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Dear .....

### **What action will you take to save the children of Gaza?**

Israel continues to kill civilians in Gaza through a deliberate triad of devastation: bombs, starvation and disease. This is what Israeli leadership declared in October 2023:

Bombs: Netanyahu - spoke about remembering the Amalek - destroying every man, woman, child, and animal<sup>1</sup>.

Starvation: Yoav Gallant - said there would be no food, water, electricity, fuel<sup>2</sup>.

Disease: Giora Eiland, former head of the Israeli National Security Council, declared that Israel should speed up the destruction of Gaza by letting epidemics "go wild."<sup>3</sup>

And these have been the results:

### **Bombs**

The Lancet Global Health estimated 75,200 "violent deaths" to January 5, 2025<sup>4</sup>. Of this death toll, 56% are women, children, and older people (Al Jazeera, February 2026<sup>5</sup>). By 28 May 2026, the 'ceasefire' had been violated by Israel 3005 times, killing 922 civilians. Over 100 were children<sup>6</sup>.

### **Starvation**

No food means starvation. Lack of water means dangerous dehydration, no sanitation, and this helps spread diseases. No electricity and lack of fuel mean inability to cook, and that the few partially functioning hospitals cannot use the limited number of life saving machines they have. Dehydration puts the lives of children under five at greater risk.

In December 2025 food security had improved, pushing back famine conditions, but three-quarters of the population still faced acute hunger and malnutrition. The Red Cross is explicit about how malnutrition damages young children<sup>7</sup>. The Starvation Report<sup>8</sup> by historians at The Hebrew University of Jerusalem show that starvation was a deliberate plan and that *food remains severely limited*. The Integrated Food Security Classification<sup>9</sup> reported that between mid-October and the end of November 2025, around 1.6 million people, 77% of the population, faced crisis-level hunger (Phase 3) or worse. This included more than 500,000 people in emergency (Phase 4) and over 100,000 people in catastrophe (Phase 5). This will only worsen because as part of the 'ceasefire' deal, there were supposed to be 600 aid trucks per day allowed into Gaza. However less than 100 aid trucks per day have been allowed into Gaza. Since the illegal attacks on Iran, this has fallen further. So famine will be the consequence for families. When famine arrives it is too late. Meaningful action is needed now! Please act as if it were your own children at risk.

**Disease:** In October, the WHO reported that over 15,600 people, one in four of whom were children, were awaiting lifesaving medical evacuation from Gaza. The patients included people with complex trauma injuries caused by bullets and bombs, or life threatening and chronic conditions such as cancer or kidney failure. Most are prevented from leaving.

"Between July 2024 and August 2025, at least 740 patients, including 137 children, died while waiting for medical evacuation. These were preventable deaths - caused not only by destroyed hospitals, but by political inaction."<sup>10</sup> Dr Javid Abdelmoneim, International President of Medecin Sans Frontiers.

UNWRA reported that the destruction of Gaza has led to a major increase in rodents and parasites<sup>11</sup>. Israel have collapsed the water and sanitation infrastructure, accelerating the spread of disease. More than 125,000 cases of skin infections linked to rodents and parasites had been recorded during the first five months of 2026. UNWRA warn that the risk of disease outbreaks continues to increase.

More than 20,000 children were killed prior to the 'ceasefire', infants to teenagers. More than bombs and bullets, starvation, common illnesses, and avoidable diseases will kill more. Children should never have to endure this. Undeterred, Israel continues to enact suffering on the people of Palestine, Lebanon and Iran. **There is no ceasefire.**

### **What will you do to help save the children of Gaza?**

The UK continues to trade with Israel, even as it commits further illegal acts. Although the suspension of negotiations of a new Free Trade Agreement was welcome, it didn't

go far enough. There needs to be suspension of all trade with israel. I ask you to call for the suspension of the existing Trade and Partnership agreement. There needs to be full economic sanctions until all human rights abuses have ceased.

We don't need empty words of condemnation. We don't need you relying on other Ministers to 'press' israeli authorities. We need you to act. Please tell me how you will act to prevent israel further killing children in Gaza and across West Asia.

Yours sincerely,

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