



## **Gaza Crisis Reaches Breaking Point — “Enough is Enough”**

*“Defend the weak and the fatherless; uphold the cause of the poor and the oppressed.” — Psalm 82:3*

**Gaza, 14 July 2025** — The humanitarian crisis in Gaza has reached an unprecedented level of devastation. As hostilities escalate and essential supplies remain blocked, every sector of civilian life is collapsing. Caritas Jerusalem is issuing an urgent appeal for international intervention to prevent further loss of life and human dignity.

### **A Humanitarian System in Freefall**

**Food Security:** Acute hunger has gripped the entire population. UN-supported bakeries are shuttered. Rising attacks on aid-seekers—758 killed, over 5,000 injured since 27 May—have brought food deliveries to a halt.

**Water, Sanitation & Hygiene (WASH):** Over 80% of WASH infrastructure lies within active conflict zones. Fuel shortages have crippled water production, sewage treatment, and waste removal. Nearly 40% of all reported illnesses are now acute watery diarrhea.

**Health:** Hospitals are overwhelmed and under-resourced. Medical supplies, fuel, and beds are critically low. In June alone, 484 suspected meningitis cases were reported. Waterborne diseases and malnutrition are rising fast.

**Protection:** Families are increasingly exposed to gender-based violence, child exploitation, and extreme psychological trauma. Many frontline services have ceased operations due to insecurity and destruction.

**Education:** More than 15,800 students and 700 education staff have lost their lives. 85 temporary learning spaces have been disrupted, affecting over 33,000 children. Education is virtually at a standstill.

**Shelter:** An estimated 1.3 million people urgently need emergency shelter and household items. No shelter materials have entered Gaza since March, while overcrowding and repeated displacements deepen the humanitarian emergency.

**Logistics & Telecommunications:** Humanitarian access has been severely obstructed. Over 680 trucks remain stuck at the border. Fuel shortages threaten to plunge Gaza into a total communication blackout.

### **Caritas Jerusalem Responds**

Despite immense risks, Caritas Jerusalem is on the ground, offering critical support through:

- 10 medical points and a central clinic in Gaza City;
- Psychosocial care for traumatized children and women;
- Multipurpose cash assistance to help the most vulnerable meet basic needs;
- Persistent advocacy for an immediate ceasefire and lasting peace.

One medical point has been suspended in the Al Zaitoun area due to the deteriorating situation, particularly around the two churches. This has also affected our staff, who are now unable to commute from Al Zaitoun to our medical center in Beach Camp. Al-Zaitoun is home to the Holy Family Church and Latin Parish,

*“Not a day passes without us thinking of our staff, risking everything to serve others. When will this madness end? When will the world recognize the sanctity of life? When will the people of Gaza live a normal life? Enough is enough.”*

### **A Call for Urgent Action**

Caritas Jerusalem is calling on governments, humanitarian organizations, faith-based institutions, and people of conscience around the world to:

- Demand an immediate ceasefire;
- Guarantee unhindered humanitarian access;
- Ensure the protection of civilians, especially children and displaced families;

**Lives are hanging by a thread. The world must not look away.**