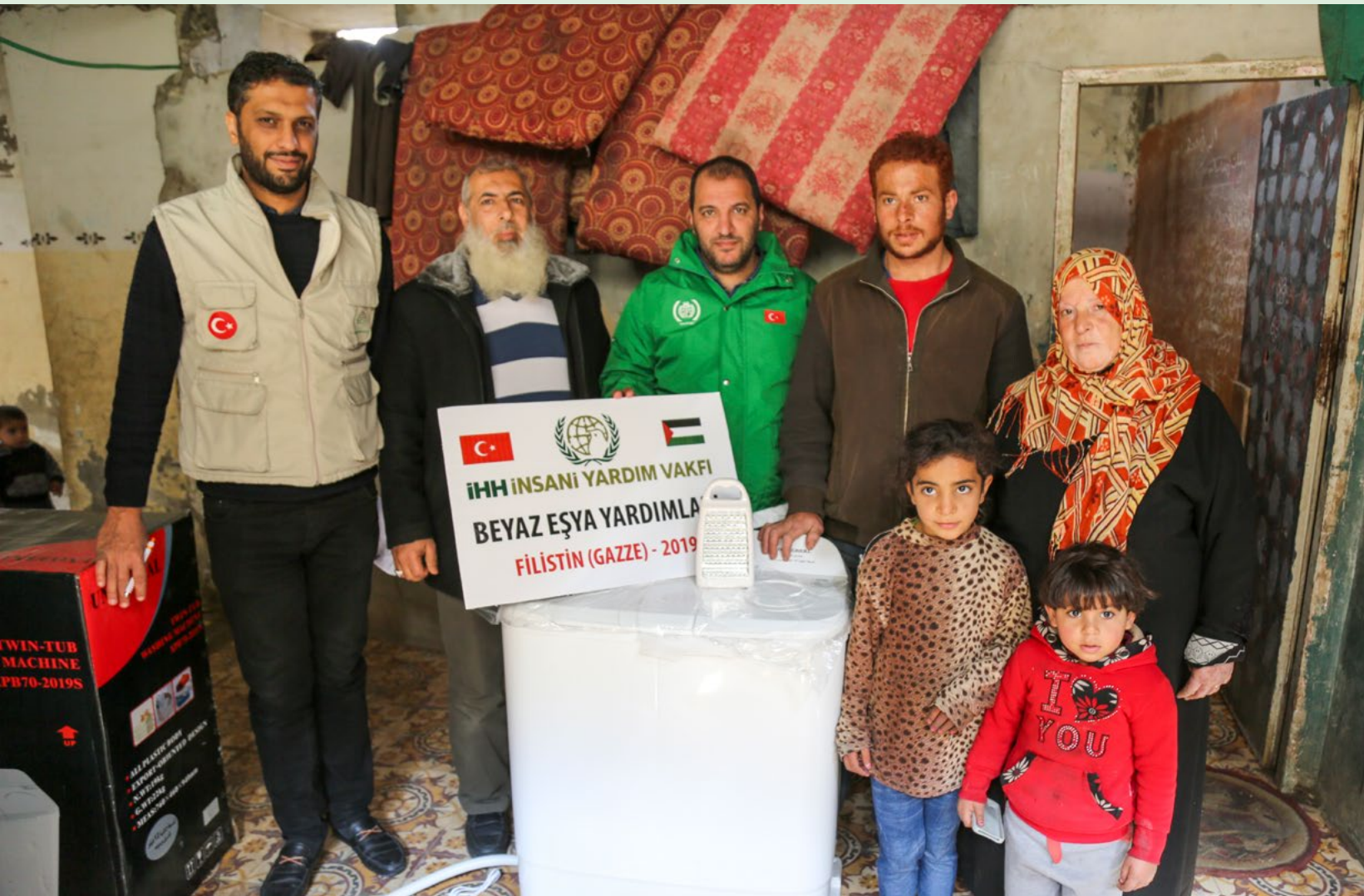
Number of Beneficiaries

67.097



# White Goods Support to Gaza

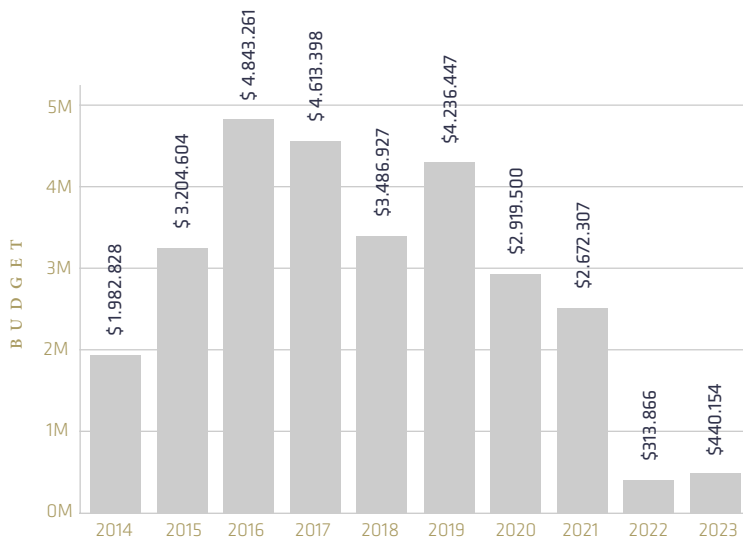
The occupation state's repeated heavy bombardment of Gaza has resulted in extensive destruction, leaving hundreds of thousands of Palestinians in dire need of emergency assistance. In response, our Foundation distributed refrigerators and washing machines to 500 families affected by the attacks, helping them cope with the damage inflicted by the occupation forces.



# Protection

Orphans who have lost their families and are left unprotected are the most affected by the crisis in Palestine. With the Orphan Sponsorship System, we support orphans in meeting their needs such as education, health, food and shelter, and help orphan families to stand on their own feet through income generation projects. Our foundation, which has implemented 135 projects in the field of protection in 10 years, provides regular support to 16.398 Palestinian orphans every month, as well as shelter projects for orphan families whose houses are destroyed or in need of repair.

	<b>Total Number of Projects</b>	<b>135</b>		<b>Budget</b>	<b>\$28.713.292</b>
	<b>Number of Beneficiaries</b>	<b>214.729</b>			



# Income Generation Project for Gaza

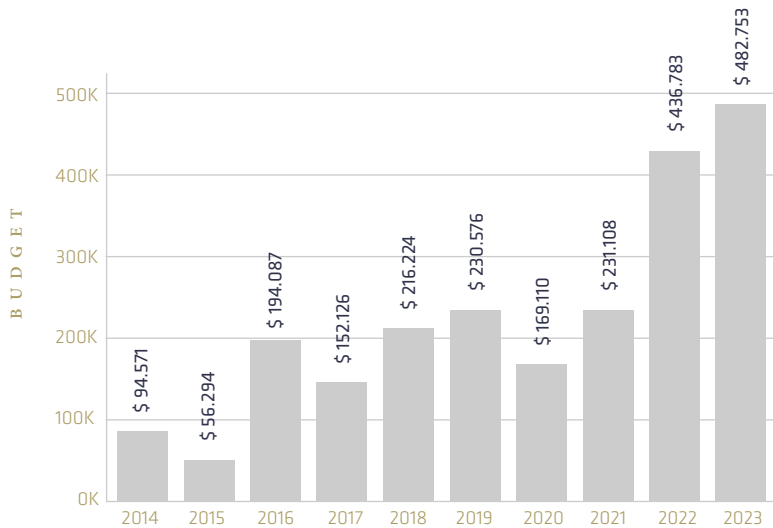
Our Foundation, dedicated to empowering orphan families, has extended aid to 56 such families in Palestine. Through income generation projects such as livestock, auto rickshaws (tuk-tuk), grocery shops, sewing workshops, and olive tree cultivation etc. we're helping these families become self-sufficient and build sustainable livelihoods.



# Education

Our foundation builds and repairs schools and provides scholarship support to students to ensure the continuation of education in Palestine. It also provides stationery and books to children. More than 50,000 Palestinian students have benefited from 43 educational projects we have realized since 2013.

	<b>Total Number of Projects</b>	<b>43</b>		<b>Budget</b>	<b>\$2.263.633</b>
	<b>Number of Beneficiaries</b>	<b>51.188</b>			





# Ottoman Culture Center

We carry out educational and cultural projects for the people of Gaza, who have been struggling to survive under the blockade and embargo of the Zionist regime for many years. IHH have organized trainings in 17 different fields including English language, computer, statistical analysis, and programming language courses.



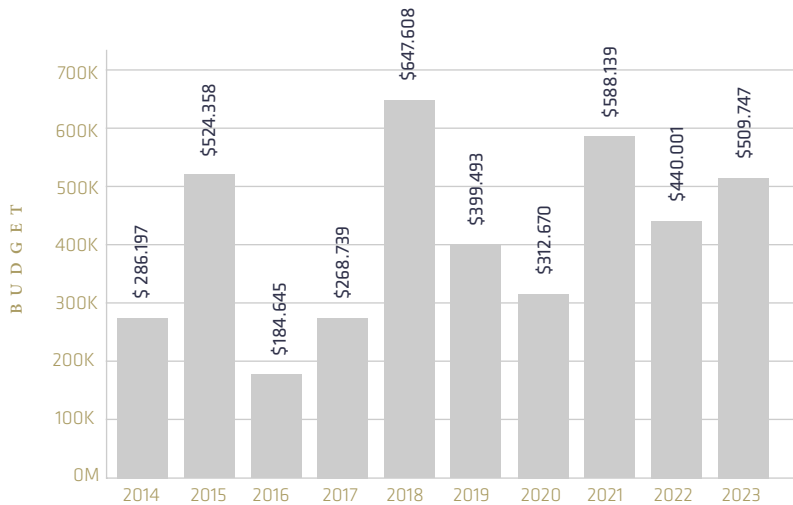
# Health

Israel's blatant disregard for both legal and moral standards extends to its targeting of hospitals and ambulances, a policy that persisted even prior to the October 7 attacks. Gaza, enduring years of blockade and embargo, faces severe shortages of medical equipment and supplies.

Over the past decade, more than 613 thousand individuals in need have benefited from 43 health projects implemented by IHH in Palestine. Through these initiatives, we've provided vital medical equipment and medicines, conducted cataract surgeries, established health centers and laboratories, installed solar panels to address electricity shortages in hospitals, and offered generators and fuel support, striving to address the pressing healthcare needs of the Palestinian people.

 **Total Number of Projects** **43**
 **Budget** **\$4.161.595**

 **Number of Beneficiaries** **613.630**



# Ambulance Project

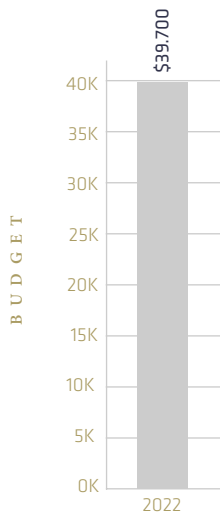
In occupied Palestine, Israel shoots hospitals and ambulances in defiance of the law. Ambulances are one of the most basic needs for the people of the region. Our Foundation has provided two ambulances to the West Bank and seven ambulances to Gaza in the last 10 years to support the Palestinian health system.



# Water, Sanitation and Hygiene

The escalating challenges of drought and environmental pollution globally have exacerbated access to clean water everywhere. To address this, our Foundation has initiated water, sanitation, and hygiene projects worldwide, including the construction of water wells, fountains, and channels, as well as maintenance and repair of existing ones. Additionally, we distribute hygiene kits to communities in need. In Palestine alone, over 12.000 individuals have benefited from our projects aimed to alleviate water-related issues in the region.

	<b>Total Number of Projects</b>	<b>1</b>		<b>Budget</b>	<b>\$39.700</b>
	<b>Number of Beneficiaries</b>	<b>12.000</b>			



# Beit Lahya Water Well

The relentless attacks by the occupation forces on Gaza have inflicted severe damage on the region's water infrastructure. In response, our Foundation constructed a 200 m<sup>3</sup> capacity well in the Beit Lahya area of Gaza, home to approximately 12,000 residents. This well extracts around 100-110 m<sup>3</sup> of water daily, which is then collected in a 2,500 m<sup>3</sup> tank, ensuring a vital supply of water for the community despite the ongoing challenges.



# Shelter

Palestinians whose homes were destroyed in Israeli attacks are unable to repair their homes or build new ones due to the embargo and financial constraints. Those who are forced to migrate cannot even meet their basic shelter needs. Our Foundation, which supports displaced Palestinians in many areas such as water tanks and household goods, has provided shelter aid amounting to \$626.387 in the last 10 years in Gaza.



Total Number of Projects

4



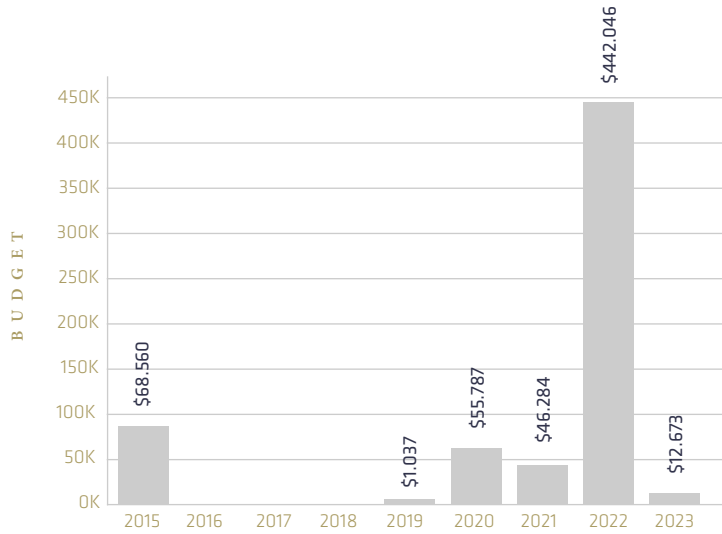
Budget

\$626.387



Number of Beneficiaries

527



# Reconstruction Project

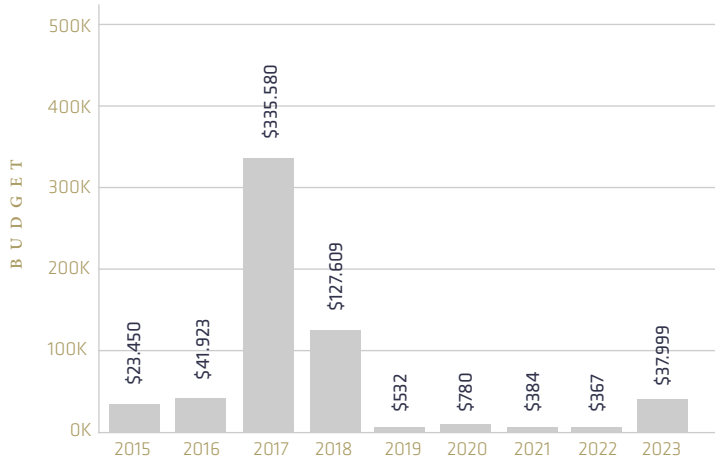
We implemented a “Reconstruction Project” for 100 families whose houses were damaged by Israeli bombardments. We built houses for 25 families whose houses were completely destroyed and repaired 25 houses that were unusable. We also renovated 50 moderately damaged houses.



# Cultural

As IHH, in Palestine, where war and crisis have been prevailing for many years, in addition to humanitarian aid works, we also renovate mosques damaged by bombardments and build new mosques in line with the demands of the people of the region.

	<b>Total Number of Projects</b>	<b>4</b>		<b>Budget</b>	<b>\$568.895</b>
	<b>Number of Beneficiaries</b>	<b>6.540</b>			





# Corporal Hasan Mosque

We opened Corporal Hasan Mosque for worship in Gaza. 1.800 people can worship at the same time in the 500 m<sup>2</sup> mosque, which we built in the name of Corporal Hasan from Igdır, who stayed in the region after the Ottoman withdrawal from Jerusalem and did not leave his post until his death.





# Digital Memory Center

The Digital Memory Center was established in 2022 to produce and publish content to help people remember the Palestinian issue and the Israeli occupation. The Center maintains a large archive on Palestine with hundreds of content that will be of interest to all age groups, including a glossary of important concepts, books, videos, games, infographics, articles and historical documents. It aims to give a voice to Palestinians, whose existence is being erased by occupation, blockade and embargo, and to preserve the memory of the region.

## What will you find?

### Biographies

Life stories of people who left their mark on Palestine in history

### Timeline

Important dates and events related to Palestine since 1516, when the Ottoman Empire conquered Palestine

### Glossary of concepts

A-Z glossary of concepts on the Palestinian-Israeli issue

### Photo exhibitions, video archive and infographics

Photos of Palestinian streets and cities; documentaries, interviews, short films, seminars and conferences; informative infographics on different topics

### Maps, historical documents and columns

Maps showing the cities of Palestine prepared based on historical treaties and different issues, historical documents and columns on Palestine

### Virtual Trip

3D images

## What is being done and what will be done?



### 1- Publishing House

The Center publishes exclusively on Palestine through its publishing house. It prioritizes books in the fields of literature-art, politics-history, resistance literature and children's stories.

The publishing house aims both to raise awareness by bringing the heritage of the past into our language and to produce qualified studies on this subject by producing new works. It offers books in Turkish, English and Arabic to enthusiasts.



### 2-Game projects

With the developing technology, the new generation's understanding of games and entertainment is also changing. Based on this fact, the Digital Memory Center develops games that combine entertainment and knowledge, aiming to inform children about Palestine while having fun.



### 3-Virtual reality

Virtual reality studies that combine art, history and technology will be prepared to examine the architectural history, social life and historical buildings of Palestine.



### 4- Cartoons and animations

Through cartoons and animations, important people, places and events related to Palestine will be introduced to children. Thus, the subject of Palestine will be explained to children in the most appropriate way.



### 5- Digital museum

Against Israel's efforts to erase Palestine's past, virtual museums with different themes supported by historical documents will be established. Especially before and after the Nakba (Great Catastrophe) and the Ottoman period will be explained in detail.

The future vision of our center is to tell the world about the social memory of the Palestinian people, whose existence is systematically tried to be erased, through the digital platform.

# Publications

## Books

1. Aksa İntifadası, *İslam Asalya*, İNSAMER, 2019
2. Resulullah'ın Beytülmakdis Fethine Dair Stratejik Planı, *Abd al-Fattah el-Awaisi*, İNSAMER, 2019
3. Filistin ve Özgürlük Filosu, *Kadriye Sınmaz*, İNSAMER, 2020
4. Kudüs: İşgal Altında Bir İslam Kenti, *Ahmet Emin Dağ*, İNSAMER, 2020
5. Gazze'de 3000 Gün, *Faruk Esen*, *Dijital Hafıza Merkezi*, 2022
6. Diplomasi ve Direniş, *Sadeq Alshaikh Eid*, *Dijital Hafıza Merkezi*, 2023
7. Tarihin Tanıyım, *Ahmet Emin Dağ*, *Dijital Hafıza Merkezi*, 2023

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# Emergency Aid to Gaza

Israel has been committing genocide in Gaza since October 7, 2023. It has massacred more than 30.000 people, mostly women and children. Thousands of houses have been destroyed or rendered unusable by the bombardments. It is still bombing schools, hospitals, ambulances, soup kitchens and mosques. Our Foundation provides regular aid, especially hot meals, food and health supplies, to Palestinians trying to survive under difficult conditions.





Hot Food  
**11.067.004**  
personality



Breads  
**33.441.942 pieces**



Miscellaneous Food  
(Canned Food, Pasta, Ready Meal Packages, Fruit Juice and.)  
**1.195.453 pieces**



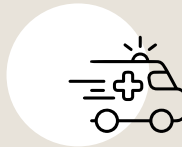
Food Rations  
**183.522**



Flour  
**129.789 sacks**



Clothes  
**21.236**



Ambulance  
**12**



Blankets  
**44.033**

Patient & Baby Diapers  
**63.743 parcels**



Hygiene Packages  
**105.568**



Drinking Water  
**2.059 tanks**



Medicines  
**1.801**



Medical Products  
**340**



Fuel  
**485 liter**




Vegetables  
**11.311 package**



Shelter  
(Tent, Carpet, Bed, Pillow, Kitchen Set)  
**64.824 pieces**



## FROM IHH TÜRKİYE

 IHH sent 40 trucks of aid supplies in coordination with **AFAD** 35 of these trucks carried food, various clothing, hygiene and other necessities, while 5 of them carried 9 ambulances.

In addition, with the support of our donators, our Foundation sent 252 trucks of food, hygiene and shelter aid to Gaza by ship.

Furthermore, in cooperation with Kuwait Society For Relief organisation, 94 trucks of food, shelter and hygiene supplies were sent.

## IHH ON THE EGYPTIAN SIDE

Three ambulances prepared to be sent to Gaza when the Rafah border crossing is opened have arrived at the port of Arish. Additionally, a total of 45 trucks of materials, including 27 trucks of flour, 1 truck of medical aid, 10 trucks of food, 5 trucks of blankets, 1 truck of tents, and 1 truck of water, have been purchased from Egypt so far.

Along with 2 trucks of flour, 1 truck of food and 1 truck of tents, and all the rest of these materials have reached Gaza. Our relief efforts on the Egyptian side continue.

## IHH ON THE GAZA SIDE

IHH Gaza Office, in cooperation with the World Food Program (WFP), distributes hot meals prepared in the north and south of Gaza every day to 36,000 people in hospitals, UN schools and shelters. In addition, 130 thousand loaves of bread are distributed every day as part of this cooperation.

## IHH ON THE JORDANIAN SIDE

1 truck of clothes, 1 truck of blankets and 2 trucks of food supplies prepared in Jordan reached Gaza. Preparations for 19 trucks of food supplies are underway.

*IHH sent a total of 458 trucks of aid supplies to Gaza. 290 of these trucks departed from Türkiye, 45 from Egypt and 4 from Jordan. Most of the trucks have reached Gaza, while others are waiting in line to enter.*



In January 2024, IHH launched a hot meal and bread distribution project in Gaza in cooperation with the UN-affiliated WFP. With the project, 30 thousand hot meals and 30 thousand loaves of bread are distributed every day in the north and south of Gaza. Until now, an average of 900 thousand hot meals have been distributed monthly. During Ramadan, the number of people receiving hot meals increased to 50 thousand per day. Within the scope of this project, a total of 9 million meals and 2 million loaves of bread have been distributed so far.

In March 2024, a new project was launched to reduce the adverse effects of malnutrition, which causes serious health risks among pregnant and breastfeeding women and children under 5 years of age. The project aims to reach 51,000 pregnant and breastfeeding women and children under the age of 5 every month through the distribution of Lipid Based Nutritional Supplements (LNS), and 2 million packages have been distributed so far.

The project also includes the monthly distribution of ready-to-eat food items such as flour, date bars and canned food to 50,000 families affected by the attacks in northern Gaza.

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