



Swedish Foundation Plans to Build Schools in Gaza Amid Education Crisis

(MENA FN) The Swedish Akelius Foundation announced plans to construct 400 schools in Gaza, where over 650,000 children have lacked access to education for the past two years following the destruction of 97% of the territory's school facilities.

The initiative is aimed at restoring learning opportunities after widespread damage to educational infrastructure. On March 20, Swedish businessman Roger Akelius made a donation to support Gaza in partnership with the Swedish government through the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF).

Since its establishment in 2007, the Akelius Foundation has provided around \$60 million in aid to Palestine. Its latest contribution for Gaza totals \$75 million.

The foundation, which specializes in modern pedagogy, operates free online courses in languages and mathematics with a staff of approximately 150. With an annual budget of roughly \$300 million, it directs its resources toward educational projects and has supported initiatives in 40 countries.

The foundation collaborates primarily with humanitarian organizations, including UNICEF, the UN refugee agency (UNHCR), SOS Children's Villages—which provides family-based care for orphaned and abandoned children—and Doctors Without Borders (MSF).

In an interview, Akelius stated that the project will provide children in Gaza with schooling, play areas, and food. The donation will fund the construction of 400 schools, each designed to accommodate 250 students.

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