



Canada's Decision to Temporarily Suspend Funding to UNRWA: A Landmark Stand Against Alleged Complicity in Terrorism

Executive Summary:

Secure Canada was founded by Canadian families of 9/11 victims to combat terrorism and extremism through the creation of innovative laws, policies, and alliances.

Secure Canada applauds the decision by the Canadian government to pause funding to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA). This move comes in the wake of revelations about UNRWA's collusion with Hamas in the October 7 terrorist attack and its misuse of humanitarian aid.

Secure Canada has long been concerned by reports about UNRWA's alleged ties to terrorist groups like Hamas, and its use of teaching materials promoting hate in UNRWA-run schools. This report provides an overview of the events leading to Canada's decision, highlighting long-standing concerns about UNRWA's actions and the need for further investigations.

Background:

UNRWA was established in 1950 by the United Nations General Assembly Resolution 302 (IV) to provide direct relief and work programs for Palestinian refugees in the aftermath of the 1948 War.

Allegations of Complicity in Terrorism:

Reports suggest a troubling association between UNRWA and organizations with ties to terrorism. UN Watch exposed a Telegram list allegedly linked to UNRWA, featuring 3,000 teachers with 290,000 comments supporting Hamas' actions on October 7th. Furthermore, UNRWA employees reportedly participated in the October 7th incident, with UNRWA ID found on the body of a deceased terrorist.

UNRWA's Unique Mandate and Outsized budget:

UNRWA's distinctive focus on the Palestinian population, despite a wider global refugee crisis, has been highlighted. The Agency provides services exclusively to individuals meeting specific criteria, defined as "persons whose normal place of residence was Palestine from 1 June 1946 to 15 May 1948."

This mandate is unique to the Palestinian population and reflects the UN's prioritization of one refugee group over all others. In fact, UNRWA's budget is larger than any other UN aid program, totalling \$1.17b in 2022, and is the largest per capita.

The Government of Canada donated \$24,000,000 of taxpayer money to UNRWA in 2022.



Misuse of Humanitarian Aid:

Reports indicate that much of the humanitarian aid meant for vulnerable populations has been funnelled to Hamas with full knowledge and complicity of UNRWA leadership and staff. This has been confirmed by photo and video evidence, public statements made by Hamas leadership, and interviews with civilians in Gaza. Aid has been redirected to facilitate Hamas operations, stockpile weaponry, and build out an elaborate system of terror tunnels.

Complicity in Systemic Indoctrination:

For generations, UNRWA has been tasked with the education of Palestinian children and youth.

Many comprehensive reports into the Agency's activities have been published since 2009 containing clear evidence that teaching materials distributed by UNRWA demonize Israel, Jews and the west; glorify terrorism, jihad and martyrdom; and support a system that radicalizes and incites children into violence. Books and teaching guides are replete with aspirational maps, narratives and imagery predicated on the annihilation of Israel.¹²³

The symbiotic relationship between UNRWA's educational establishment and Hamas run deep. UNRWA staff, including teachers, voted overwhelmingly to elect Hamas' "Professional List" to run their worker's union over a decade ago. Hamas and Islamic Jihad run recruitment and recreational programs out of UNRWA schools.⁴

Canada's Bold Move:

Secure Canada welcomes Canada's decision to temporarily halt funding to UNRWA considering the serious allegations levied against the organization. This bold step reflects the government's promise to ensure Canadian tax dollars are not supporting activities that perpetuate cycles of violence and undermine humanitarian principles.

Conclusion and Future Steps:

While we applaud Canada's suspension of funding for UNRWA, we urge Canada and the international community to conduct further investigations to evaluate the full extent of UNRWA's collusion with Hamas, a listed terrorist organization in Canada.

Secure Canada will advocate for a more fulsome examination of UNRWA's activities, mandates and ideological biases, as well as their implications for global security.

For further reading click [here](#).

¹ <https://unwatch.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/2023-Report-UNRWA.pdf>

² <https://israelbehindthenews.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/Israel-Jews-and-Peace-in-Palestinian-Aut.pdf>

³ <https://www.impact-se.org/wp-content/uploads/UNRWA-Education-Textbooks-and-Terror-Nov-2023.pdf>

⁴ <https://israelbehindthenews.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/UNRWA-October-2018-english-converted.pdf>