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## Relief International Expands Humanitarian Aid Efforts in Lebanon, Gaza and Israel

**Los Angeles, CA** – Relief International, a leading Los Angeles-based aid organization, is stepping up aid operations in the Middle East to assist those affected by the conflict. RI emergency teams continue to be on the ground in Lebanon and Gaza, and the organization is ramping up efforts in Israel, as well.

In Lebanon, hygiene and sanitary supplies are of primary importance to prevent an outbreak of illness and disease. Relief International teams are working in Beirut, Mount Lebanon and throughout the south, where emergency responders have provided hygiene kits to thousands of displaced people now living in schools and makeshift shelters. Each hygiene kit includes basic items such as: towels, soap, shampoo, anti-bacterial cleanser, female sanitary napkins and diapers for infants.

Humanitarian needs are also increasing in Gaza, where RI is coordinating with international and local NGOs to deliver food to families in the region. Dozens of workers and volunteers are on the ground distributing food packages to more than 350 families. Each package contains items such as rice, sugar, beans and meat, and can feed a 10-person family for 30 days.

As the humanitarian disaster continues, Relief International is also expanding aid efforts in Israel. RI is working with local NGOs to deliver emergency supplies to people in northern and central Israel.

Relief International will continue to increase staff and capacity to better meet the needs of the displaced and those caught in the conflict. As the needs of the impacted families change, Relief International’s response will adapt accordingly to provide the most urgently-needed aid to those affected by the crisis.

**INTERVIEW OPPORTUNITIES:** Relief International’s executive management and international relief team leaders now in the Middle East are available for comment or interview. For additional information or to speak with an RI representative, please contact Carrie Greenberg at (310) 478-1200.

**TO HELP:** Those interested in providing relief to the victims of the Middle East humanitarian crisis may make monetary donations by phone, mail or online. 95% of all private contributions directly benefit people through direct aid on the ground.

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