



United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

September 24, 2025

The Honorable
Ayanna Pressley
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Ms. Pressley:

Thank you for your August 25 letter to Secretary Rubio regarding humanitarian aid in Gaza, especially for vulnerable infants.

The Trump Administration shares your concern about the well-being of civilians in Gaza and supports the delivery of urgently needed humanitarian aid, including food, water, medicine, and fuel in a manner that does not feed or strengthen Hamas, who have been looting and exploiting critical food aid from their own people. Following the President's call for action on July 28, the Department is applying efforts to alleviate the humanitarian situation in the Gaza Strip.

The Gaza Humanitarian Foundation (GHF) is distributing sachets of Ready-to-Use Supplemental Food (RUSF) to prevent malnutrition for vulnerable women and children. RUSF is formulated to both treat and prevent acute malnutrition in nutritionally vulnerable groups. As of September 3, GHF has distributed nearly 152 million meals via more than 2.5 million boxes. On September 2 alone, GHF distributed approximately 31,250 RUSF packs to women and children at risk of malnutrition.

Additionally, four other USG awards have nutrition components, including nutrition monitoring, screening and referral of children for treatment, supplemental and therapeutic feeding programs, and infant and child

feeding in emergencies campaigns. This includes a \$20 million nutrition component through the World Food Program that aimed to reach 630,000 individuals with supplements to treat moderate to acute malnutrition.

This administration recognizes that hunger remains a daily issue for many families in Gaza. This Administration's mission is to put food directly into the hands of those who need it most without diversion, particularly to dangerous terrorists like Hamas. Thank you again for your outreach and concern on these important topics and for your and your colleagues' engagement with the Department.

We hope this information is helpful. Please do not hesitate to contact us if we can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Paul Guaglianone". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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