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Puppet Regime: International NGOs in the Gaza Terror State and the Involvement of Canadian-Funded NGOs

Hundreds of captured documents originating with Hamas and analyzed by NGO Monitor reveal that the terrorist group systematically controlled foreign NGOs operating in Gaza and used myriad stratagems to commandeer international aid.¹ For instance, Hamas inserted its operatives into administrative positions within international NGOs operating in Gaza; required NGOs to appoint “guarantors” to serve as liaisons to Hamas internal security apparatus; closely surveilled NGO officials and offices; generated beneficiary lists, utilized by the UN and aid organizations, to dictate who would receive cash-assistance; and outright stole aid materials. In response, NGOs and the UN alike adopted a policy of silence and cooperation, becoming complicit in the exploitation of humanitarian principles.

Several well-known international NGOs – including the Canadian-funded Action Against Hunger (AAH), Aisha, Catholic Relief Services (CRS), Handicap International (HI), Islamic Relief Worldwide,² Ma’an Development Center, Médecins du Monde (Mdm), Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF), Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC), Save the Children, and World Vision – are referenced in the Hamas documents.

Internal Hamas Documents

A series of Arabic-language documents from 2018-2022, seized in Gaza and then declassified by the Israel Defense Forces (IDF), describe the Stasi-like tactics employed by Hamas to manipulate and coerce humanitarian structures, including NGO operations. The documents originated with the Gaza Interior Security Mechanism (ISM) – a unit within the Hamas Ministry of Interior and National Security (MoINS) responsible for surveillance, counter-espionage, political dissent, civil defense, border crossings, enforcement of Islamic law, and handling of prisoners in Gaza.

¹ The Hamas documents were translated from the original Arabic by NGO Monitor.

² According to Islamic Relief Canada (IRC) – which [receives funding from the Canadian government](#) – the NGO is “a [member](#) of Islamic Relief Worldwide, which is a global federation of Islamic Relief affiliate offices that operate in over 40 countries.” IRC further states that the federation uses the “collective resources of the 12 federated members to fund the field operations and split the cost of those field offices.” For additional details on the financial ties between IRC and IRW, see page 11 of this report.

Guarantors

A central mechanism by which Hamas maintained control over NGO activities in Gaza is through “guarantors.” Local Gazans, approved by MoINS, serve as the point of contact between Hamas’ internal security apparatus and NGOs. Hamas requires that such “guarantors” hold senior administrative positions – such as director, deputy director, or board chair – at the NGO. “Guarantors” present Hamas with information about planned NGO activities, and other internal information and operations.

- According to a December 2022 document,³ at least ten such “guarantors,” **including officials at NRC and HI (both funded by Canada), were Hamas members or supporters, or also employed by Hamas-affiliated authorities.** According to the same document, **the “guarantor” of the Canadian-funded Catholic Relief Services “is affiliated with the Popular Front [for the Liberation of Palestine]”** (emphasis added).

Interference in NGO Activity

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- For instance, MoINS ordered Mercy Corps – an NGO **whose Gaza operations are funded indirectly by Canada through NRC** – to delete certain questions in a questionnaire that was designed to assist the NGO in determining the needs of potential grantees, citing “concerns that the goal [of the question] is to identify resistance members.”⁴ MoINS also conditioned final approval for the project on receiving the names of Mercy Corps field researchers “in order to investigate them.”
- In another example, MoINS interrogated and performed background checks on an employee at the NGO American Near East Refugee Aid (ANERA), and instructed that “authorization [for an ANERA project be obtained] from the brothers in [Hamis] intelligence...regarding the digging maps and areas field sites.”⁵

Hamis’ Exploitation of NGO Projects to Secure Military Positions

³ “Report on the employees in foreign associations that have the right to submit a request for a foreign visitor” was authored by the Department of Foreign Associations under the Branch of Foreign Activity and submitted on December 14, 2022 to the Director of the Division of Associations.

⁴The project review, dated July 27, 2020, was authored by the Branch of Security of Associations and sent to the Director of the Division of Public Activity under ISM. The title of the original document was “Response on the project ‘urgent aid for vulnerable families in the Gaza Strip’.”

⁵ The report, titled “Regarding the implementation of the urgent project for water and sewage by the East Gaza Society,” was submitted on April 5, 2022, by the Director of the Division of Public Activity to the Deputy Director General of [the Sector of] Intelligence Affairs, ISM’s head unit for monitoring NGO activity as of the start of 2022.

A June 16, 2021 document⁶ suggests that the NGO Oxfam worked with a Hamas-linked local group on an infrastructure project that appears to have contributed to Hamas military preparations.

The file details an Oxfam water project slated to take place in “**a border area and is security sensitive, since it is a place of interest for both the occupation and the resistance alike.**” MoINS officials added, “The project concerns irrigation of fruit trees...[which] **are known to be a cover for resistance activities in border areas**” – referring to Hamas military activity (emphases added). MoINS officials mentioned Oxfam’s local implementing partner Rai-Consult – touting that “the founders and the people in charge of the company, and many of the employees in it have an Islamist view and **its director is affiliated with the Hamas movement**” (emphasis added). The document names Rai-Consult employees associated with the project, categorizing all of their “moral” and “security” statuses as “excellent.”

- Importantly, according to its [website](#), Rai-Consult “signed a one-year framework agreement” (June 2025 - June 2026) with the **Canadian-funded** NGO Save the Children. One of the listed “objectives” of the agreement is to “Independently monitor and validate Save the Children’s and partners’ project activities.” Additionally, in July 2025, Rai-Consult conducted an [endline study](#) “with Oxfam and partners (Juzoor and [the **Canadian-funded** NGO] Aisha...).” This cooperation raises the specter of Hamas-influence over aid channels.

Protecting Hamas Military Secrets/Information

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1. A November 23, 2021 MoINS report describes a meeting between ministry personnel and officials from the Italian NGO, We World-GVC.⁷ MoINS demanded changes to a questionnaire the NGO intended to use in implementation of a 2021-2024 EU-funded project, in partnership with Save the Children (**Canadian-funded**) and Save Youth Future Society.⁸ The document records that GVC agreed to “redesign many of the questionnaire’s questions” – meaning, delete or revise – “and resend the questionnaire once more [for the approval of MoINS].”

⁶ The report, titled “The Rai-Consult company carrying out a field survey in Al Fukhari area,” was submitted by the Deputy Director General of [the Sector of] Intelligence Affairs to the Director General of the ISM.

⁷ The report, titled “Initial [report] on WeWorld-GVC association carrying out a project for Gaza towards a resilient green economy and environment,” was submitted by the Division of Public Activity (The Branch of Security of Associations) to the Deputy Director General of [the Sector of] Intelligence Affairs.

⁸ According to the EU FTS and the International Aid Transparency Initiative (IATI), in 2021-2024, We World-GVC, Save the Children, and Save Youth Future Society implemented a €3.29 million EU-funded grant titled “[Adolescents and Youth \(AYS\) For Green: Gaza Resilient Economy and Environment.](#)”

A February 10, 2022 MoINS document details Hamas' opposition to the questionnaire.⁹ Hamas complained about "the large volume of information which the organization intends to collect without specifying clear projects that will be implemented [based on this information]." The document explains that if the survey's "data were to arrive to hostile parties, specifically the Israeli occupation, it would be possible to utilize it" for multiple purposes, including collecting information on "locating roadblocks and obstacles" and "current activities of the resistance on main and secondary roads and streets."

Furthermore, MoINS described the project as "targeting the border areas, in which the first line of conflict between the occupation and the resistance is located, and therefore it is suspicious."

2. In a March 10, 2021 report,¹⁰ MoINS expressed concern that **Canadian-funded** Action Against Hunger was asking questions about excavation work carried out by Hamas's military wing and taking photos of its sites. Hamas halted the relevant activity, issued a warning to the organization, and instructed it to change their activity so that it would not pose a "security risk."

Hospitals and Medical Treatment

One strategy detailed in the documents is Hamas' embedding of its military infrastructure, fighters, and leadership within hospitals and medical facilities in Gaza, blatantly violating international law and endangering civilian lives.

- Hamas officials identify medical facilities as "places that the wounded" who "hold sensitive positions in the resistance" (i.e. Hamas) "are gathered in during times of escalation." In addition, they described medical facilities as places of "gathering for many commanders of the movement (i.e. Hamas) and the government in times of escalation."¹¹
- MoINS reports that **Canadian-funded NGO** "Doctors Without Borders (MSF) France chose the only room in Abu Yousef El-Najar Hospital that has a (safe) communication landline which belongs to the positive [Hamas' Izz ad-Din al-Qassam Brigades]'s activity, in order for MSF to work in it separately." For more information see NGO Monitor's report "[In Their Own Words: Hamas Turns Hospitals into Military Assets with NGO Compliance.](#)"

⁹ The report, titled "WeWorld association carrying out a project for Gaza towards a resilient green economy and environment," was submitted by the Deputy Director General of Intelligence Affairs to the Director General of the ISM.

¹⁰ The report, titled "Report on projects with security-related features carried out by foreign associations," was submitted by the Branch of Foreign Associations' Department of Western Associations to the Director of the Division of Foreign Activity.

¹¹ The February 25, 2020 MoINS report, titled "Report on the foreign activity inside health facilities," was submitted by the Branch of Foreign Associations to the Director of the Division of Foreign Activity.

Despite being aware of Hamas' control and exploitation of medical spaces, NGOs and UN agencies with a medical and humanitarian focus continued to operate under Hamas-imposed restrictions. They accepted Hamas's surveillance, movement limitations, vetting of their teams, and were exposed to pressures and directives from Hamas security personnel.

Hamas also sought to restrict access to information, both about hospitals themselves, as well as about patients that NGOs sought to treat. The terror group was particularly concerned with limiting information on the casualties during the 2018 "Great Return Marches," a series of border riots orchestrated by Hamas in preparation for October 7th-style attacks on Israeli communities.

- In a March 17, 2023 Hamas report "Security observation over the security threats of foreign presence inside health institutions," under a section titled "Hostile security efforts targeting Ministry of Health facilities in the Gaza Strip," the terror group accused the director of **the Canadian-funded NGO Médecins du Monde France** of "illegally acquir[ing] lists of Return Marches wounded... This, following the Ministry of Health's refusal to give the lists to Doctors Without Borders France."
- In a February 25, 2020 report titled "Report on the foreign activity inside health facilities," Hamas wrote a core section "Hostile security efforts targeting Ministry of Health facilities in the Gaza Strip" under which the terror organization describes that "Doctors Without Borders Belgium prepared a study about the Return Marches wounded, in cooperation with the French Handicap [the **Canadian-funded** Handicap International] association and the medical Karolinska Institute in Sweden...The targeted group was the Return Marches wounded who receive [medical] services from Doctors Without Borders, as part of the reconstructive surgeries project."
 - According to a [report](#) by Meir Amit Intelligence and Terrorism Information Center (ITIC), among the Palestinians killed during the "Great Return March" between March 30–May 15, 2018, a large share were terrorist operatives or affiliated with terrorist organizations. About 83% of the fatalities were classified as belonging to or affiliated with such groups; of those, a majority were identified as Hamas operatives.
- A March 10, 2021 MoINS document describes how Hamas succeeded in making "revisions to mental health programs" implemented by Médecins du Monde France "in order to achieve public interest" (i.e. Hamas' agenda in Gaza).¹² According to the document, Hamas feared that the NGO would "acquir[e] detailed information on hospitals' structure, such as the thickness of the cement, the type of [reinforced] metal used and the type of concrete," as well as "detailed information on patients."

¹² The report, titled "Report on projects with security-related features carried out by foreign associations," was submitted by the Branch of Foreign Associations' Department of Western Associations to the Director of the Division of Foreign Activity.

- According to a July 27, 2020 MoINS document,¹³ MoINS ordered Mercy Corps to delete certain questions citing “concerns that the goal [of the question] is to identify resistance members” or because it “related to the Return March wounded,” and “concerns that the data...will be exploited by hostile parties.” Moreover, MoINS conditioned final approval for the project on receiving the names of Mercy Corps field researchers “in order to investigate them.”

World Vision

In 2016, Mohammad El-Halabi, head of World Vision operations in Gaza, was arrested by Israel for diverting funds and materials to Hamas. According to [court documents](#), Hamas had instructed El-Halabi to join World Vision, where he provided building materials for constructing and concealing military installations – including tunnels, procured weapons, collected intelligence on Israeli positions, diverted funds, hired Hamas members, and manipulated the World Vision tender process to benefit Hamas.

[Hamas documents corroborate el-Halabi's identity as a Hamas operative](#), and detail the terror group's efforts to delay and obstruct his trial. El-Halabi was convicted in June 2022 and released as part of an exchange of terrorists for hostages.

Following the announcement of the arrest of Halabi in 2016, **the Canadian government continued funding World Vision**; in contrast, [Australia](#), [Germany](#), and the [United Kingdom](#) halted funding in August 2016.

Coercion and Surveillance

Hamas documents reveal extensive surveillance of NGO personnel, particularly “guarantors.” Notes taken by members of Hamas internal security refer to personal habits, family ties, personal relationships, level of religious observance, descriptions of women's attire and whether or not it accords to Sharia law, and other details.

- For instance, a June 15, 2020 MoINS memo lists the fact that Oxfam's “media and public relations head is of Jewish descent” as one of the NGO's “threats and insecurities.”¹⁴

These illustrate the police-state tactics employed by Hamas, allowing it to easily pressure, compromise, threaten, or coerce NGO officials to ensure their compliance.

¹³ The project review was authored by the Branch of Security of Associations and sent to the Director of the Division of Public Activity under ISM. The title of the original document was “Response on the project ‘urgent aid for vulnerable families in the Gaza Strip.’”

¹⁴ The MoINS report, titled “Report on the Oxfam association,” was submitted by the Branch of Foreign Associations to the director of the Division of Foreign Activity.

A June 28, 2020 MoINS document – titled “The most dangerous foreign associations working in the Gaza Strip” – claims that Action Against Hunger-Spain employs people “under contracts to pay them in cash so that there would be no oversight on employee names and their salaries.” Hamas officials demanded an “**increase [in] pressure on the association until coordination and cooperation with the Ministry of Interior is achieved,**” and a “**limit [on] the association’s operations on activities and projects**” (emphases added).

- AAH-Spain is part of the same network as AAH-Canada, under the umbrella of AAH International, which **the Canadian government has funded for its projects in Gaza.**

Silence and Complicity from the NGO Sector

NGOs adopted a policy of silence in response to the humanitarian risks and challenges caused by Hamas’ control of Gaza. In one example, the **Canadian government-funded** NRC told Hamas that it had ignored questions from an elderly Palestinian individual, who inquired whether “the reason that the floor collapsed was that there was a tunnel” beneath his home.¹⁵

Hamas’ Ministry of Social Development (MoSD)

An additional aid-diversion method employed by Hamas was embedding itself within UN-coordinated humanitarian frameworks, primarily through the Hamas-controlled Gaza Ministry of Social Development (MoSD).

As detailed in several NGO Monitor publications, this body provided lists of beneficiaries for UN-coordinated cash-assistance programs, implemented by several foreign NGOs. Similarly, MoSD leadership regularly met and coordinated with UN and NGO officials.

Hamis installed a member of its politburo, Ghazi Hamad, as the director of MoSD, strengthening its ability to influence the flow and direction of funds and other aid materials.

A June 27, 2022 MoINS report on a joint activity with **Canadian-funded NGOs** NRC, Handicap International, and Mercy Corps confirms that NRC “acquired initial information on beneficiaries from the Ministry of Social Development (MoSD).”¹⁶ MoINS’ report highlights how the terror group vetted potential aid beneficiaries by listing private details on 18 who have “[security] indications.” Among these beneficiaries, some are or have been members of terror groups, including Hamas, while others have received salaries from the Hamas-controlled MoSD.

¹⁵ The March 29, 2022 report, titled “Testimony of [NAME REDACTED] Director of NRC [Gaza],” was authored by the Department of Western Associations and submitted to the Director of the Branch of Foreign Activities.

¹⁶ The MoINS report, titled “An indication on the Norwegian [Refugee] Council (NRC) carrying out field visits and collecting data,” was submitted by the Deputy Director General for Intelligence Affairs to the Director of the Branch of Foreign Activity.

According to a December 11, 2022 MoINS document (on file with NGO Monitor),¹⁷ **the Canadian government funded a project** titled “Multi-Sectoral Humanitarian Response for Gazan Families in Crisis (Farah program),” implemented by the Catholic Relief Services and a local Gazan NGO named Ajyal (Generations) for Creativity and Development. The project targeted 950 teens, ages 11 to 16, and was scheduled to be carried out in May 2022 - May 2023. The project’s goal is listed as “Empowering fragile families and families affected by the conflict and assisting them to recover, build their resilience, and improve their psychosocial and social well-being,” with a budget of almost NIS 700,000 (approximately CAD 300,000). According to the document, “beneficiaries will be chosen by the Life and Hope Association (sic, probably referring to Ajyal for Creativity and Development) from nominated names ... by the Ministry of Social Development...” The document includes the results of a **security screening done by Hamas on all the staff working on the project from Ajyal for Creativity and Development, which detail an employee of Ajyal for Creativity and Development who is affiliated with the PFLP.**

(For more information on MoSD, as well as related Hamas schemes for skimming off of cash-assistance programs, see NGO Monitor’s report, [“European Government Funding for Programs Involving Hamas-Controlled Ministry.”](#))

Canadian-Funded NGOs Mentioned in Hamas Documents

The following NGOs appear in various Hamas documents from 2018-2022 and received Canadian government funding during that time period.

Action Against Hunger (AAH) International

- In 2020, Canada granted [USD \\$838,949](#) to AAH for a range of activities [including](#) “critical interventions” in four hospitals in Gaza “through a hardware approach (**construction**, minor rehabilitation/maintenance, and procurements related to WASH services and water quality) . . .” (emphasis added).
- In 2020 - 2021, Canada granted USD [\\$2.2 million](#) to AAH for a project in the West Bank and Gaza.
- In 2022, Canada granted [\\$2 million](#) to AAH for “Support[ing] vulnerable population[s] to improve access to basic WASH services in Gaza Strip.” The [project’s description](#) notes that “Due to the limited capacities of the local authorities and the Israeli

¹⁷ The MoINS report, titled “Ajyal [for Creativity and Development] association carrying out a project for humanitarian response - Farah program,” was submitted by the Branch of Local Associations to the Director of the Division of Associations.

restrictions on the entry of materials, the WASH service providers are still struggling to fully restore and maintain the functionality of WASH services in the Gaza Strip.”

- In 2024 - 2025, Canada granted [\\$5 million](#) in “multipurpose cash assistance” to AAH, earmarked for Gaza.
- Following AAH’s refusal to cooperate with Israel’s [new guidelines](#) for NGO registration, the organization was [suspended](#) from operating in Gaza.

Aisha

According to a December 2022 document produced by MoINS’ Foreign Associations Department,¹⁸ Aisha is listed as “cooperating” with MoINS authorities. Moreover, as [documented](#) by NGO Monitor, Aisha has links to the PFLP terror group. Members of the board of directors, Taghreed Jomaa and Elias al-Jelda, have served as PFLP Central Committee members.

- In [2018 - 2019](#), Global Affairs Canada (GAC) granted [\\$278,000](#) to Aisha [for](#) “Psychological and legal support for women with [disabilities]” in Gaza.
- In [2018 - 2019](#), the Canada Fund for Local Initiatives (CFLI) granted \$12,305 for “psychological support through Yoga and Circus” for women and girls in Gaza.
- In [2019 - 2020](#), GAC granted [\\$760,000](#) to Aisha [for](#) “Comprehensive Protection Response through provision of psychosocial, mental health, case management and transitional shelter assistance for Female Headed of households (neglected women, wives of mental health patients, addicts and women with cancer), GBV survivor’s victim of violence in the Gaza Strip.”

Catholic Relief Services (CRS)

- In 2022, Canada granted [\\$2.2 million](#) to CRS for “**Multi-Purpose Cash Assistance**” in Gaza (emphasis added).

Handicap International (HI)

- In 2019 - 2021, Canada allocated [\\$4 million](#) to HI, [earmarked](#) for “Promoting the inclusion and access of Children with Disabilities to education in the emergency context of the Gaza Strip.” The project’s [description](#) in a UN database notes that “**Since [the] Great March of Return on March 30th 2018, 191 people have been killed and 20,833 injured by the Israeli forces**” (emphasis added).
- In 2024, Canada allocated [\\$22,167](#) to HI, earmarked for “Mine Action” in the “oPt.”
- Following HI’s refusal to cooperate with Israel’s [new guidelines](#) for NGO registration, the organization is [suspended](#) as of March 31, 2026 from operating in Gaza.

¹⁸ “Report on the employees in foreign associations that have the right to submit a request for a foreign visitor” was submitted on December 14, 2022 to the Director of the Division of Associations.

Humanitarian Coalition (Action Against Hunger, Islamic Relief, Save the Children, World Vision)

- As part of Canada's [allocation](#) of "\$50 million in humanitarian assistance funding announced on October 21, 2023," the Canadian government [announced it would match donations](#), up to \$10 million, for the Humanitarian Coalition's Gaza Humanitarian Emergency Appeal. The Humanitarian Coalition comprises [12 NGOs](#), [self-described](#) as "trusted Canadian humanitarian aid organizations," including those listed above.
- Between October 23 - November 12, 2023, the Humanitarian Coalition claimed to have "[raised](#) over \$28 million for the Gaza Humanitarian Emergency, including a **\$13.77 million match from the Government of Canada**" to "[deliver gender-responsive life-saving assistance to those in need](#)" (emphasis added).
- According to the Coalition, "Our member agencies are well established in Gaza and the West Bank and have connections with local charities and other organizations to ensure that funds raised from Canada are spent solely for humanitarian purposes."
- Activities in Gaza include "**emergency cash**" (emphasis added).
- Following World Vision's refusal to cooperate with Israel's [new guidelines](#) for NGO registration, the organization is [suspended](#) as of March 31, 2026 from operating in Gaza.

Islamic Relief Worldwide and Islamic Relief Canada

On June 19, 2014, Israel's Defense Minister [declared](#) IRW to be [illegal](#), based on its alleged role in funneling money to Hamas, and banned it from operating in Israel and the West Bank. According to news reports, the decision was made after "the Israel Security Agency (Shin Bet), the coordinator for government activities in the territories, and legal authorities provided incriminating information against IRW."

In January 2021, the [US State Department cut ties with IRW](#) due to "anti-Semitism exhibited repeatedly by IRW's leadership."

Islamic Relief Canada states that it works "[alongside the Ministry of Health](#)" in Gaza. **This is a Hamas entity.**

- According to Islamic Relief Canada's [2024 Financial Statements Report](#), Islamic Relief Canada received \$2.3 million from 'government grants' in 2023.
- According to Islamic Relief Canada, it is "a [member](#) of Islamic Relief Worldwide, which is a global federation of Islamic Relief affiliate offices that operate in over 40 countries across the world" and that uses "collective resources of the 12 federated members to fund the field operations and split the cost of those field offices."
- IRW's [2023 Annual Report](#) notes that 16% of its income that year (£45.3m – approximately CAD 84.7 million – out of a total income of £274.6 million) came from Islamic Relief Canada.

Ma'an

- In 2018, Canada granted [\\$775,000](#) to Ma'an for "Increaseing (sic) the safe, equitable and sustainable access to drinking and domestic water in addition to Strengthening the WASH preparedness and response capacity to the vulnerable communities of Shokit Al Sofi Area in the Gaza Strip." Coordinators of this project [included](#) the Al Shoka Municipality, WASH cluster and OXFAM GB.
- In 2019, Canada allocated [\\$1.5 million](#) to Ma'an, earmarked for WASH services in Wadi Al Salqa, Gaza.
- In 2020, Canada granted [\\$1.3 million](#) to Ma'an for "Emergency Repair of Essential WASH Facilities in the Gaza Strip."
- In 2020 - 2021, Canada granted [USD \\$1.8 million](#) to Ma'an for WASH services in Gaza.
- In 2025 - 2026, Canada is granting [\\$2 million](#) to Ma'an for as part of UOSSM's "Gaza Crisis - 2025" appeal.

Médecins du Monde (Mdm)

- In 2024, Mdm received over [€4.8 million](#) from Canada.

Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF)

- In 2024, MSF received [€8.4 million](#) from Canada.
- Following MSF's refusal to cooperate with Israel's [new guidelines](#) for NGO registration, the organization is [suspended](#) as of March 31, 2026 from operating in Gaza.

Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC)

- In 2020, Canada granted [USD \\$659,175](#) to NRC in order to "[support](#) critical public facilities in the Gaza Strip (GS) in maintaining safe and sufficient drinking water and adequate WASH services." Action Against Hunger is listed as a partner on this project.
- In 2023, Canada provided NRC and Save the Children with \$250,000 for "[Women and Youth Empowerment, Entrepreneurship and Employment in the West Bank and Gaza.](#)"
- In 2023 - 2025, Canada granted [\\$3 million](#) to NRC to support its "Gaza Protection Consortium (GPC)," an "integrated cash assistance, protection and health program, including preparedness, delivered by the Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC), Mercy Corps, and Humanity and Inclusion (HI) across the Gaza Strip."
- Following NRC's refusal to cooperate with Israel's [new guidelines](#) for NGO registration, the organization is [suspended](#) as of March 31, 2026 from operating in Gaza.

Save the Children

- In 2019, Canada granted [\\$995,000](#) to Save the Children to “support improved access to life-saving child WASH services for most vulnerable children in marginalised communities in the Gaza Strip. The project results will include increased access to potable water and hygiene conditions.” The project’s [description](#) in a UN database notes that **“the Israeli blockade and the three recent military offensives have put the entire population of Gaza at life-threatening health risks.”**
- In 2023, Canada provided NRC and Save the Children with [\\$250,000](#) for “Women and Youth Empowerment, Entrepreneurship and Employment in the West Bank and Gaza.”
- In 2025, Canada granted [\\$2 million](#), earmarked for the West Bank and Gaza.
- Following Save the Children’s refusal to cooperate with Israel’s [new guidelines](#) for NGO registration, the organization is [suspended](#) as of March 31, 2026 from operating in Gaza.