

Baking bread to cope with crisis

Gaza continues to be in the grip of a profound humanitarian emergency. Israel's blockade of food, fuel, medicine and essentials has left people on the brink of famine.

The relentless military offensive has killed over 65,000 people and displaced almost 2 million more. In recent months accessing aid has become incredibly difficult and dangerous. Women, and especially widows are struggling to access what they need for their families.

Christian Aid's partner, the Women's Affairs Centre (WAC) have started a clay ovens initiative to help meet the urgent need for food and to provide hope and opportunities for women.

As part of the initiative, women have taken full responsibility for supervising all stages of the project which reflects the resilience and capacity of the community in responding to their circumstances.

The ovens and the ingredients are provided by WAC. This allows widows in the community to access the oven and bake bread which is then sold at a symbolic price (below the inflated prices seen across Gaza).

The women involved in the project have spoken about what this



Women are baking bread for their families and community amid a food scarcity crisis, providing much needed dignity as well as nutrition.

initiative has meant to them.

"After losing our home and sense of security, even a loaf of bread became a dream... The Clay Ovens initiative brought back a part of our lives and restored our feeling that we can provide for our children with dignity."

"We used to wait in line for hours at the ovens and sometimes return empty-handed... Now the fire is ours, the bread comes from our own

hands, and the joy in our children's eyes is greater than anything."

"The bread we once struggled to find now comes out of our hands... The Clay Ovens initiative not only filled our stomachs but also filled our hearts with hope."

Thank you for your continued support and prayer which is providing food and a sense of hope and dignity to women living through the crisis in Gaza.

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