Joint Statement

Concerning

The Humanitarian aid through Rafah Crossing border to Gaza Strip

(6.11.2023) Palestine Red Crescent Society, and the Egyptian Red crescent, extend their appreciation and gratitude to all partners, and whomever contributed until recently to providing financial, in-kind and moral support and assistance to our patient and steadfast people under the complete blockage, destruction, bombardment, and the killing from the Israeli Occupation Forces in Gaza strip. The two national societies are particularly grateful and appreciative of the tireless and supportive efforts of our people in the Arab Republic of Egypt and in all sisterly Arab countries, Red Cross and Red Crescent national societies, the partner organizations, and everyone who contributed and still contributes to providing the required assistance and support to our people in Gaza Strip.

The two national societies plead all Red Cross Red Crescent partners, UN agencies, and the states party in the Geneva conventions to intensify the efforts and pressures to stop the war on Gaza Strip, ensure the protection of civilians, health care teams and facilities, and journalists. The two national societies also plead to allow the aid entrance to the strip without conditions, on top of the list is the fuel which is nearly depleted in the entire strip, which will lead to the disfunctioning of the hospitals, the death of thousands of patients, injured, and infants who are on vital monitors, the pumping of safe drinking water also stopped, bakeries are inoperable, and the shipments stop delivering aid to those in need throughout the Gaza Strip.

Since October 16th 2023, until the moment the two national societies have worked closely on receiving the aid shipments, as of 4.11.2023 the shipments have reached a total of 451 carrying medicine, medical supplies, food, safe
drinking water, hygiene items, non-food items, and various aid perceived necessary and immediate to life saving and resilience. A total of 259 shipments from which were directed to PRCS. PRCS delivered aid which included medicine, medical supplies and consumables to the hospitals and the ministry of Health in the Strip, distributing food, safe drinking water, and required items to shelter centers, where approximately 334,944 people reached.

The aid received until 4.11.2023 was distributed as follow:

**Medicine, medical supplies and consumables: 117.5 shipments**

**Food items: 200 shipments**

**Safe drinking water: 52.5**

**Relief items: 81 shipments (including: non-food items, clothes, milk for children, hygiene kits, etc)**

In this regard, the two national societies call for increased support to meet the necessary needs of our people in Gaza Strip, according to the lists of needs and priorities that have been identified, and to facilitate procedures for shipments to cross and deliver them to those in need, including the northern Gaza Strip, noting that the most important priorities currently are fuel, safe drinking water, medical supplies, food and non-food items, and that everything has reached a drop in the sea of increasing needs due to the ongoing war.