



ACT/DSPR

Israel/Palestine Overview

The humanitarian efforts in the Middle East demonstrate a comprehensive approach to addressing both the immediate and long-term needs of communities affected by conflict. Our work in Palestine, Lebanon, and Israel has provided essential humanitarian support in healthcare, food security, psychosocial care, and emergency relief, ensuring that vulnerable populations are cared for during times of dire need.

PDA remains committed to standing alongside these communities, offering them the resources and support needed to survive the immediate impacts of conflict and begin the process of recovery. Our ongoing efforts underscore the importance of sustained humanitarian assistance in regions facing protracted violence, and we are dedicated to continuing our mission of compassion, justice, and service.

The Middle East continues to face significant humanitarian challenges due to ongoing conflicts. PDA has been actively engaged in addressing these challenges, focusing on providing critical humanitarian aid to affected communities. Our efforts emphasize immediate emergency relief, healthcare support, psychosocial care, and the provision of essential supplies such as food and shelter.

This report highlights the key initiatives PDA has undertaken to support vulnerable populations through the work done by **Presbyterian Disaster Assistance**, **Presbyterian Peacemaking Program** and **Presbyterian World Mission**, through partners on the ground and through ACT Alliance.

Project highlights

In conflict-affected areas:

- We have prioritized the support of healthcare services, particularly for hospitals operating under immense strain. These hospitals face severe shortages of supplies, overwhelmed facilities, and damaged infrastructure. The assistance enables these institutions to continue delivering life-saving care to the most vulnerable, including children, the elderly, and those directly impacted by the violence. Our support ensures that healthcare remains accessible to those who need it most during this critical time.
- We provide trauma-informed care by supporting counseling services, creating safe spaces for emotional expression, and providing resources for coping with stress and grief. Special attention is given to children, who are particularly vulnerable to the psychological effects of violence and displacement. Through our psychosocial support initiatives, we strive to foster resilience, promote healing, and help individuals rebuild their sense of community and hope. Supported projects include:
 - art therapy and psychological counseling, psychosocial activities and resources for children and youth
 - psychosocial support focusing on improving the mechanisms to prevent gender-based violence
 - support psychosocial drama initiative for women and children impacted by the conflict



- The relief efforts go beyond healthcare, focusing on a wide range of humanitarian needs as support with food, medical care, and shelter to displaced residents for families have been forced to flee their homes or have lost their livelihoods. Supported initiatives examples are:
 - Home garden project in response to the conflict in Israel and Palestine
 - hydroponic project and maintenance expenses

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