

Akelius doubles the government's Gaza donation



Financier Roger Akelius breaks new record in Swedish donations for humanitarian purposes. **Photo:** Cornelia Jönsson

Roger Akelius' charity organization is making what it claims is the largest Swedish donation for humanitarian aid ever: 800 million kronor to children in Gaza, twice as much as the government is giving.

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The Swedish government [donated](#) SEK 400 million to children in Gaza via UNICEF through a government decision on Friday. The Akelius Foundation, founded by real estate veteran Roger Akelius, is donating twice as much, SEK 800 million, to the same cause.

"**I couldn't stand** to see a quiet, crying child, broken, without food and water, without heat, whose parents had just been buried," writes Roger Akelius in a press release.

According to the charity, a school for 250 students, including teachers and food, costs around two million kronor for five years, which means that the donation is enough for 400 schools.

The previous largest donation for humanitarian aid of 693 million kronor was also made by the Akelius Foundation. Then, in 2022, the money went via UNHCR and UNICEF to Ukrainian refugees.

The charity was founded in 2007, and according to its website, has since donated a total of 8 billion euros, equivalent to 86 billion kronor at today's exchange rate, excluding Friday's donation.

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