



## Joint Statement on Gazan Families Assistance Program (GFAP)

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### Assalammu A'laikum

The Muslim community of South Australia through, the Islamic Society of South Australia (ISSA) / Al Salam Humanitarian Foundation (AHF), Al Khalil Arabic and Islamic Centre, Human Appeal (HA), Glimmer of Hope (GoH) and National Zakat Foundation (NZF) join hands to announce the commencement of the **Gazan Families Assistance Program (GFAP)**. This collaborative effort aims to provide crucial support to newly arrived Gazan families in their resettlement journey.

The Commonwealth Government, recognizing the humanitarian crisis, has announced a visa program that allows Australians to sponsor their family fleeing Gaza to come to Australia. While the numbers of people arriving in South Australia from Gaza are currently small, it is anticipated that they may increase in the near future. Preliminary estimates suggest that we may need to assist 100-120 individuals through this program.

### Challenges and Urgent Appeal:

The people fleeing the conflict will arrive on a Visitor visa (subclass 600). Unfortunately, this visa category unlike the refugees' visa categories does not give access to Medicare, Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS), settlement services or any Commonwealth or States services.

The other significant challenge we are currently facing is the provision of accommodation for the arriving families. Recognizing the urgent need for suitable housing, we appeal to the generosity of our community. If you have or know of rental properties available or can offer assistance in securing temporary housing for these families, we urge you to come forward and extend your support. Your contribution in this regard will play a vital role in ensuring the smooth transition and settlement of the Gazan families.

### Assistance Program Details:

If you are sponsoring a family from Gaza, you are eligible to apply for our comprehensive assistance program - <https://bit.ly/GFAPSA>

Following a thorough assessment, the newly arrived family will receive the following support:

1. **Resettlement assistance:** National Zakat Foundation (NZF) has launched a resettlement assistance program please apply via their website [www.nzf.org.au](http://www.nzf.org.au)
2. **Medical Expenses Assistance:** Al Salam Humanitarian Foundation (AHF) is offering a one-off payment of \$750 per person towards medical and dental expenses.
3. **Basic Needs Requirements:** Human Appeal (HA). Will help to provide essential items such as clothes, toys, footwear, household items, and vouchers.
4. **Accommodation advice and support:** Glimmer of Hope (GoH) is working on temporary accommodation support through organizations, charities, and communities. They also offer mental health programs and support.



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### **Disbursement of Funds:**

Please note that AHF funds will be disbursed upon the arrival of the sponsored family in Adelaide, ensuring a prompt and efficient allocation of resources to address their immediate needs.

### **Community Involvement:**

To ensure the comprehensive success of this project, we strongly encourage the wider community to come forward with their donations and services, including accommodation. Your support will play a crucial role in making a lasting impact on the lives of those seeking refuge.

### **How You Can Help:**

- Financial Contributions: Donate to the Gazan Families Assistance Program through the designated channels provided by Al Salam Humanitarian Foundation (AHF).

- In-Kind Donations: Consider contributing clothing, toys, footwear, household items, and vouchers to meet the basic needs of the newly arrived families through Human Appeal.

Volunteer Services: If you have skills or services that can benefit these families, we welcome your involvement in our community-driven initiative.

Accommodation advice and support: If you have or know of available rental properties or if you can assist in securing temporary housing, please contact Glimmer Of Hope.

For inquiries, assistance program applications, details on how to contribute, or accommodation advice and support, please contact:

- National Zakat Foundation (NZF): 1300 663 729 or [info@nzf.org.au](mailto:info@nzf.org.au)
- Al Salam Humanitarian Foundation (AHF): 08-8374 2280 or [ahf@islamicsociety.sa.org.au](mailto:ahf@islamicsociety.sa.org.au)
- Al Khalil Arabic and Islamic Centre: 08-8374 2280
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- Glimmer of Hope: [glimmerofhopesa@gmail.com](mailto:glimmerofhopesa@gmail.com)

We extend our gratitude to the community for their unwavering support in making this initiative possible. Together, we can make a difference in the lives of those who seek refuge and a new beginning. Thank you for your generosity and compassion.

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