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LOCAL PARTNER PROFILE **The Near East Council of Churches and Department of Service to Palestinian Refugees (DSPR), Gaza**

Act for Peace's local partner in Gaza, DSPR, run three primary healthcare clinics, which provide vital services to support the people of Gaza, including pre- and post-natal care for mothers and their children. They also provide vocational training to help increase employment opportunities for at-risk young people.

In light of the ongoing crisis, your gifts are supporting DSPR in their efforts to facilitate the return of tens of thousands of families who are currently without shelter due to extensive destruction. They are also providing targeted assistance for repairing homes, access to basic necessities such as food and hygiene items, provision of essential medical services including medications and psychological intervention for traumatised individuals.

YOUR SUPPORT IS MAKING A HUGE DIFFERENCE:

Last month, Act for Peace Partners like you came together and raised **\$43,858.00** to support people uprooted by conflict and disaster around the world. *Thank you.*

Act for Peace gratefully acknowledges the support of the Australian Government through the Australian NGO Cooperation Program (ANCP).



PLEASE PRAY:

- For an end to the war in Gaza and join us in calling for an immediate ceasefire.
- For the communities in Gaza and beyond who are grappling with the consequences of conflict and hardship. In the face of uncertainty, pray for resilience and strength, that they may rebuild and overcome the challenges that lie ahead.
- For the dedicated support staff in Gaza, who tirelessly work to create safe environments and sustainable futures for families. May their compassion be a source of comfort and inspiration, and may their efforts continue to positively impact the lives of those they serve in the midst of crisis.

Dear friend,

I hope this message finds you well despite the challenging times we are currently facing. My name is Nader, and I serve as the Executive Secretary of the Department of Service for Palestinian Refugees (DSPR) within the Middle East Council of Churches.

At DSPR, our mission is crucial: to help Palestinian refugees rebuild their lives after enduring more than 75 years of difficulties in places like Lebanon, Jordan, the West Bank and Gaza. We're not just here to give aid; we're working to bring back dignity, offer hope, and create opportunities for a better future.

As a Palestinian, I strongly believe in our connection to this land and its people. Our work is more than just a service; it's our commitment to a shared destiny and a demonstration of our strength in tough times.

I am reaching out to you with a heavy heart as the situation in Gaza is reaching a critical point.

Families have lost their homes, access to clean water and basic necessities. The ongoing conflict has claimed the lives of thousands, with a significant number being women and children. Hospitals are overwhelmed, and medical staff are struggling to cope with the enormity of the situation.

DSPR are doing our best to provide emergency help, but the challenges are overwhelming.

Your support, and the support from people around the world, bring us hope during these dark times. A special thanks to Act for Peace for helping us sustain our work and respond to urgent needs.

I want to express my gratitude to you and all our supporters. Your care, concern and generosity are not just bringing back hope but are making a real difference in the lives of those affected by this crisis. Your solidarity reflects shared values of justice, compassion and the fundamental right to live with dignity.

As we navigate these tough times, I encourage you to stay informed about what's happening in Gaza. Let your compassion guide your actions. Your support can keep our vital work going and contribute to the larger cause of peace in the region.

I ask for your prayers for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza, as innocent lives cannot endure more suffering. Let's join hands in building a world where justice prevails, and everyone's rights are respected.

With gratitude and hope,

Nader

Executive Secretary, Department of Service for Palestinian Refugees
Middle East Council of Churches



Nader is the Executive Secretary
of our partner DSPR in Gaza.