

A photograph of a group of young girls, likely in Gaza, gathered together. In the foreground, a girl with dark hair and a purple shirt has her right hand raised high. Other girls in the background are also raising their hands, some looking towards the camera. The background is slightly blurred, showing a dark, possibly outdoor setting with some structural elements.

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Since October 7th, Sharek has been actively engaged in humanitarian efforts in the Gaza Strip. Collaborating with youth groups, as well as international and local partners, Sharek has implemented various humanitarian initiatives, prioritizing youth mobilization and volunteerism within the framework of its humanitarian response campaign, "Sharek Sha'bak."

The "Sharek Sha'bak" campaign, which was first launched during the 2009 Gaza conflict, continues to focus on providing urgent support and aid to the residents of Gaza, enhancing their resilience against indiscriminate violence affecting civilians, particularly women, children, the elderly, and persons with disabilities. This year, following the events of October 7th, the campaign's efforts have been significantly expanded.

Throughout the campaign, Sharek has executed a range of interventions aimed at fostering community engagement, addressing immediate needs, and enhancing the resilience of displaced survivors through the support of 800 volunteers.



Targeted Governorates: Sharek has been operational in all five Gaza governorates since October 8th:

North Gaza, Gaza, Al-Wosta, Khan Younis, and Rafah.

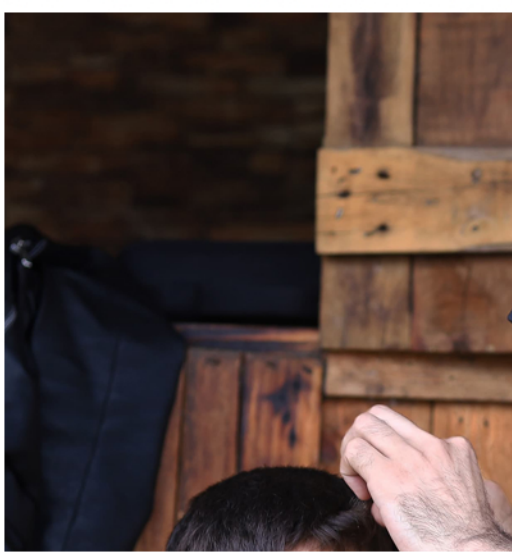


Main Fields of Implemented Interventions:

1. Comprehensive Health: Reproductive, Physical, and Psychological Support

Crises and emergencies significantly disrupt access to essential health services, especially for women and children. Sharek's Comprehensive Health Program addresses these gaps by providing reproductive health education, physical health services, and awareness sessions. This program promotes well-being among vulnerable populations, offering the necessary tools to safeguard health during crises.





- o **For Women:** Over 25,000 women have benefitted from comprehensive health and reproductive health awareness sessions, covering topics like hygiene, disease prevention, nutrition, and postnatal care.
- o **Gender-Based Violence (GBV) Awareness:** More than 60,000 women participated in GBV awareness sessions, focusing on identifying violence, accessing support, and personal safety strategies.



- o **For Children & Adolescents:** Over 1,200 health and resilience-building workshops have reached more than 100,000 children and adolescents, emphasizing health, emotional well-being, and recreation.
- o **Distribution of Kits:** Over 10,902 dignity kits for women and nearly 2,800 health and hygiene kits for children and adolescents have been distributed, supporting hygiene practices in difficult conditions.



2. Food and Nutrition

Hot meals distribution, Ready-to-eat Food parcels and LNS-MQ distribution

Since the start of the war, Sharek Youth Forum has been preparing and distributing an average of 13,500 meals daily, amounting to approximately 5 million meals provided to support displaced people in Gaza, including children, women, and vulnerable groups. In addition, over 11,500 food packages have been distributed, along with 100,000 liters of water. In addition, over 100,000 free bread parcels were distributed on a daily basis.

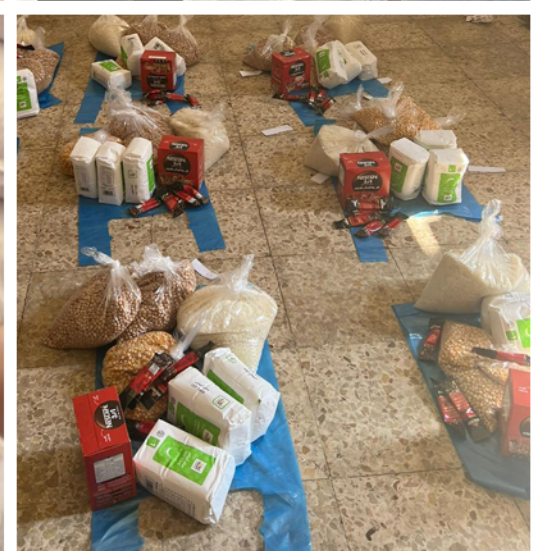
The anticipated severe shortage of nutritional value in the food available in Gaza caused the Sharek Youth Forum and the Nutrition Cluster to address this issue by several interventions. Sharek's focus had been to distribute the nutritional supplements known as LNS-MQ to the displaced people from Rafah to Khan Younis. Up until the beginning of October 2024, around 120 MTs of LNS-MQ were distributed to serving over 120,000 breastfeeding and pregnant women, and children under 5.



3. Education Program

With educational infrastructure severely impacted, the Popular Education Program ensures ongoing access to learning for displaced students. To date, it has served 2,900 students in 50 classes, covering core subjects and incorporating health education and psychosocial support across Northern Gaza, Khan Younis, and Al-Wosta.





4. Youth-led Initiatives

Empowering youth to address community needs has been a key component of Sharek's response. With over 1,350 initiatives launched, benefiting approximately 130,000 individuals, these efforts have focused on:

- o **Camps Rehabilitation:** Initiatives like solar-powered lighting, communal kitchens, and food ovens enhance camp living conditions.
- o **Health Initiatives:** In partnership with the Ministry of Health, vaccination campaigns, health awareness sessions, and mobile blood banks were organized.





- o **Social and Community Initiatives:** To sustain normalcy, youth-led events during Eid and Ramadan offered food kits, clothes, and toys, uplifting the spirits of displaced families.

- o **Other Initiatives:** Additional initiatives, such as Cinema of Displacement and the Barbar Initiative, The Youth Voices Initiative and the Hiroshima Gaza Initiative, which all contributed in providing psychological relief, preserving cultural heritage, and enhancing the community's resilience.





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