
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES TO INCREASE ONGOING
HUMANITARIAN AID TO PALESTINE THROUGH THE UNITED NATIONS
CHILDREN'S FUND AND WORLD FOOD PROGRAMME.

1 WHEREAS, innocent men, women, and children in Palestine
2 continue to face dire humanitarian conditions, including mass
3 displacement, loss of livelihoods, and limited access to
4 necessities such as food, clean water, and health care services;
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7 WHEREAS, Palestinian refugees are faced with escalating
8 conflicts and crises in the region, resulting in nearly thirty
9 thousand deaths and 1,900,000 people displaced from their homes;
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12 WHEREAS, the United Nations International Children's
13 Emergency Fund (UNICEF) was established on December 11, 1946,
14 and renamed in 1950 as the United Nations Children's Fund, to
15 provide humanitarian and developmental aid to children
16 worldwide; and

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18 WHEREAS, UNICEF delivers gender-responsive Water,
19 Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) interventions to affected
20 populations in the Gaza Strip and responds to the urgent
21 humanitarian needs in the West Bank; and

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23 WHEREAS, the World Food Programme is the world's largest
24 humanitarian organization, saving lives in emergencies and using
25 food assistance to build a pathway to peace, stability, and
26 prosperity for people recovering from conflict, disasters, and
27 the impacts of climate change; and

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29 WHEREAS, the World Food Programme also supports people in
30 need in Gaza and the West Bank, granting cash transfers to



1 hundreds of thousands of Palestinians and distributing thousands
2 of metric tons of food commodities to Palestine each year; and

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4 WHEREAS, both of these agencies rely on voluntary
5 contributions from governments, non-profit organizations,
6 corporations, and other private donors to assist communities in
7 need; and

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9 WHEREAS, in 2024, UNICEF requires \$263,300,000 for
10 humanitarian action in Palestine, including \$74,400,000 for cash
11 transfers, \$62,200,000 for WASH interventions, and \$62,900,000
12 for health and nutrition interventions; and

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14 WHEREAS, according to the World Food Programme's Palestine
15 Country Brief, it required \$225,000,000 in 2023 to maintain
16 their humanitarian interventions, and given that conflict has
17 heightened in Palestine within the last few months, the funding
18 required for 2024 is surely larger; and

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20 WHEREAS, the President of the United States has expressed
21 his commitment to promoting human rights and addressing
22 humanitarian crises worldwide; and

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24 WHEREAS, because of the intensified conflict, violence,
25 restricted trade, and unemployment facing Palestinians
26 currently, UNICEF and the World Food Programme urgently need
27 funding to support men, women, and most significantly, children
28 in need in Gaza and the West Bank; now, therefore,

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30 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
31 Thirty-second Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
32 Session of 2024, the Senate concurring, that the President of
33 the United States is urged to increase ongoing humanitarian aid
34 to Palestine through the United Nations Children's Fund and
35 World Food Programme; and

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37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
38 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the President of the
39 United States, United States Secretary of State, Administrator
40 of the United States Agency for International Development, and
41 members of Hawaii's Congressional delegation.

