

FOOD SECURITY IN GAZA: A project empowering women to provide food for their families and communities. (2 pages)

Women In Gaza work together to share this project with vital food production.

Through APN, the Arab Group for the Protection of Nature, donations are distributed to this project in order to provide start up funds for seeds, plants, equipment, chickens and other food production necessities.

Israel's constant war on Gaza kills and injures many civilians. It also destroys infrastructure vital for agriculture – water and irrigation systems.

Gaza is like a closed ghetto with access by land and sea controlled by Israel, even from Egypt.

The Red Sea has fish which are an important source of food, but those who venture offshore, even a short distance, are harassed or detained. Too often their boats and equipment are seized or destroyed.

As a result, there is not enough food for all in Gaza. Malnutrition is a serious problem in Gaza: The World Food Programme reports that 86 % children under the age of 5 living near Gaza's boundary with Israel did not have a minimal accepted diet. WFP found that 28% of lactating women in Gaza have depleted levels of iron.

Women are now raising chickens, bee-keeping, growing vegetables and trees. Fisher Madleen was provided with funds to replace her damaged nets. See: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6j510UsYLFE> a film about her.

If you would like to contribute to this project to help feed the people of Gaza as they defend their territory, you can send donations – cheques or bank drafts to BBCF. All of the funds go directly to the project without fees or expenses deducted. Payable to and mailed to:

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Some photos of the project



