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3.22 Deputy H.L. Jeune of St. John, St. Lawrence and Trinity of the Minister for International Development regarding Jersey Overseas Aid's humanitarian support provided to Gaza (OQ.187/2025):

Question

Will the Minister state whether Jersey Overseas Aid, through its partners, has been able to reach civilians in Gaza with humanitarian assistance in the last few months, and whether the Commission has assessed the effect on communities when any such assistance is blocked, delayed or weaponised?

Answer

A recent briefing from the World Food Programme's Country Director in Jerusalem confirmed that the latest allocation is successfully reaching civilians in Gaza. This support is providing essential nutrition to malnourished children under five, as well as to pregnant and breastfeeding women.

Further confirmation has been received from the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, indicating that Jersey's funding is contributing to the delivery of protection, shelter, sanitation, and health services through its pooled fund.

Additionally, International Health Partners has delivered medicines for over 55,000 people in the West Bank and is actively collaborating with in-country partners to move critical medical supplies into Gaza, despite ongoing access restrictions.

The Commission receives regular briefings and remains acutely aware of the devastating consequences when humanitarian assistance is blocked, delayed, or weaponised—exacerbating hunger, disease, and protection risks. For this reason, continued support is directed toward trusted humanitarian partners to ensure aid is delivered impartially, even under severe constraints.