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Kuwait donates \$1.5 million to UNRWA's General Fund

On March 27 2008: The government of Kuwait has contributed \$1.5 million to UNRWA's regular budget, the General Fund.

The donation will be used to finance UNRWA's core programs in the areas of health, education, social services, micro-finance, infrastructure and camp improvement. The donation comes at a time of growing pressure on the Agency, due to restrictions on access in Gaza and the West Bank and soaring food and fuel prices. The cost for example of delivering flour to refugees in the West Bank has doubled in the last year.

UNRWA's Commissioner-General Karen Koning AbuZayd thanked the Kuwaiti government. "This donation is a further sign of the support and engagement by the government of Kuwait in the work UNRWA is doing at this very difficult time", she said. "We deeply appreciate the continuous support of Kuwait, which in most years is the biggest Arab contributor to our regular budget".

In the last ten years, Kuwait has contributed more than \$20 million to UNRWA.

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