



# Interpal

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## Chairman's Message

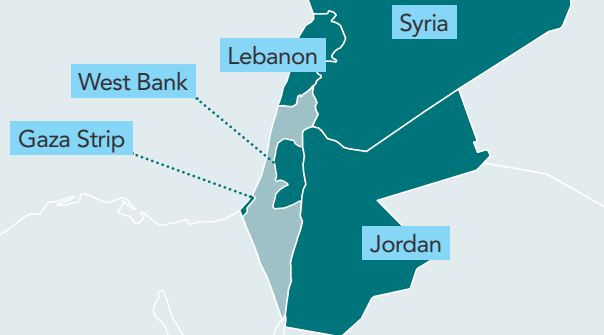


In many ways, the past year has been defined for Interpal by the challenges it has faced and obstacles it has overcome. In 2015, the situation in the occupied Palestinian territories continued to deteriorate, with the Gaza Strip still under siege and piles of rubble from the 2014 Israeli offensive; the West Bank, meanwhile, has been experiencing daily human rights violations and violence. For Palestinian refugees in Lebanon and Jordan have had to cater for an influx of Syrian refugees which has stretched resources to breaking point, leaving both Palestinian and Syrian refugees extremely vulnerable. It is in this context that the delivery of aid become more complicated and difficult, and this has remained the case not only for Interpal but many other charities too. Throughout the year the charity also came under heightened scrutiny in the press, with the usual vexatious complainants making unfounded accusations and attempting to minimise in the public eye the humanitarian catastrophe that is enveloping the Palestinians.

Despite these challenges, Interpal continued to provide relief and development aid to thousands of Palestinian families, which had a real and positive impact on their lives. The charity has continued to provide regular financial aid to over 8,000 families, as well as supporting hundreds of students with education aid and thousands of patients with essential medical support, such as equipment, hospital fees and medical supplies. All the great work carried out by Interpal's teams in the field would not be possible if not for the material and moral support provided by its supporters. Your donations, your volunteering and your compassion allow Interpal to do important and necessary work. This review highlights some of the ways in which you helped us all to make a difference, and we hope that you will continue your support and continue placing your trust in Interpal to help Palestinians in desperate need. Together, by the Grace of the Almighty, we can ease the burdens of families, make children smile and provide a helping hand to some of the world's most vulnerable people.

*Ibrahim Hammad*

## Areas of Operation



Our main interventions  
are in **5 key areas:**



Community Development



Education Aid



Medical Aid



Advocacy and Awareness



Humanitarian Aid





# ABOUT INTERPAL

Areas of work, mission and history

Interpal was founded in 1994 to provide humanitarian and development aid to Palestinians in need. We are a British registered charity working on the ground in the occupied territories of the West Bank and Gaza, as well as the refugee camps in Lebanon and Jordan. The latter includes support given to refugees fleeing from the violence in neighbouring Syria.

Our aim is to alleviate the suffering and disadvantage faced by the Palestinian people through immediate relief and to support Palestinian society through long term development programmes.

## Key areas of work

- Medical Aid
- Humanitarian Aid
- Education Aid
- Community Development
- Advocacy and Awareness

## Our Mission

To empower Palestinians to face their challenges and hardships in our principal areas of operation: the West Bank, Gaza Strip and the refugee camps in Jordan and Lebanon.



80%

of people are reliant  
on international  
humanitarian aid for  
food in Gaza.



90%

of the water in  
Gaza is unfit for  
consumption.



The Palestinian refugee crisis is now in its **68th year**

# HUMANITARIAN AID

Sponsorships, food and special projects

Interpal's Humanitarian Aid Fund supports various projects aimed at providing immediate relief, addressing gaps in people's basic needs and supporting the right to life.

## Sponsorships

Interpal's Sponsorships Programme is our longest running project. In the last year alone we have supported over 8,000 vulnerable children, providing:



8,000

children with Food Aid



2,000

children with Medical Aid



5,000

children with School Kits



2,000

children with Special Supplies

## Water Projects

From 2014, we have helped to provide clean, safe water to over 100,000 individuals. We've set up desalination plants in Gaza and filtration units in Lebanon's refugee camps, and delivered water tanks and pumps to homes and communities across all our areas of operation.

## Seasonal Projects

Our seasonal campaigns support Palestinian families who are struggling to meet their basic needs and also help donors to meet certain religious obligations. Families receive vouchers or food parcels, and financial aid to spend as they need.

**15,000**  
FAMILIES



Ramadan, Qurbani, Winter

Seasons



Gaza

**£100,000**  
**EMERGENCY**

medical supplies delivered



Syria



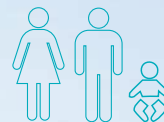
**60** **FAMILIES**

received urgent food aid

Winter



**1,000**  
**FAMILIES**



received financial aid



# EMERGENCY AID

Immediate and life-saving aid

We provide immediate and life-saving aid during emergencies, including conflict and difficult weather. In the last year alone, hundreds of families in crisis have received medical aid, food aid, financial aid and other emergency support.



**2,500**  
**FAMILIES**



in kind aid



received heaters, blankets and clothes



400,000  
CHILDREN



need psychological support  
in Gaza

A doctor  
sees on  
average



117  
PATIENTS per day

in Lebanon's refugee camps

3%



of the Palestinian population  
have a disability





# MEDICAL AID

Improving access to medical care

Interpal's Medical Aid Fund supports various projects aimed at improving access to medical care serving Palestinians in need.

## Restocking Facilities

With much of the essential medicines and disposables at zero-stock levels in Gaza and the West Bank, it remains our priority to ensure that hospitals are able to access essential supplies. Interpal regularly help to restock healthcare facilities with basic medical supplies.

## #ZeroStockList

To see all items on the #ZeroStockList, and to find out how to help, visit [zerostocklist.org](http://zerostocklist.org)

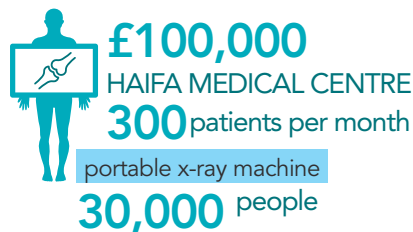


medical supplies are at zero-stock levels in Gaza

## Supplying Medical Equipment

In 2015 we donated £100,000 to Haifa Medical Centre in Gaza for a portable x-ray machine, as well as providing over £50,000 worth of surgical tools for medical centres affected by the 2014 assault.

Interpal continued to support specialist care by funding the rehabilitation of a hydrotherapy tub and providing hospitals in Gaza with gynaecological equipment, dental units and an eccodoppler device. These projects benefit thousands of people every



year and improve the quality of healthcare available to Palestinians in besieged Gaza.

In Lebanon's refugee camps, doctors were able to provide life-improving care after our donation of over £75,000 for medical equipment, and this included dental and physiotherapy equipment.

“Without Interpal's help with medical costs, my son would still be suffering, thank you to everyone who helped.”

Fatima, Gaza



## Poor Patient Fund

Palestinians living with debilitating medical conditions are often unable to afford the cost of surgery or health insurance. Over the last year, our Poor Patient Fund has continued to subsidise medical treatment for the most needy across all our areas of operation.

## Training Health Professionals

One of our priorities has always been to work towards improving Palestinians' access to quality medical treatment. Throughout 2015 and 2016, we have continued to provide vital training for health professionals in various specialties, including transplant surgery, anaesthesiology and psychiatry.



## Trauma Support

With the help of our partners on the ground, we have continued to place a special focus on psychosocial treatment for children and families suffering from trauma, particularly in Gaza. In the last year, we have ensured that hundreds of traumatised families in Gaza have received regular support. We also organised special events for children with Down syndrome and autism.



## Supporting Individuals with Special Needs

Supporting individuals with special needs is a vital part of our work, with our most recent efforts going towards maternal healthcare and the provision of assistive devices and medical support for people with disabilities.

### specialist training

in adolescent and child mental health to help millions of children



## In focus: the Vision Project


Mohammad is a 9 year-old boy from Gaza whose life was changed forever when an Israeli shell hit his house and blinded him. Soon after, UNRWA's director tweeted about Mohammad's experience, and was told that the "Voice Dream Reader" could give Mohammad back his future. This technology allows anything digitally imported onto a mobile device to be read to the blind and visually impaired. The inventor of "Voice Dream Reader" generously offered to make this technology available to Mohammad and all blind kids in Gaza.

Because of this, Interpal has provided \$500,000 towards the project, which will benefit 217 visually impaired and blind children in Gaza. Each of these children will get a mobile device at school and have all the books available to them, just like sighted children.



**255**  
out of  
**420**

schools and nurseries in Gaza were destroyed or severely damaged during **Operation 'Protective Edge'** in 2014.



In the refugee camps in Lebanon and Jordan, lack of resources and overcrowded classes are impeding children's ability to learn.

In the West Bank, the Israeli government continues to shut down schools, and for those that remain open, checkpoints, restrictions on movement and ongoing curfews severely impact students' access.

Interpal's Education Aid Fund supports various projects aimed at improving access to education, the quality of education and the educational sector as a whole for Palestinians.

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"I will study hard because I want my donor to be proud of me."

10 year-old Asma, Sponsored child in Lebanon

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## EDUCATION AID

Scholarships, back to school and teaching

Back to School

**IN 2015,  
5,000**

children received school kits, uniforms and school fees.

### Scholarships in Lebanon

In 2015 and 2016, we supported the vocational training of up to 60 students in Lebanon's Palestinian refugee camps to provide them with the necessary skills to find long-term employment and financial security.

### Al Insani school

Al Insani School caters specifically for refugee children from Syria. We have been assisting school's students by providing scholarships and daily transport, benefiting over 250 children, their families and the school.

### Nabil Badran centre

The Nabil Badran Centre in Lebanon helps with the educational development of students with special needs. Over the last year we have continued to subsidise its running costs and fees for 14 full-time students.

### Learning Equipment

We've provided various types of equipment for student recreation and lab work, as well as generators and computers for schools, universities and other learning facilities, benefiting over 20,000 students every year.

equipment



**20,000  
STUDENTS**  
benefiting every year



In 2014, Gaza had

**\$500 MILLION**

AGRICULTURAL LOSSES

Israeli assault



registered internally displaced

**1.3 MILLION**

REFUGEES

Gaza



registered internally displaced

**750,000**

REFUGEES

West Bank

 **Interpal**  
Helping Palestinians in Need  
Gaza Field Office  
**Outreach Programme**



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# COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Job creation, housing, lighting

Interpal's Community Development Fund supports projects focused on long-term development with the aim of improving the local community and Palestinian society as a whole.

## Lazarus Home for Girls

Since 2009, we have been facilitating the construction and development of the Lazarus Home for Girls at various stages, particularly in the last year. Once opened, the home will house 76 girls from the West Bank.

## Safe Housing Project

Over the last year, our Safe Housing projects have been supporting homeless families in Gaza. It includes the provision of temporary shelters and caravans, and also reconstruction and home improvements in camps.

## Job Creation

Our Job Creation Programme helps vulnerable Palestinians to gain work placements, training and paid employment. Mainly focused in Gaza, it has supported over 500 people since 2013.

## Safe Lighting Project

The lack of electricity in Gaza puts people's lives at risk and has an impact on children's education as they are unable to read or do their homework without light. In 2015, we provided battery powered LED lights to 600 families.

## Outreach Bus Programme

Our Disabled Outreach Bus Programme makes use of ten vans to support better mobility and inclusion of individuals with disabilities in the Gaza Strip. In 2015 alone, it has supported almost 200 people with disabilities.

Poverty  
Up to **30%**  
Palestinians  
are unemployed



## All Women's Delegation To Lebanon

In February 2016 we took a women's delegation to Lebanon to learn about the situation in Palestinian refugee camps. The delegates included Yvonne Ridley, Victoria Brittain, Naomi Foyle and Abeda Laher.

An eye-opening visit for all involved, the group was able to bear witness to the experiences of refugee women and girls, and help raise awareness of their struggles.

### 'Friends of Interpal'

The 'Friends of Interpal' are a group of influential figures in the UK who work alongside Interpal to raise awareness of the Palestinian cause and seek help for those in need.

We would like to extend our gratitude to Baroness Jenny Tonge, Professor Colin Green, Peter Bourne, Victoria Brittain, Atif Choudhry and Mohammed Altawil who recently joined us!





# ADVOCACY AND AWARENESS

knowledge sharing, facilitating understanding

Interpal's Advocacy and Awareness projects aim to build a durable foundation for Palestinians' human rights by knowledge sharing, facilitating greater understanding of the Palestinian struggle in the UK, and actively supporting international advocacy.

## 2015 Parliamentary Event

In October 2015, we organised a parliamentary event to raise awareness of the special needs of Palestinian children. The event, hosted by Rt Hon

Stephen Timms MP, was attended by over 60 people, including MPs, human rights' advocates, journalists, academics and NGO workers. The event highlighted the ways in which charities are working with the vulnerable, and recognised the need for a more holistic approach to helping children with special needs.

## Gaza Street Campaign

In July 2015 we took to the streets of London to raise awareness of the current humanitarian crisis in Gaza. We asked people to show their support for Palestine, with dozens sending our letter template to their MP to demand action.

"In Lebanon, with thousands of Palestinian refugees condensed into small areas, the situation is incendiary. But in the middle of it all there is this heroic little charity, Interpal. And it tries- through the generosity of its donors- to help". - Yvonne Ridley, journalist.





In 2015

**£4 MILLION**

raised by staff, volunteers and supporters





# FUNDRAISING AND VOLUNTEERING

branches, events and communities

Interpal has branches across the country, carrying out dozens of fundraising events every month. The charity's fundraisers and volunteers work closely with local communities to continue to raise awareness and funds for Palestinians in need.

## May 2015 Nakba Narratives

Thank you to all those who came to our Nakba Narratives event in May 2015, which raised £116,000 for Palestinian refugees. A special thanks goes out to our speakers, performers and generous donors for their continued support.

## July 2015 Ramadan

We are grateful to the hundreds of volunteers and thousands of supporters who worked tirelessly to

raise urgent funds for Palestinians in need during our Ramadan Campaign in 2015. Together, we raised over £1.5 million!

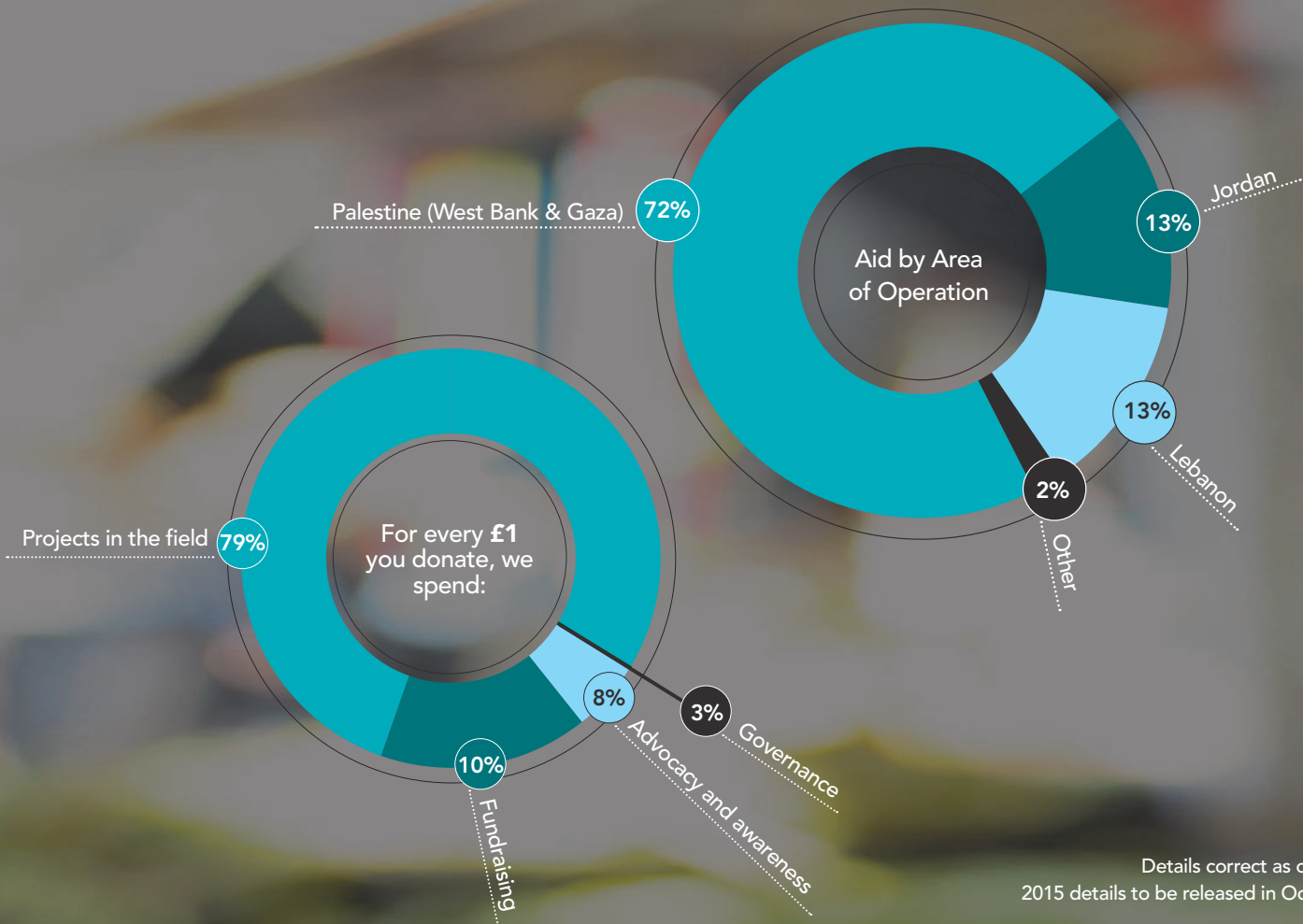
## September 2015 Eid Al-Adha

Like the previous year, Eid Al Adha in Gaza was marked with more suffering in the aftermath of the 2014 assault. Our volunteers and fundraisers came together in support of them to raise an impressive £300,000.

## December 2015 Early Hours

An inspiring evening in December 2015 explored the reasons behind the revelation of Surat ad-Duha in light of Palestine. The 'Early Hours' event raised over £32,000 for our Winter Appeal.

**£1.5** Ramadan **MILLION**



Details correct as of 2014  
2015 details to be released in Oct 2016



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# FINANCIAL SUMMARY

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How we spent your money

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## **Specified Donations**

Interpal has a 100% donations policy for specified donations.

## **Unspecified Donations**

If we take administration costs from unspecified donations, we ensure that we keep them to a minimum and invest in multidimensional aid that benefits the areas we work in.



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