

Giving Options to Support Victims of Violence in the Middle East

Members of our MVPJ Steering Committee suggest contributions to these organizations and programs that work for justice, healing and peace in the Middle East. As noted, many of these have roots in Lebanon, the West Bank and Gaza.

(Updated and in alphabetical order - 6/24/26)

Name of the Organization: American Friends Service Committee (AFSC)

Website: <https://afsc.org/>

Mission of the Organization: Quaker-based organization working globally for peace, equality and human dignity. They have a long history of service in the Middle East. In Gaza, even in face of the dire situation and the incredible difficulty of getting aid in, as of now AFSC still has three community kitchens serving nine different camps, with their efforts focused on reaching the most vulnerable. They work with local partners to deliver water, baby formulae, hygiene kits and more. They also continue advocacy work to the US Congress to demand a permanent cease-fire and humanitarian access, and to stop sending weapons to Israel.

How to Give: <https://secure.afsc.org/a/main?ms=WEB25NV>

Name of the person making the recommendation: Eric Sabelman and Diana Gibson

Why do you recommend that people give to this organization: We have long been impressed by the work of AFSC in its commitment to be led by local partners, grounded in peace, and combining direct service with advocacy to address root causes. They have a long and trusted presence in Gaza and throughout the Middle East.

To offer a specific example, [this Oct 31 article](#) describes AFSC replacing worn and damaged tents that displaced Gazans are living in - thus providing longer-term assistance, not just emergency aid: "For those living in tents, each cold gust of wind is a reminder that they are not safe and have nowhere to go. Families will soon find themselves drowning, not in floodwater alone, but in a tide of hopelessness that the world seems determined to ignore."

Name of the Organization: **ANERA**

Website: www.anera.org

Mission of the Organization: Since 1968, Anera has helped refugees and others hurt by conflicts in Palestine, Lebanon and Jordan live with purpose and hope.

How to Give:

https://support.anera.org/a/donate?_gl=1*dcsofm*_gcl_au*MTI2MjU1ODk5OC4xNzMxODkxOTE0*_ga*MTAyMzg3ODAyMS4xNzMxODkxOTE0*_ga_9D82NNM9FJ*MTczMjQ3NjI1Ny4yLjEuMTczMjQ3NjI1OC4xOS4wLjA

Name of the person making the recommendation: Rabbi Amy Eilberg

Why do you recommend that people give to this organization: I know that Anera is a well-respected Muslim organization that also works in partnership with Israeli Jewish organizations. They are very active on the ground in Gaza and Lebanon right now.

Name of the Organization: **Azahir**

Website: <https://azahir.org/>

Mission of the Organization: Our mission is to create safe spaces for at-risk children and meaningful opportunities for youth, through education, psycho-social support and community development. Azahir offers community centers for children affected by displacement and provides emergency relief in Lebanon.

How to Give: <https://chuffed.org/project/172195-emergency-azahir>

Name of the person making the recommendation: Diana Gibson

Why do you recommend that people give to this organization: Azahir is a grassroots organization based in north Lebanon, a registered 501(c)(3) charity that works on the front lines of the needs in their region, and made up entirely of Lebanese and Palestinian workers.

Azahir runs two local community centers. One is in **Nahr el Bared Palestinian Camp**, which is 15km north of Tripoli. The other is in the remote village of Tel Maayan in Akkar Province, both in Northern Lebanon. They serve over 500 children daily.

Since the escalated bombing of Beirut and Lebanese villages in the South, thousands of families are arriving in the North, where Azahir is based. Azahir is providing essential life resources - food, medical care, blankets, diapers, as well as psychological and social first aid.

Name of the Organization: **Gaza Children Village**

Website: <https://thegazachildrevillage.org/>

Mission of the Organization: The Gaza Children Village is a remarkable project that has created schools throughout Gaza, in cooperation with multiple international partners, to offer care to vulnerable children in Gaza. They especially provide orphaned children with consistent access to education, nutritious meals, healthcare, and trauma-informed psychosocial support in community-based campuses across Gaza. Children arrive every day to classrooms, warm meals, medical attention, and trusted adults who help restore stability and a sense of belonging in the midst of Gaza.

How to give: <https://thegazachildrevillage.org/initiatives/> (scroll down the page)

Name of the person making the recommendation: Rabbi Amy Eilberg

Why do you recommend that people give to this organization: Gaza Children Village does what would appear to be impossible in the midst of the horrors of Gaza. Refusing to take “no” for an answer, the staff have created oases of learning, care and dignity for children (especially the many who are orphaned). They continue to build the program to encompass more children’s villages, a hospital and women’s center. I think they do some of the best humanitarian work in Gaza. They were described by the New York Times [here](#).

Name of the Organization: **Islamic Relief Worldwide**

Website:

https://islamic-relief.org/?_gl=1*1wh4jj9*_gcl_au*MTE1NjgyNTU2NS4xNzMxOTg4ODEw*_ga*MzM1NTYxODI3LjE3MzE5ODg4MTA.*_ga_PYJL878TTC*MTczNDEzMzQ4NC40LjEuMTczNDExMzQ5NC41MC4wLjA.

Mission of the Organization: Islamic Relief is a faith-based relief and development agency working to save and transform the lives of some of the world’s most vulnerable people.

How to Give:

https://donate.islamic-relief.org/?_gl=1*11jd1ph*_gcl_au*MTE1NjgyNTU2NS4xNzMxOTg4ODEw*_ga*MzM1NTYxODI3LjE3MzE5ODg4MTA.*_ga_PYJL878TTC*MTczNDE0MzlyOS41LjAuMTczNDE0MzI0OS40MC4wLjA.

Name of the person making the recommendation: Samina Sundas and Diana Gibson

Why do you recommend that people give to this organization: Works in Gaza with local partners to deliver food and water, provide monthly stipends for over 16,000 orphans, and to offer programs for children in Gaza to support their mental health.

Name of the Organization: Project Rozana

Website: <https://www.rozana.org/>

Mission of the Organization: To enhance Palestinian healthcare, and facilitate cross-border cooperation (between Gaza and Israel).

How to Give: <https://www.rozana.org/donation-currency>

Name of the person making the recommendation: Rabbi Amy Eilberg

Why do you recommend that people give to this organization: A person I deeply trust is involved in the leadership; for many years (prior to 10/7), Project Rozana facilitated the labor of Israelis in southern border communities to bring sick Gazans for medical care in Israel; during this war, the project maintains mobile medical clinics in Gaza

Name of the Organization: Rabbis for Human Rights

Website: <https://www.rhr.org.il/en/>

Mission of the Organization: Rabbis for Human Rights is one of the premier human rights organizations in Israel, which is deeply involved in human rights work in the West Bank (food provision and Protective Presence), defending farmers during the olive harvest, and offering legal and civil support to stop land expropriation and home demolitions. Rabbis for Human Rights has also worked with partners to bring food into Gaza.

How to give: <https://www.rhr.org.il/en/donate/>

Name of the person making the recommendation: Rabbi Amy Eilberg

Why do you recommend that people give to this organization: Rabbis for Human Rights has been a leading human rights organization for 40 years, and has recently led Protective Presence efforts and legal advocacy in support of Palestinian farmers on the West Bank. On a

recent trip to the region, I saw firsthand what strong connections RHR staff have with farmers on the ground, with relationships of mutual caring and appreciation.

Name of the Organization: Rebuilding Alliance

Website:

https://www.rebuildingalliance.org/?fbclid=IwY2xjawGncfFleHRuA2FlbQIxMAABHS-y9fM4_Qh1-vSy5eAstSD7IUD20LxENPb37C24lbptzB3cdjBLNBB4yg_aem_obk7J_vaZAD1aDhXn4nl_g

Mission of the Organization: Rebuilding Alliance is dedicated to advancing equal rights for the Palestinian people through education, advocacy, and support that assures Palestinian families the right to a home, schooling, economic security, safety, and a promising future.

How to Give: <https://www.rebuildingalliance.org/donate-today> or Global Giving <https://www.globalgiving.org/donate/376/rebuilding-alliance/>

Name of the person making the recommendation: Rabbi Amy Eilberg. Rev. Dr. Eileen Altman, Eric Sabelman and Tehmina Zeb also recommend this organization.

Why do you recommend that people give to this organization:

Amy Eilberg: Rebuilding Alliance has a long-standing track-record of work on the ground in Gaza, including during this war, feeding and supporting many innocent people in Gaza.

Tehmina Zeb: I second Amy's recommendation. Also I'm on the board and know the quality work they are doing in spite of the difficult situation in Gaza.

Name of the Organization: Standing Together

Website: <https://www.standing-together.org/en>

Mission of the Organization: Standing Together is a grassroots organization of Jewish and Palestinian citizens of Israel, which has worked for ten years on issues of justice and equality within Israel. Since October 7th, Standing Together has worked boldly to call the attention of Israelis to the horrors unfolding in Gaza and the West Bank, has worked with partners to get food into Gaza, and has provided food and protective presence for Palestinians under attack in the West Bank.

How to give: <https://www.standing-together.org/en/donate-en>

Name of the person making the recommendation: Rabbi Amy Eilberg

Why do you recommend that people give to this organization: Standing Together is one of the most impressive collaborative Jewish-Palestinian organizations within Israel. It has been a source of bold educational content and on-the-ground support for Palestinians in Gaza and in the West Bank since October 7th.

Name of the Organization: **World Central Kitchen**

Website: www.wck.org

Mission of the Organization: Since early October 2023, families in Gaza, Israel, and Lebanon have been reeling from devastating conflict that has caused profound loss of life and forced millions to flee their homes. Innocent families are caught in the middle of the escalating violence. Our teams are committed to providing aid to anyone who needs it and are continuously adapting our response to reach more people.

How to Give:

https://wck.org/?gad_source=1&gbraid=0AAAAApcxQJt-1xmg8VhTIViC_VLITWs4p&gclid=Cj0KCQiAqJa6BhCOARIsAMiL7V-OCPADTQ7wGycHWfxzBQ5CQaJM6IbKIhkvLY-hpY-vF0t7Ej0GnZMaAjNJEALw_wcB

Name of the person making the recommendation: Rabbi Amy Eilberg

Why do you recommend that people give to this organization: I am very impressed by the work of WCK, and was glad to learn that they returned to Gaza as soon as they could after they were attacked.