

Humanitarian Crisis Document Set

Essential Questions:

To what extent can what is happening in Gaza be considered a global humanitarian crisis?

To what extent do we have a responsibility to do something about it?

- What is a humanitarian crisis?
- What do the numbers tell us?
 - How many people have died?
 - How many people have been displaced?
 - How many people are hungry? Without food? Water? Shelter?
 - How many Israelis are hostages? How many Palestinians?
 - How much money and arms has the US sent to Israel? To Gaza?
 - How much humanitarian aid has the US sent to Gaza?
- How is this impacting our school community?
- What can/should we do?

Source A: United Nations Definition of Humanitarian Crisis:

Serious disruption of the functioning of a community or a society involving widespread human, material, economic or environmental losses and impacts that exceeds the ability of the affected community or society to cope using its own resources and therefore requires urgent action.

Any circumstance where humanitarian needs are sufficiently large and complex to require significant external assistance and resources, and where a multi-sectoral response is needed, with the engagement of a wide range of international humanitarian actors.

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