

UK aid to Palestinians in Gaza.

In relation to British Foreign Aid that goes to the Palestinians in Gaza either directly or via other organisations such as the EU, the Palestinian Authority or the third sector.

1) How much money was given to Gaza over the past 3 years either directly or indirectly?

2) What processes do you have in place to ensure that money was not used to build tunnels or buy arms? Please explain your audit trail and how spending of the funds is accounted for

3) Please provide the latest report that demonstrates that money provided to the Palestinians was not used for purposes that are not civilian (such as those listed above)

DFID funds programmes that provide support for the Occupied Palestinian Territories (OPTs). Our primary and largest programmes support both Gaza and the West Bank but we do not hold a breakdown of funding specifically to Gaza in the last 3 years. Further information on [supporting development in the Occupied Palestinian Territories \(OPTs\)](#).

Information on UK aid spending in the last 3 years is published in DFID's annual report 'Statistics on International Development'. Information relating to [spending in the West Bank and Gaza](#). This includes the imputed share of multilateral spending by the UK Government to West Bank and Gaza. You can find more information and project documentation on [DFID's support to the OPTs, including support for Gaza](#), on the DFID Development Tracker.

DFID is committed to ensuring that its resources, voted by the UK Parliament on behalf of the UK Taxpayer, will be used only for the purposes intended. Protecting development aid is central to the arrangements in place in providing assistance to developing countries. We do not give money to governments if we are not confident that they will manage it well. In many cases we decide to channel money through international organisations such as the United Nations or non-government organisations (NGO's). Where there are allegations of misuse, these are investigated fully by DFID's Counter Fraud and Whistleblowing Unit and appropriate action taken.

You can find additional information on how [DFID meets its financial audit requirements for the use of aid funds](#) in Part 4 of DFID's Smart Rules.

Further information on how [DFID ensures that UK aid is well spent](#).

Information on how partners use DFID funding can be found in [DFID's Annual Report](#).