

18/7/2014 a report from Gaza, by Ameen Sabbagh Caritas Jerusalem coordinator in Gaza.

Thousands of families had to leave their houses and find shelter in UNRWA schools in Gaza for the bombardment has intensified and a ground invasion seems imminent.

The coordinator has conducted visits to the following schools.

- The New Gaza School for boys in Gaza City
- The elementary School in Al Ramal
- The elementary New Gaza School in Gaza City
- The elementary school of Al Shate in Al Shate refugee camp

The Number of people who are currently living in these schools.

The New Gaza School for boys

- Number of persons 1247
- Number of families 233
- Age distribution: 70 babies less than 1 year old; 210 children from ages 2-4; 270 children from ages 5-15; 697 people ages 16 years and above.

The elementary School in Al Ramal

- Number of persons 1288
- Number of families 256
- Age distribution: 65 babies less than 1 year old; 155 children from ages 2-4; 452 children from ages 5-15; 616 people ages 16 years and above.

The elementary New Gaza School in Gaza City

- Number of persons 700
- Number of families 140
- Age distribution: 50 babies less than 1 year old; 90 children from ages 2-4; 300 children from ages 5-15; 260 people ages 16 and above.

The elementary school of Al Shate in Al Shate refugee camp

- Number of persons 1550
- Number of families 280
- Age distribution: 90 babies less than 1 year old; 200 children from ages 2-4; 366 children from ages 5-15; 894 people ages 16 and above.

It is needless to write that these families have left everything behind and are in need of basic necessities; especially milk and diapers for the children. They live in crowded classrooms with very hard conditions: these photos speak louder than words:



Ameen has also met some children in the playground of the schools: they asked for toys- guns and tanks to play war games; ambulances and medical tools- to take care of the injured.

Where do you live? I live in the 3rd grade classroom one said, I live in the 4th another volunteered but I'm younger than him! (referring to his friend who is living in the 3rd classroom)

Some more photos:

