

INPUT FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF INDONESIA

Report of the UN Special Rapporteur on the right to food - Human Rights and Starvation, with an emphasis on the Palestinian People's Food Sovereignty

- **How did your Government respond when on 19 October 2023 several mandate holders identified the risk of genocide in Gaza?**

Indonesia is steadfast in calling for Israel's accountability in various international forums, and has officially expressed support for South Africa's lawsuit against Israel at the International Court of Justice (ICJ) for genocide allegations against the Palestinian people. On 26 May 2024, Indonesia made public statement via X expressing support for ICJ's ruling instructing Israel to immediately cease its military operations in Rafah and ensure open access to the Gaza Strip for fact-finding commissions or other investigative bodies to investigate the allegations of genocide. Furthermore, Indonesia has consistently called for relevant parties to fulfill their obligations to prevent further acts that could amount to genocide in Gaza, during various forums including the Human Rights Council during dialogues with the High Commissioner and the Special Rapporteur on the Occupied Palestinian Territory (OPT).

- **The consensus amongst all UN and international NGO humanitarian organizations is that a ceasefire is necessary to stop famine in Gaza. What has your Government done to push for a ceasefire in Gaza?**

Indonesia is appalled by the double standards exhibited and stands firmly in calling for immediate action by the international community to hold Israel accountable. We have engaged in diplomatic efforts across multilateral forums, including the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) and the UN system, to push for a ceasefire in Gaza and unimpeded passage of humanitarian access as well as respect towards humanitarian law.

An OIC Contact Group was established based on the mandate given by OIC leaders at the Riyadh Summit in November 2023. Several Foreign Ministers, including those from Indonesia, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Jordan, Egypt, Turkey, Nigeria, and Palestine, were given a special mandate to take the lead in advocating for justice and humanity for Palestine. Since receiving the mandate, the Foreign Ministers have continued to engage in diplomatic efforts, both collectively as a group and individually, in a coordinated manner. For instance, on 26-27 May 2024, a ministerial-level meeting was held between the OIC Contact Group and European Union countries, as well as other European nations, to promote the implementation of the two-state solution and encouraging more European countries, particularly the European Union, to recognize the State of Palestine. Furthermore, visits to the P5 countries have also been made to convey the following messages:

1. Ending Israel's brutality against the Palestinian people.
2. Urging an immediate ceasefire.

3. Launching humanitarian assistance to ensure unhindered provision of humanitarian aid.
4. Implementing the two-state solution.

The Indonesian Foreign Minister has actively urged the international community to take action by participating in open debates at both the UN Security Council and the General Assembly, as well as in the Human Rights Council where Indonesia is a current member.

- **What has your Government done to prevent starvation in different areas of the world, including Sudan, Gaza and elsewhere?**

The Indonesian Government has delivered various aid supplies to alleviate the risk of starvation and address humanitarian crises in different regions worldwide in the past few years. Most recently, from late 2023 to early 2024, Indonesia has delivered humanitarian aid for Palestine and Sudan. The humanitarian aid for Sudan was tailored to the request of the Sudanese Government,¹ which focuses on medical supplies.² Meanwhile between 2022 and early 2023, Indonesia has sent food aid to other regions that experienced natural disasters and/or food crises such as Afghanistan,³ Pakistan,⁴ Turkiye,⁵ and Vanuatu.⁶

- **What actions of solidarity and care are you providing to the Palestinian people? How do these actions enhance the Palestinian people's food sovereignty?**

Since the aftermath of 7 October 2023, Indonesia has delivered multiple phases of humanitarian aid for Palestine, from both the Government and various Indonesian non-governmental organizations. As of March 2024, the total aid from Indonesia delivered via Egypt amounts to 4,553.1 tons of goods or approximately USD 11,047,663 – consisting of food, clothing, emergency tents, hygiene kits, and medical supplies.

In early 2024, Indonesia sent the Dr. Radjiman Wedyodiningrat ship (KRW) with approximately 242 tons / USD 1.5 million aid supplies, consisting of food, clothing, and medical supplies. The ship departed from Jakarta on 19 January 2024, and arrived in El Arish, Egypt, on 13 February 2024. The entire shipment entered Gaza on 21 February 2024. Furthermore, on 9 April 2024, the

¹ <https://www.kemlu.go.id/khartoum/en/news/28601/handover-of-humanitarian-assistance-from-the-government-of-the-republic-of-indonesia-to-the-government-of-the-republic-of-sudan>; <https://www.kemlu.go.id/khartoum/en/news/27425/handover-of-humanitarian-aid-in-the-form-of-medicines-and-medical-equipment-to-the-sudanese-community>.

² In December 2023, Indonesia through the Indonesian Red Cross provided medical assistance for Sudan worth IDR 2 billion (USD 127,000) in the form of medical equipment and medicines weighing 10 tons. In April 2024, Indonesia sent the second batch of aid for Sudan with total value of assistance reaching USD 1 million, consisting of 238 types of medicines weighing 12.44 tons to treat emergency conditions, medical oncology, medical chronics, as well as blood bank supplies and medical consumables.

³ <https://www.thejakartapost.com/paper/2022/01/10/indonesia-mobilizes-humanitarian-aid-for-afghanistan.html>;

<https://www.kompas.id/baca/english/2022/01/10/indonesia-sends-30-tons-of-rice-to-afghanistan>;

<https://www.medcom.id/english/world/eN4GvL2K-indonesia-s-food-soes-holding-distributes-humanitarian-aid-to-afghanistan>

⁴ <https://kemlu.go.id/portal/en/read/4770/view/the-indonesian-consul-general-to-karachi-accompanied-ndma-and-handed-over-15900-food-packages-from-indonesian-humanitarian-aid-to-pakistan-flood-victims>

⁵ <https://kemlu.go.id/ankara/en/news/23133/indonesian-ambassador-hands-over-the-first-phase-of-aid-to-turkiye#!>

⁶ <https://kemlu.go.id/portal/en/read/4730/berita/indonesiasends-humanitarian-aid-to-vanuatu>

Indonesian Military in cooperation with the Royal Jordanian Air Force conducted a Logistic Air Drop at the Gaza Drop Zone using Hercules A-1340 flights as part of the humanitarian aid mission in Palestine. Moreover, Indonesia has also conveyed our increased contribution to UNRWA starting from 2024 amounting to USD 1,200,000 annually.

While these humanitarian actions alone cannot resolve the ongoing crisis, they are critical in preventing further catastrophe in Gaza, particularly by ensuring access to basic food needs. This is especially important for children, whose future is at stake without adequate nutrition. By providing a steady supply of essential food items and addressing immediate nutritional needs, Indonesia's efforts aim to alleviate some of the severe hardships faced by the Palestinian people. Additionally, the provision of emergency tents, clothing, hygiene kits, and medical supplies contributes to a more stable living environment, which is a foundational step towards longer-term food security.

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