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1. WHAT IS UNRWA?

UNRWA is the United Nations Relief and Works Agency, fostered in December 1948 in the wake of the 1948 Arab-Israel war, when seven Arab armies invaded the nascent state of Israel. UNRWA was fostered by UN resolution 194 to establish temporary refugee camps for anyone who lost their homes in the wake of the 1948 war. Although 13 Jewish communities were destroyed in that war, resulting in dislocation of their entire population, no Jews applied for assistance from UNRWA relying instead on Jewish sources of philanthropies. At the same time, UNRWA offered service to the estimated 500,000 Arabs who had been rendered homeless as a result of the war. UN resolution 194 established f temporary 59 Palestinian Arab refugee camps under the aegis of UNRWA. These "temporary" refugee facilities have been there ever since.

2. IN WHAT ARE THE FUNDS OF THAT PROGRAM BEING INVESTED?

UNRWA invests in the health , education and welfare of the 6.7 million people who identify as family of Arab refugees from the 1948 war.

3. WHAT IS THE "RIGHT TO RETURN" THEY TEACH IN THE UNRWA SCHOOLS?

"Right of return" represents the singular theme of UNRWA education, inculcating the notion for all UNRWA students that they have an unquestioned right to go back to the precise villages and neighborhoods which they left in the wake of the 1948 war. The UNRWA refugee population is given no other option for their future. "Right of return by force of arms" represents the theme of Arab terror groups that operate in UNRWA.

4. WHAT IS HAMAS AND WHAT DO THEY PROPOSE?

Hamas represents the Islamic terrorist group which wants to impose An Arab Islamic regime in all of Palestine. Hamas is a force to be reckoned with inside UNRWA,

5. WHO ARE THE MAIN FUNDERS OF UNRWA?

TOP 20 GOVERNMENT DONORS IN 2021

Donor	Contribution US\$ *
USA	338,400,000
Germany	176,979,810
EU	117,653,367
Sweden	54,240,009
Japan	50,510,511
UK	40,104,619
Switzerland	31,648,928
Norway	29,988,568
France	27,958,309
Canada	27,614,551
Netherlands	27,007,706
Denmark	21,139,515
Turkey	20,471,544
Spain (including Regional Governments)	17,720,114
Qatar	17,000,000
Italy	15,804,547
Belgium (including Government of Flanders)	13,901,370
Kuwait (including Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development)	11,500,000
Finland	10,697,045
Ireland	10,659,208

* Includes total contributions made toward all programmes. *Contribution data is accurate as of 31 December 2021.* [Click here](#) (PDF) to see all government contributions.

TOP 20 NON-GOVERNMENT DONORS IN 2021*

Donor	Contribution US\$ *
UNRWA USA National Committee	4,874,806
Rahmatan Lil Alamin Foundation	3,181,013
Islamic Relief USA	2,500,000
UNRWA Spanish Committee	1,861,827
Muslim Hands UK	1,842,901
Khalifa Bin Zayed Al Nahyan Foundation	1,500,000
Muslim Hands France	600,316
International Islamic Charitable Organization (IICO)	500,000
Foundation to Promote Open Society (FPOS)	414,885
Mercy USA for Aid and Development	350,000
DanChurch Aid	300,000
Hasene International e.V	276,294
St. John Eye Hospital	251,333
Norwegian Refugee Council	208,491
IDB	200,000
Fondation MKS	154,000
Handicap International	138,136
RKK, Japan	124,470
The Royal Health Awareness Society, Jordan	104,096
Kuwait Red Crescent Society	100,000

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6. WHAT IS THE MISSION OF THE NAHUM BEDEIN CENTER FOR NEAR EAST POLICY RESEARCH IN THIS SITUATION?

The Center is calling attention to the humanitarian plight of the Palestinian refugees in UNRWA-administered refugee camps with a suggested reform of UNRWA policies, to adopt the standards of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) criteria used for refugee rehabilitation worldwide.