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# WEST BANK AND GAZA

Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza face significant governance, economic and humanitarian challenges largely related to the unresolved conflict with Israel and internal Palestinian divisions. Poverty is widespread, food insecurity is a key problem and unemployment is high, especially among women and youth. According to the UN, nearly half of the population living in the West Bank and Gaza requires humanitarian assistance to meet their basic needs. Palestinian refugees are particularly vulnerable, enduring higher unemployment and poverty rates than non-refugees.

To respond to these needs in the West Bank and Gaza, Canada supports efforts to:

- help advance the peace process;
- promote security and the rule of law;
- stimulate economic growth; and
- deliver humanitarian assistance to refugees and non-refugees alike.



This assistance reinforces diplomatic efforts to support the goal of a comprehensive, just and lasting peace achieved through a negotiated two-state solution.