

## An Aura of Youth Collective Efforts





During the ongoing humanitarian crisis in Gaza, Sharek Youth Forum stands as a candle of hope among many others, actively involved in a series of relief interventions through "Sharek Sha'bak" campaign. Born out of necessity during the Gaza war in 2009, this national youth-led initiative remains unwavering in its commitment to providing vital support to the people of Gaza, now extending its compassionate reach to various areas shelter centers in the Gaza Strip.

Extending Our Reach: Sharek Youth Forum is taking the lead in humanitarian service, particularly focusing on psychological support interventions for the people of Gaza especially those at the shelter centers. Our efforts extend beyond conventional aid, encompassing both psychological assistance and the provision of essential supplies. However, we're currently channelling our resources along with the efforts of our female and male youth volunteers in order to address the psychosocial needs of the people at the Sheltering Centers.





At Sharek Youth Forum, we are pleased to share the latest updates on our impactful initiatives aimed at empowering and supporting communities in crisis. Our commitment to collaboration, education, psychological well-being, and essential needs remains unwavering. Here's a glimpse into our recent activities:

Self-Care Awareness in Nuseirat Schools: In Nuseirat schools, a new initiative has been launched to raise awareness among displaced women about the importance of self-care. Empowering women with knowledge about self-care is integral to their overall well-being, and we're proud to contribute to this cause.

This initiative has developed further encompassing the arrangement of streaming short documentaries on topics of self-cleanliness and health directed especially to children. The initiative concluded by delivering a painting exercise with the kids fostering the concept of psychological support and relief through arts.



**Education Support for Tawjihi Students:** In our ongoing education initiative, materials and stationery have been distributed to displaced Tawjihi students in five shelters. This initiative aims to provide essential resources to support these students on their educational journey.

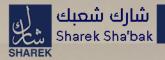


**Psychological Support Initiative:** Our psychological support initiative in shelter centers continue to make a meaningful impact. Recently, Sharek reached an additional 11,500 individuals, bringing the total number of beneficiaries to 29,500 children so far. This initiative plays a crucial role in fostering resilience and well-being.



These initiatives outstand on top of all other interventions as they all are being implemented by the volunteers who, at the same time, are residing at the shelter centers after having displaced from their homes. So far, 120 young volunteers have participated in these initiatives. The strength the female and male volunteers show when delivering the psychosocial support initiatives is truly inspiring. This has mainly created positive shiny threads among these communities.





- 1- As the volunteers are members of these gatherings, familiarity and kindness seems to float to the surface.
- 2- This also creates a sense of interchangeable trust between the volunteers and the kids they work with.
- 3- And finally, an aura of collectivity seems to be emerging among the families in these shelters due to the efforts of those volunteers.





At Sharek, we believe that these initiatives, made possible by the efforts of the volunteers, are crucial steps towards building hope and empowering lives in communities facing hardships.

Stay tuned for more updates on our ongoing efforts







