



Gaza Humanitarian Relief – Emergency Appeal

On 13 January 2009, the ILO Staff Union through our International Federation –the Coordinating Council of International Staff Unions and Associations of the United Nations System (CCISUA) – expressed its serious concern to the United Nations Secretary-General regarding the humanitarian crisis that followed the outbreak of hostilities in Gaza. The letter to the Secretary-General urged continued action by the UN to bring about a peaceful resolution to the crisis and to ensure full respect for international human rights and humanitarian law, to achieve unimpeded access of humanitarian assistance to civilian populations in need, and to protect the personnel who have put their lives at risk in order to deliver this assistance.

Given the serious nature of the humanitarian crisis in Gaza, and the urgent need for international assistance, the ILO Staff Union is joining with many unions from across the globe to participate in an emergency appeal organized by the International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC). Working with its affiliates in the region, the ITUC has established a mechanism to ensure that medical supplies and other humanitarian aid reaches those most in need.

ILO staff wishing to do so may contribute directly to the following bank account:

*ING – Business Branch Institutionals
(SWIFT/BIC Code BBRUBEBB)*

*Account Name: ITUC-CSI
Account Number: 375-1008200-61
IBAN Code: BE62375100820061*

Please be sure to note “Trade Union Aid for Gaza” in the transfer.

In addition, the Staff Union Secretariat in headquarters (Room 6-20) has set out a box to collect contributions which it will send to the same fund. Union representatives in the field are encouraged to make appropriate arrangements for collecting and transferring funds to the above-referenced account.

Geneva, 27 January 2009
