

### Middle East Crisis update

The violence in Gaza continues. As of 22 February, at least 29,410 Palestinians have been killed in Gaza according to UN OCHA.

Christian Aid partners are continuing to respond to the ongoing humanitarian crisis. All our partner staff have been forcibly displaced from their homes and are living in either temporary shelters, or with host friends or family in cramped conditions without adequate access to food, water, medicine or bedding. Added to this, many have lost friends, family or colleagues and are dealing with unimaginable grief.

There is huge need, as people have been left with nothing and daily bombardment means nowhere is safe, including our partners' offices which are destroyed or inaccessible. In these terrible conditions, partners have implemented lifesaving work.

Here is a snapshot of some of the work that our partners are carrying out as part of the Middle East Crisis Appeal and with your support through Commitment for Life.

Our health partner **Palestinian Medical Relief Society** (PMRS) have 30 teams on the ground and have reached at least 363,000 people. PMRS have run a mobile health clinic which provides people with access to a doctor, nurse, social worker or physiotherapist. Due to the lack of fuel in Gaza access is limited, however in an incredible demonstration of strength, PMRS doctors have been reaching people by bicycle.

In all their responses since October, the **Agricultural Development Association** (PARC), have reached 508,065 people, especially those in non-United Nations shelters or



**A water distribution by Christian Aid partners in northern Gaza.**

staying with host families.

PARC have distributed drinking water, food packages including fresh vegetables and dried goods and blankets, nappies and hygiene kits. They've worked with a food manufacturer to turn a large quantity of dry milk into cheese to distribute. They have also designed and constructed bathroom units and temporary shelter units to house displaced communities, which will serve thousands.

The **Palestinian Centre for Human Rights** (PCHR) continues to systematically monitor, document and report human rights abuses and

war crimes occurring in Gaza. This evidence will be pivotal for ensuring future accountability, safeguarding the rights of victims, and pursuing justice.

Raji Sourani, the director of PCHR, who was pulled from the rubble of his home in October, was present at the International Court of Justice case to call for interim measures to prevent genocide.

**Thank you for all of your support through Commitment for Life which continues to help our partners respond to this crisis.**

### Act on Poverty course available now

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poverty, hear stories of faith and activism that challenge the status quo, and learn how we can all take steps to tackle poverty together.

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