

UN agency for Palestinians falls far short of fundraising goals

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United Nations, June 12 (RHC)-- The United Nations Relief and Works Agency has only received about one-third of the \$300 million in funding it needs from international donors to continue its humanitarian work in the Occupied Territories and Palestinian refugee camps in surrounding countries.

UN Secretary-General António Guterres warned UNRWA is “on the verge of financial collapse.”

Meanwhile, a group of Gazan children on Tuesday demonstrated in front of the local offices of the World Food Programme after the U.N. agency recently stopped distributing financial and food aid to families in need due to funding shortages.

The ongoing occupation and blockade of Palestinian land by Israel has put the unemployment rate in Gaza at above 45%, as two-thirds of the population struggle to afford food.

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