

Introduction

The situation in Gaza is indeed dire and continues to worsen as the attacks on civilians continue. The ongoing attacks on Gaza have resulted in significant civilian casualties and widespread destruction. Since October 2023, over 39,000 Palestinians have been killed, with more than 91,000 wounded.

Evacuation orders have been issued for various regions, resulting in the displacement of hundreds of thousands of people. These displaced individuals are now scattered across various areas, including Rafah, Khan Younis, Gaza City, and North Gaza.

The humanitarian situation is critical, aid deliveries into Gaza have decreased significantly, which has led to the restricted flow of essential supplies, including food, clean water, and medical aid. This restriction has led to widespread malnutrition, and a growing health crisis.

With your help, WF-AID wants to distribute freshly baked bread in Gaza for a minimum of three months.







Iraqi Red Crescent

To fulfill this project, WF-AID will be working with the Iraqi Red Crescent Society, who have access into Gaza through relations with Palestinian Red Crescent & Egyptian Red Crescent.

The Iraqi Red Crescent Society is a prominent humanitarian organisation in Iraq that operates as part of the broader International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement. Established in 1932, the IRCS has a long history of providing crucial humanitarian assistance to those in need especially during times of conflict, natural disasters, and other emergencies.

IRCS has previously been involved in a bakery project aimed at addressing food insecurity and providing livelihood opportunities for vulnerable populations in Iraq. This project is particularly focused on supporting internally displaced persons (IDPs), refugees, and local communities affected by conflict and economic hardships.

The bakery project has been successful in providing both immediate relief through food distribution and longer-term benefits by offering job training and employment.









Gaza Bakery Project

The aim of this project is to produce fresh bread to distribute to the vulnerable population in Gaza. By establishing a reliable source of essential nutrition, the project aims to alleviate hunger among of tens of thousands of civilians and to combat food insecurity in the region by ensuring all bread loaves are distributed free of charge. However, it is also noteworthy that the project provides benefits on multiple fronts:

- 1. Providing Food Security: By producing large quantities of bread, the bakery will help to ensure that IDPs and impoverished families have access to basic nutrition. Bread will be distributed to various camps and shelters where food shortages are prevalent.
- 2. Creating Employment Opportunities: The project also offers job opportunities to individuals. By employing them in the bakeries, we will help them earn an income, thereby supporting their families and contributing to the local economy in the long-term.
- 3. **Sustainable Development:** The bakery project is part of a broader effort by the WF-AID to implement sustainable development initiatives that can provide long-term benefits to communities. By teaching bakery skills and business management, the project empowers participants with the tools they need to continue supporting themselves beyond the immediate crisis.

The bakery will be in operation for 16 hours each day, with a projected output of 80,500 loaves of bread daily. This production capacity will enable the bakery to provide food for approximately 16,100 individuals every day, totaling up to 483,000 people each month. The initiative will require a budget of \$78,600 a month, covering the costs of raw materials, employee salaries, electricity, fuel, and routine maintenance. This project is poised to not only ensure a consistent food supply but also foster local employment and enhance the overall well-being of the the civilians in Gaza.





Financial Breakdown

ltem	Unit Cost (USD \$)	Estimated Cost Per Day (USD \$)	Number of Units Per Month	Estimated Cost Per Month (USD \$)
Flour	15	1,050	2,100	31,500
Yeast	10	100	300	3,000
Mineral Water	5	700	4,200	21,000
Salaries	15	420	840	12,600
Electricity	0	0	0	0
Fuel	0	0	0	0
Routine Maintenance	350	350	30	10,500
Total		2,620		78,600





Imam Ja'far Sadiq (A.S.) says: "An act of charity given openly prevents seventy types of mishaps, and a secretly given charity cools the anger of our Lord Allah (S.W.T.)"

Bihar ul Anwar v93, p130r



