

EAA Foundation and IRC Launch 'Hope for Tomorrow' to Support Young Children and Families in Gaza and the West Bank

DOHA, QATAR, October 24, 2025 /EINPresswire.com/ -- The [Education Above All \(EAA\) Foundation](#), a global education and development organisation, supported by Qatar Fund for Development (QFFD), in partnership with the International Rescue Committee (IRC), and in collaboration with the Teacher Creativity Center (TCC) and Sesame Workshop, has launched the “Hope for Tomorrow” early childhood development (ECD) initiative to support the well-being, learning, and resilience of young children and their caregivers affected by the crisis in Gaza and the West Bank.

The fifteen-month initiative aims to reach approximately 250,000 children and 500,000 caregivers through a combination of in-person and remote ECD services, including educational media such as the Arabic-language programme Ahlan Simsim. The initiative focuses on play-based learning and responsive caregiving to create safe, inclusive spaces that promote healing, emotional regulation, and early learning. It will also equip caregivers, educators, and frontline providers with the training and tools necessary to support children’s development even in times of crisis.

Mohammed Al Kubaisi, CEO of Education Above All Foundation, said, “Building on our partnership with the International Rescue Committee and Sesame Workshop, we are reaffirming our commitment to ensuring that every child, no matter their circumstances, has the chance to learn, play, and heal. This initiative represents more than immediate relief; it is an investment in recovery, resilience, and the right to education for children living through crisis.”

Following the recent ceasefire, communities across Gaza are struggling to rebuild amid one of the world’s most devastating humanitarian crises. With 90 percent of the population displaced, families face severe shortages of clean water, food, healthcare, and shelter, while the destruction of schools and hospitals has left children traumatised and without access to safe learning spaces. According to UNICEF, 95 percent of schools in Gaza have been damaged or destroyed. In June 2025, the Palestinian Ministry of Education reported that over 16,000 students in Gaza had been killed, and at least 25,300 others injured. In the West Bank, more than 130 students have been killed, and nearly 900 injured since the escalation of violence.

David Miliband said: “We are glad to partner with Education Above All Foundation, supported by Qatar Fund for Development (QFFD), and Sesame Workshop to support the well-being,

development, and educational advancement of young children impacted by the crisis in Gaza and the West Bank. This initiative comes in response to an unprecedented crisis. Building on the success of our early childhood development initiative Ahlan Simsim, 'Hope for Tomorrow' is an investment in the unwavering commitment to healing and hope in the face of profound adversity."

Ultimately, "Hope for Tomorrow" seeks not only to provide immediate relief but to lay the foundation for long-term recovery, healing, and resilience—ensuring that children and families in Gaza and the West Bank have the opportunity to rebuild their lives with dignity, hope, and the promise of a better future.

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About the Education Above All (EAA) Foundation

The Education Above All (EAA) Foundation is a global foundation established in 2012 by Her Highness Sheikha Moza bint Nasser. EAA Foundation aims to transform lives through education and employment opportunities. We believe that education is the single most effective means of reducing poverty, creating peaceful and just societies, unlocking the full potential of every child and youth, and creating the right conditions to achieve Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Through our multi-sectoral approach, unique financing models, focus on innovation as a tool for social good, and partnerships, we aim to bring hope and real opportunities to the lives of impoverished and marginalised children and youth. EAA Foundation is comprised of the following programmes: Educate A Child (EAC), Al Fakhoora, Reach Out To All (ROTA), Silatech, Protect Education in Insecurity and Conflict (PEIC), Innovation Development (ID) and Together project.

About the IRC

The International Rescue Committee responds to the world's worst humanitarian crises, helping

to restore health, safety, education, economic wellbeing, and power to people devastated by conflict and disaster. Founded in 1933 at the call of Albert Einstein, the IRC works in more than 40 countries and in 28 U.S. cities helping people to survive, reclaim control of their future, and strengthen their communities. Learn more at www.rescue.org and follow the IRC on Instagram, TikTok and Facebook.

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