



# Indian Aid to Palestinian Refugees

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Recently, India has released the first tranche of **USD 2.5 million** to the **United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA)** for Palestinian Refugees in the Near East as part of its **annual contribution of USD 5 million** for the year 2024-25.

- UNRWA has been carrying out **direct relief and work programmes** for registered Palestinian refugees **since 1950** and is making efforts to continue functioning amidst the **Israel-Hamas war** in Gaza.
- India has provided financial support of **USD 35 million till 2023-24** for UNRWA's core programmes and services, including education, healthcare, relief, and social services for Palestinian refugees.

## **United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA):**

- It was established in **1949** by the **UN General Assembly** after the **1948 Arab-Israeli war**.
- Its mandate is to provide **aid and protection to Palestinian refugees** who were displaced following the 1948 Arab-Israeli conflict, as well as their descendants.
- It operates in Gaza, the West Bank, Lebanon, Syria, and Jordan.
- It is funded almost entirely by voluntary contributions from UN member states.
- India's support to UNRWA includes financial assistance as well as providing medicines based on the agency's specific request.

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