

Gaza Marathon

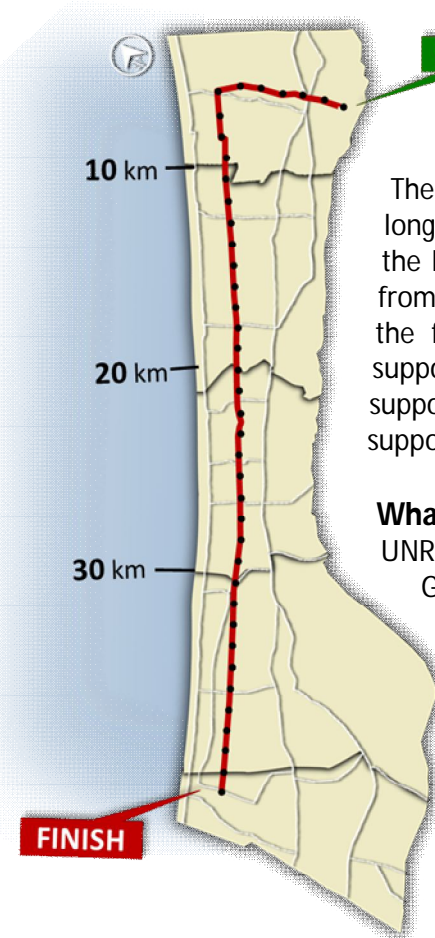
Fundraising for Summer Games 2012



Providing children the chance of a lifetime

Children make up the majority of the 1.5 million people in Gaza. For these children, life is overwhelmingly characterised by conflict, poverty and despair. Throughout the school year, refugee children in UNRWA schools spend their days in overcrowded classrooms. Outside of school, years of destruction and deprivation have left few or no spaces in which children can participate in recreational or artistic activities, particularly during the long, hot, summer months.

Summer Games provides a unique opportunity for 250,000 children in Gaza, an experience typical for most children on summer holiday – a safe place to play, make friends, learn and express themselves freely. Through art, theatre, sports, beach games and music, the children participate in camps across the Gaza Strip at almost 300 locations, in schools, on beaches and in orphanages and hospitals.



START

The Gaza marathon

The Gaza marathon was first held in May 2011 to raise funds for Summer Games.

The tiny Gaza Strip, surrounded by Israel, Egypt, and the Mediterranean, is 42 km long, exactly the length of an official marathon. Along the route from Beit Hanoun in the North to Rafah in the South, more than 1,000 children run relays, while adults, from professional Gazan athletes training for the Olympics to amateur runners, run the full marathon. This is a chance for Gaza residents, refugees, students and supporters alike to come together and participate in a unique event organised to support Summer Games. The next marathon will be held on 1 March 2012 and your support of it is critical for the success of 2012 Summer Games.

What You Can Do

UNRWA relies upon the generosity of its donors for the implementation of Summer Games. The 2011 Marathon raised over \$1 million for Summer Games and we hope to raise even more via the 2012 Marathon. There are a variety of ways you can support raising funds for Summer Games.

Funding for Summer Games not only provides children with the chance of a lifetime but also provides job opportunities to 9,000 young graduates in the summer. Funds are also used to purchase equipment such as slides, bouncy castles, rope swings, and t-shirts, shoes, and snacks for the kids.

HOW TO SUPPORT THE GAZA MARATHON

- Donate directly to Summer Games
- Help us promote the Marathon
- Organise a sister event
- Come to Gaza and participate!

HOW YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN SUMMER GAMES

Contribution	Impact
\$ 100,000	Fund 2000 Students to attend Summer Games
\$ 50,000	Fund 1000 Students to attend Summer Games
\$ 12,500	Fund 250 Students to attend Summer Games
\$ 5,000	Fund 100 Students to attend Summer Games
\$ 1,000	Fund 20 Students to attend Summer Games

Donor visibility will be ensured. For more information on funding and how to participate you may contact Catia Lopes at c.lopes@unrwa.org

For more information on Summer Games visit: <http://www.unrwa.org/summergames>