
REHABILITATION CENTRE FOR THE VISUALLY IMPAIRED

119,000 VISUALLY IMPAIRED PEOPLE IN GAZA



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Crisis:

There are close to 2 million people living in Gaza, including its large refugee population (over 70% of the total), which has been continuously subjected to various forms of violence and restrictive actions, resulting in an alarming decline in social and economic opportunities of the population. Unemployment, deteriorating mental and physical health, declining standards of living, and restrictions on educational opportunities have all caused immense suffering for the entrapped civilian population of the Gaza Strip. Without access to essential services and opportunities for growth, children living with disabilities are one of the most vulnerable groups currently residing in Gaza.

HCI's Solution:

HCI and UNRWA have partnered up to implement an education project that benefits visually impaired students. Highly specialized braille typewriters and paper will be procured for students to learn how to write and read using these machines. Retrofitting and upgrading the current Rehabilitation Center for the Visually Impaired will ensure that around students will be supported and have access to a safe environment to learn and grow from kindergarten to the end of their schooling.



**INVESTMENT:
\$100,000 USD.**

**01 LOCAL CURRENCY:
\$100,000 (USD)**

**02 CANADIAN CURRENCY:
\$122,000 (CAD)**



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SUMMARY OF BENEFITS

Number of Students Impacted Directly

- 520 students benefit directly from access to teachers and to braille typewriters

Number of Indirect Beneficiaries

- Hundreds of students will benefit year after year from materials printed by braille printers
- Hundreds of students will now have access to a safer school building due to the upgrades and renovations, and repairs

Number of Staff Supported

- 6 staff are supported for an entire school year (9-12 months)
- Supported staff include: braille specialists, optometrist, typewriting machine technician, mobility helper, and driver

Equipment Procured

- 10 braille typewriting machines and enough special paper for students to use for printing and producing books for 2 full years
- Playground equipment paved with tactile
- School front entrance renovated, washrooms/toilets improved for safe use and access by students



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