

2024 was marked by utter disregard for the most fundamental norms of International Humanitarian Law & Human Rights
Let's make 2025 a year of Accountability, Justice & Peace

As 2024 comes to an end, the war on Gaza continues with 90% of Gaza's population displaced in makeshift shelters and tents, exposed to the cold, rain, flooding and famine. This past week, 6 [Palestinian babies and a male nurse](#) have [frozen to death](#) in the Gaza Strip, and the last functional hospital in northern Gaza, Kamal Adwan hospital, has been relentlessly attacked, forcibly shut down and set on fire by the Israeli occupying forces. Again, we could follow almost live the horrendous fate of staff and patients, as those moderately to severely injured were forced to "evacuate" to a non-operational facility, the Indonesian hospital, and dozens of others were humiliated, mistreated, detained & forcibly disappeared, including the hospital's director, Dr. Hussam Abu Safiya.

Since October 7, 2023, the Israeli occupying Power has killed 45,541 Palestinians and injured 108,338 in the Gaza Strip, while thousands remain missing (MOH data); the Israeli occupying forces and Israeli settlers have also killed [835 Palestinians in the West Bank, and injured 6905](#). Amidst Israel's systemic use of torture, medical neglect, abuse and mistreatment of Palestinian detainees, at least [50 Palestinian prisoners have died in Israeli detention since October 2023](#). The Year 2024 will be remembered as one of horrifying records and the failure of the international community to end the war, protect the Palestinian people and ensure that humanitarian aid gets into Gaza. UN OCHA stated that "[2024 is now humanitarians' deadliest year on record, driven by the war in Gaza](#)" with more than 320 humanitarian personnel killed since 7 Oct. 2023. RSF declared that "[Gaza stands out as the most dangerous region in the world, with the highest number of journalists murdered in connection with their work in the last five years. Since Oct. 2023, over 145 journalists have been killed by the Israeli army, including at least 35 whose deaths were linked to their journalism](#)".

Decisions of international courts concerning Palestine in 2024

- The International Court of Justice (ICJ) ordered Israel to **take provisional measures to prevent the commission of genocide in Gaza in its Orders of [26 January 2024](#), [28 March 2024](#), [24 May 2024](#)** in the case of South Africa v. Israel on the APPLICATION OF THE CONVENTION ON THE PREVENTION AND PUNISHMENT OF THE CRIME OF GENOCIDE IN THE GAZA STRIP
- **In its advisory opinion of July 19, 2024, on the [Legal Consequences arising from the Policies & Practices of Israel in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem](#)**, the ICJ concluded that the State of Israel's continued presence in the Occupied Palestinian Territory (OPT) is unlawful and that it is under an obligation to bring to an end this unlawful presence as rapidly as possible and cease immediately all new settlement activities, and evacuate all settlers from the OPT, as well as make reparation for the damage caused to all the natural or legal persons concerned in the OPT. The court also concluded that **all States are under an obligation not to recognize as legal the situation arising from the unlawful presence of the State of Israel in the OPT and not to render aid or assistance in maintaining the situation created by the continued presence of the State of Israel in the OPT**; and the United Nations, and especially the General Assembly, which requested the opinion, and the Security Council, should consider the precise modalities and further action required to bring to an end as rapidly as possible the unlawful presence of the State of Israel in the OPT.
- The **[International Criminal Court Pre-Trial Chamber I issued warrants of arrest for Benjamin Netanyahu and Yoav Gallant on 21 November 2024](#)** for the **war crimes** of starvation as a method of warfare and of intentionally directing attacks against the civilian population of Gaza, and the **crimes against humanity** of murder, other inhumane acts and persecution.

With your support, in 2024, we have been able to assist workers & their families in Gaza though:



- **Eid Al-Fitr cookies initiative:** we contracted 6 women to prepare 180 kilos of Eid cookies distributed to families of displaced members of cooperatives & associations in Deir Al-Balah & Zawaida area.
- **We organized psychological and legal support sessions & events for 661 displaced women workers, members & employees of unions, cooperatives & associations in Middle Gaza governorate, Gaza & Khan Younis (10% men)**
- **We held two educational & recreational camps** benefiting 200 children, 100 at [Basma Amal camp](#) at Nakheel shelter - Deir Al-Balah & 100 in Gaza
- **We distributed 345 food baskets to workers & their families** (250 baskets of dry goods & vegetables, as well as 95 baskets of vegetables)
- **We distributed hygiene kits to women, including women with disabilities**
- **We enabled 22 women to acquire vocational skills for upcycling clothes**
- **We just signed short-term contracts with 50 teachers to provide educational support to children aged 5 to 7 years old in 17 educational points** set up by partner organizations of DWRC

We are very grateful to our partners for their generous support (emergency and/or project-based) for our activities and initiatives, and to all the volunteers and fellow members of the "My Right" Coalition, who contributed their time, efforts and resources to make this possible. More activities are planned for 2025.



Would you like to support DWRC's initiatives in Gaza to provide concrete support to workers & their families?

With more resources, we would be able to do so much more!

Contact us at extr@dwrc.org to explore ways to support us.

Trade union forum 2024 in Gaza: DWRC discussed "the situation and circumstances of trade union work during the ongoing war on Gaza" with 40 trade union & CSOs representatives in Gaza city & Deir Al-Balah on 6/11/2024, with the two locations also connected online. Participants shared the many obstacles they encounter in keeping connected & in contact with members due to constant forced displacement & the utter destruction of almost all workplaces in the Gaza Strip, with survival & access to humanitarian aid being the foremost priority of workers amidst daily violence & a general state of lawlessness, which also constitutes a ripe environment for economic exploitation. They emitted recommendations for addressing various issues, including proposing the establishment of a joint committee "a crisis cell" for handling labor related issues.

