

# شارك شعبك

## Sharek Sha'bak



Emergency Response to on-going Attacks

الاستجابة الطارئة في ظل الهجمات المستمرة





## Sharek's Emergency Response:

In response to the urgent humanitarian crisis in Gaza, Sharek Youth Forum remains steadfast. Acknowledging the imminent humanitarian catastrophe, widely recognized by humanitarian organizations, we have launched a humanitarian campaign in response to this tragedy.

Our campaign, "Sharek Sha'bak," is a youth-led national initiative that took root in 2009 during the war against Gaza. The fundamental mission of this campaign had been consistent ever since it started: To secure immediate support and assistance to the people of Gaza, reinforcing their resilience in the face of indiscriminate aggression that particularly targets civilians, including children, women, individuals with disabilities, and the elderly.



## Where We Operate:

Sharek operates in close collaboration with prominent organizations, including UNRWA, UNFPA, and local CBOs; with unwavering support from a diverse group of volunteers spanning every corner of the Gaza Strip, are committed to extending our services to all displaced civilians currently seeking refuge in various shelters.

These shelters encompass a wide range of locations, ranging from UNRWA and public-school facilities to unconventional sites such as wedding venues, public spaces, parking lots, and the generous offerings of private residences. Our goal is to provide a safe haven and essential support to those affected by the crisis, ensuring that no one is left without assistance.

## What We Do:

The "Sharek Sha'bak" campaign focuses its efforts on shelters and gathering places for displaced individuals. We offer a range of urgent and essential services designed to enhance living conditions and overall well-being. Our activities include:

- 1. Distributing personal hygiene kits to promote health and cleanliness;**
- 2. Supplying packages to meet daily food and water needs;**
- 3. Providing psychosocial support services to the survivors and those affected by the aggression, assisting them in coping with trauma and offering guidance to parents on helping their children navigate the challenges of the current circumstances.**







## How We Operate:

Given the ongoing blockade imposed by the Israeli military, severely restricting the entry of vital supplies and basic necessities into the Gaza Strip, Sharek has adjusted its operational approach to surmount these challenges. Leveraging our well-established supply chain networks within the region has become crucial to ensuring that those in shelters have access to the minimum requirements for survival

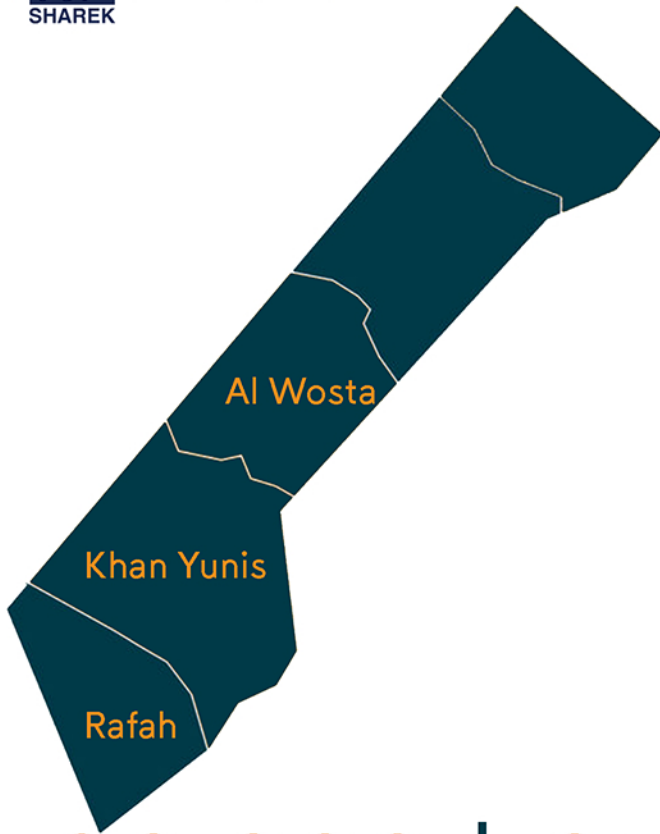
Our collaboration with UNRWA plays a pivotal role in this endeavour. Supported by UNRWA's resources and transportation infrastructure, we have successfully implemented a distribution system that reaches multiple shelters in strategic locations, including Khan Younes, Middle , and Rafah Governates. This collaborative effort underlines our commitment to making a tangible impact on the lives of those affected by the crisis, helping them endure adversity with resilience and strength



## On the Ground work:

The interventions undertaken by Sharek and its collaborating partners were categorized into two distinct categories, namely:





## Working with the Gazans in the Gaza Strip

**A.** A total of 480 personal hygiene kits were distributed to promote health and cleanliness. This distribution was made possible through our close coordination and collaboration with esteemed partners including UNFPA, UNRWA, and our local associates and dedicated volunteers, addressing the pressing humanitarian requirements for health and hygiene:

**80,000**

citizens located in 21 shelter centres in Khan Yunis.

**65,000**

citizens located in 22 shelter centres in the Central area of Gaza

**100,000**

citizens located in 20 shelters out of 28 shelters in Rafah.

**3,000**

located in hospitals and health institutions (Rantisi Hospital, Nasr Hospital, and The Eye Hospital).

**B.** A total of 1070 health and hygiene kits specially designed for women who have recently given birth. According to UNRWA's statistics, there are currently 551 women who have recently given birth in the shelters of the Middle, Khan Yunis, and Rafah areas, and this number is expected to increase.

**C.** Providing psychosocial support services for the survivors and those affected by the aggression, assisting them in overcoming trauma; and offering guidance to parents on helping their children





Despite the increasing level of risk, we managed to access northern Gaza through close coordination and cooperation with UNFPA and UNRWA. Our dedicated team operated within three schools implementing a series of psychological relief activities, with a particular focus on children, given their large presence in the shelters of Aleppo Mixed Primary School, Kuwait secondary girls, and Hamad Secondary School for Girls. Accurate statistics regarding shelter populations are challenging due to rapid influx. As of October 21, 2023, Sharek Field Supervision data reveals a notable composition: 90% of shelter occupants are vulnerable groups, mainly children and women (including both young and elderly).



A closer look reveals that 30% are children under 18, while the remaining 60% are women. This highlights the urgency for tailored support and resources for these demographics.





## 2. Working with the Gazan People in the West Bank, Particularly Ramallah:

### A. Gazan Worker who have work permits:

Approximately 13,000 Gazan workers with Israeli work permits were compelled to leave as their permits were exterminated, taking refuge in the West Bank. In response, Sharek, in partnership with the Ramallah Municipality, initiated crucial efforts. These included creating a database for the workers, providing essential supplies such as food, medicine, and clothing, and creating a comprehensive list to account for the missing. Their collective endeavours bore fruit, identifying and assisting 2772 displaced workers, with nearly 1800 finding refuge in Jericho's government facilities.



### B. Gazan Individuals who have medical permits:

Sharek also extended support to Gazan individuals holding medical permits who were previously receiving treatment in Israeli hospitals. Their sole option was to turn to hospitals in Ramallah. A total of 40 individuals, including 15 women, received assistance, addressing their needs and ensuring their well-being, along with efforts to understand their specific requirements and challenges.

Furthermore, Sharek is actively developing a comprehensive plan to provide crucial psychological and mental support to these Gazan patients, within the framework of ongoing programs, including the HAYA joint program and MHPSS program.

