# WHO IS HUSSAIN GIVE GAZA REPORT

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Hussain ibn Ali



### GAZA, PALESTINE

The humanitarian crisis in Gaza is worsening, with over 45,000 killed, nearly 110,000 injured and thousands missing. Perhaps the most heartbreaking statistic is the massacre of over 15,000 children.

Those who remain, face severe challenges; multiple displacements, widespread destruction, catastrophic levels of food insecurity, lack of medical supplies, and almost no access to safe water. Healthcare facilities have been heavily targeted, with 80% rendered inoperative and nearly 500 healthcare workers killed. Notably, children make up 47.3% of Gaza's population, underscoring the urgent need for assistance.

[SOURCE AL JAZEERA / IFJ / OXFAM - 7/10/2024 & 7/1/2025]



### WHO IS HUSSAIN AND INARA

In March 2024, Who is Hussain partnered with INARA (International Network for Aid, Relief, and Assistance), a registered non-profit, to provide critical medical care to children in Gaza. Co-founded by Dr. Ghassan Abu Sitta, INARA aims to ensure that no child affected by crises is left without treatment for life-altering injury or illness.

In Gaza, this mission is carried out by a committed team of individuals, many of whom bravely risk their lives daily to offer crucial services. Amid the ongoing humanitarian crisis, INARA was the perfect partner for Who is Hussain, a global movement dedicated to combating injustice and promoting the compassionate values of Hussain ibn Ali.

### **Donations and Fundraising**

Thanks to the generous donations from our supporters and the efforts of our dedicated fundraisers, we have raised over \$300,000 for this worthy cause so far.

After reaching out to our audience to help fundraise for #GiveGaza, we received an overwhelming response, leading to various events such as mountain hikes and sponsored walks. Our Islamabad team also organised a bazaar selling homemade products at a business symposium!



### **INARA** on the Ground

In a challenging and unstable environment, the team has coordinated two life-saving surgeries since the launch of the campaign. However, the closure of borders in May has severely hampered INARA's efforts. Through constant communication with the team, we have closely monitored the situation and provided regular updates to our audience, hoping for a safe reopening and resumption of activities.

Despite these obstacles, we have successfully established a medical camp led by paediatrician Dr. Lobna Al-Azaiza. In just five months, her team has provided free medical care to over 1,300 patients.



### Surgery #1 - Habiba

Baby Habiba was born in Rafah with a congenital heart defect untreated, could lead to heart failure or other serious complications. Due to inadequate facilities in Gaza, she was transferred to Al-Kanater Hospital in Egypt with her mother. At 7½ months old, Habiba underwent pre-operative assessments followed by cardiac surgery, and after several follow-up checks, her condition was deemed stable. Habiba still requires monitoring, medication. regular and basic necessities like baby formula and nappies.



"The surgery was urgent and life changing for Habiba...it will help her to grow up healthy as her previous conditions were life threatening." - INARA Team Member.

### Surgery #2 - Ilyas

Five year old Ilyas, a former heart presented with patient, severe vomiting, weight loss, and breathing difficulties. Given the critical nature of his condition, he too was evacuated to Egypt for urgent treatment. He was diagnosed with a persistent opening between the two major blood vessels leading from the heart (PDA). Fortunately, with INARA's support, Ilyas underwent successful open-heart surgery. Following discharge from the hospital, where he is currently living with his grandmother, Ilyas will need to be monitored through yearly check ups.

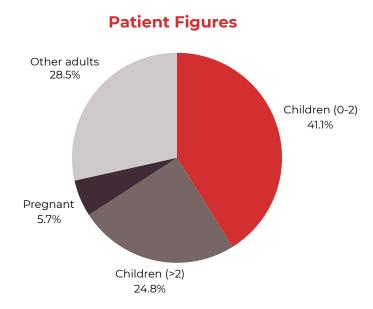
"They are planning to return to their home once the borders are open and ceasefire is achieved." - INARA Team Member.



### Medical Camp - Der el Belah

Since its inception, Dr. Lobna Al-Azaiza's medical tent has provided care to 1,309 patients from August to December, with over 60% of the 862 children treated being aged 0-2 years.

The conditions most common presented by the children were skin infections, influenza, upper respiratory and malnutrition. infections. reflecting the harsh living conditions they face. Dr. Al-Azaiza's team also sees adults with various complaints, chronic diseases includina like hypertension and diabetes, as well as dehydration and bone pain.





At the medical tent, patients undergo assessments and receive necessary medications or dietary supplements following a basic diagnosis. Some cases may require referrals to hospital based on their severity. Despite her busy schedule, Dr. Al-Azaiza has also conducted multiple interactive sessions on the benefits of breastfeeding for 93 mothers, and recently the team has procured nappies, baby formula and baby clothes to distribute to those most vulnerable. Additionally, as of November, the medical tent has begun offering ultrasound services to ensure thorough and high-quality checkups for pregnant women.

With almost 90% of her patients being evacuees and 77% of them currently living in tents, there is a dire need for services like this in Gaza.

"I even had girls, who we advised to cut their hair because there were no combs available. They ask us for shampoo, soap and wet wipes, but these essential items are not available." - Dr Lobna Al-Azaiza [Source: Reuters - 14/08/2024]



## WHAT'S TO COME

In response to the health cluster's call to scale up humanitarian efforts in northern Gaza, INARA is setting up a medical centre in Gaza City to provide primary health care to internally displaced individuals. Recruitment for medical staff is currently underway and the centre is expected to serve at least 300 people per month, offering free general medical services. Physiotherapy will also be included in the health packages, providing essential support to those affected by injury, particularly newly injured individuals.

### **Your Support**

The collapse of the healthcare system is one of the many harsh realities faced by children in Gaza. The Give Gaza Campaign, led by Who is Hussain in partnership with INARA, seeks to positively impact the lives of the vulnerable and oppressed in our global community. Many children like Habiba and Ilyas depend on the generosity of supporters like you to survive.

This vital work would not be possible without your contributions. Thank you.

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