

Healthcare challenges in Gaza

The spread of Covid-19 in the community in Gaza would be devastating. Gaza's healthcare system does not have the capacity to deal with a significant outbreak of the virus. Gaza also has one of the highest population densities in the world and isolation is therefore not a real option for most people.

Until recently, all Covid-19 cases in the Gaza Strip were contained in quarantine facilities but cases were found to be in the community in August and a state of emergency was declared and full lockdown has been imposed.

Christian Aid's partners have been adapting their work in Gaza since the start of the pandemic in March. As community centres closed, children and youth were kept engaged at home through online lessons and activities. Women have been able to access remote support to cope with added pressures and the rise in gender-based violence.

Christian Aid partner PARC is meeting both short and longer-term needs. In August, 400 vulnerable households in Gaza received two rounds of food parcels, delivered to their door, with fresh produce and dried goods. The products were purchased from local small-scale farmers and women-led cooperatives, to support them through the economic consequences of the pandemic.

Through humanitarian access, PARC continues to support more



Food parcels ready for distribution to vulnerable households.

families, including those who have recently lost their daily wage because of the curfew.

Farmers are being supported to reach markets, to use their right to access further funding and help

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them plant for the next season, to feed the food-insecure.

The people of Gaza are used to tough times and remain unbelievably hopeful and resilient.

Thank you for your support and solidarity with our Palestinian partners and friends which is so needed in these challenging days.

Building back with justice campaign toolkit

Coronavirus impacts all of us. But love unites us all. As we contemplate a 'new normal' how might the love of God guide us in our choices and our actions?

Churches have adapted and continued to love and serve their communities. Although church buildings have been closed, the role of the church has never been more important.

We cannot waste this opportunity to reimagine a future that is built upon the intrinsic God-given worth of everyone as a foundation.

Christian Aid has an online campaign toolkit to help churches to lead discussions on what it will mean to build back with justice after Covid-19.

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