UNICEF reports that weeks into ceasefire, Gaza children still suffering from humanitarian crisis caused by Israeli genocide



Palestinian children play amidst the rubble in Jabalia in the northern Gaza Strip on February 17, 2025. (Photo by AFP)

Geneva, February 18 (RHC)-- The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) says children in the Gaza Strip are continuing to suffer from a humanitarian crisis caused by Israel's genocidal war on the besieged Palestinian territory.

UNICEF spokesperson Tess Ingram made the remarks on Tuesday, upon his return from a two-week visit to Gaza, where she spoke with many children amid the rubble of their homes and harsh weather conditions.

"Yes, the bullets and the bombs may no longer be threatening their lives after 15 months of fear and horror, but the humanitarian crisis persists, and that crisis is really having a serious impact on children in Gaza more than any other person," she said.

Ingram also noted that Gaza children still have little access to food and water, shelter, healthcare or even clothes. The sheer scale of the needs is the biggest challenge currently facing relief organizations like UNICEF in the Gaza Strip, she added.

"Humanitarian aid was restricted for much of the war, so now we are rapidly trying to catch up with many of the needs of the children. But unfortunately, many of those needs are still the most basic needs, like shelter and clothes."

Israel unleashed its bloody Gaza onslaught on October 7, 2023, after the Palestinian Hamas resistance group carried out a historic operation against the usurping entity in retaliation for its intensified atrocities against the Palestinian people.

Israel was forced to agree to a Gaza ceasefire after the regime failed to achieve its objectives of freeing captives and eliminating Hamas despite killing at least 48,284 Palestinians, mostly women and children.

The Tel Aviv regime accepted Hamas's longstanding negotiation terms under the Gaza truce, which began on January 19.

Since then, however, Israel has violated the ceasefire agreement several times.

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