

## **Question 1**

### **Transparency of EU humanitarian funding to the West Bank, Gaza, and Lebanon**

The Commission announced its provision of €458 million in humanitarian assistance for the Middle East in 2026, including €124 million committed to the West Bank and Gaza and €100 million to Lebanon on March 16, 2026. Humanitarian assistance in these areas is delivered in highly complex environments. In the Gaza Strip, the de facto authorities are Hamas, while in large parts of southern Lebanon the armed group Hezbollah exercises significant influence. Given the risks of diversion in conflict environments, transparency regarding the channels and mechanisms through which EU funds are distributed is essential. Of the €224 million allocated to the West Bank, Gaza, and Lebanon:

1. Could the Commission specify the UN agencies and NGO's and amount committed to each, including the local implementing partner organizations?
2. How much of these sums will be disbursed through cash-based assistance programmes, vouchers and/or direct transfers and could the Commission provide details on beneficiary lists and recommendations?
3. What monitoring, auditing and anti-diversion safeguards are in place, in addition to the EU restrictive list of measures (which includes few Hamas and Hezbollah members), to ensure that EU funds do not directly or indirectly benefit Hamas, Hezbollah or affiliated entities?

## **Question 2**

### **Re-examination of EU humanitarian funding to the West Bank, Gaza, and Lebanon**

In recent years and particularly after the Hamas-led October 7, 2023 atrocities, a number of European donor governments, including the European Commission<sup>1</sup> have re-examined their funding for, and cooperation with, NGOs active in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

For example, In January 2026, Sweden reportedly stopped all taxpayer-funded grants to the aid organization Islamic Relief Sweden (IRS).<sup>2</sup> In 2025, the German government reportedly defunded NGOs

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<sup>1</sup> REGULATION (EU, Euratom) 2024/2509 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL of 23 September 2024 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union.

<sup>2</sup> Following concerns that individuals within the group may have links to anti-democratic or violent activities, <https://europeanconservative.com/articles/news/sweden-cuts-islamic-relief-funding-to-zero/>

that denied Israel's right to exist.<sup>3</sup> Already in January 2022, the Dutch government announced that the Netherlands would cease all funding to the Union of Agricultural Work Committees (UAWC).<sup>4</sup>

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In this context, and in light of recent efforts by Member States to increase the accountability and responsibility of humanitarian aid provision, what steps is the Commission taking to update funding contracts, partner vetting, and oversight mechanisms of NGOs, UN agencies, and local implementing partners to ensure that the EU supports those actually furthering EU goals, and does not reward entities characterized by antisemitic, anti-democratic, and/or violent activities and/or leadership?

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<sup>3</sup> On November 9, 2024, the German Parliament (Bundestag) [approved](#) a cross-party motion titled "[Never again is now: Protect, preserve and strengthen Jewish life in Germany](#)," which included the following: "it must be ascertained that no organizations or projects spreading antisemitism, denying Israel's right to exist, calling for a boycott of Israel or actively supporting the BDS movement shall be supported financially."  
<https://www.dw.com/en/germany-defunds-2-israeli-human-rights-groups/a-71217628>

<sup>4</sup> Following an investigation which determined that UAWC had 34 employees with ties to the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP) in 2007-2020, 12 of which holding leadership positions in the terrorist organisation concurrent to their employment at UAWC.