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Who is Roger Akelius? Foundation owner who builds 400 schools and feeds 100.000 children in Gaza every day



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Roger Akelius wants 400 schools and feeds 100.000 children in Gaza.
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GAZA The Swedish Akelius Foundation plans to build 400 schools in Gaza more than 650.000 children remain without access to education for two years after the destruction of 97% of school facilities in the region.

The initiative aims to restore learning opportunities after widespread damage to education infrastructure across Gaza.

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1. Providing millions of dollars to Palestinians

Swedish businessman Roger Akelius made a donation for Gaza on March 20 in collaboration with the Swedish government through the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF).

The Akelius Foundation, which was established in 2007, has previously provided 60 million dollars in aid to the Palestinians. Its latest contribution to Gaza reached 75 million dollars.

Specializing in modern pedagogy, the foundation runs free online courses in languages and math with a team of about 150 staff.

With an annual budget of around 300 million dollars, the foundation seeks to direct its resources to education projects and has supported education initiatives in 40 countries.

2. Working with various human rights

The foundation primarily works through humanitarian organizations including UNICEF, the UN refugee agency (UNHCR), SOS Children's Villages — an international organization that provides family-based care for orphans and displaced children — and Unborder Doctors (MSF).

In an interview with Anadolu, Akelius said the foundation plans to provide access to schools, play areas, and food for children in Gaza.

He noted that the latest donation will fund the construction of 400 schools, each designed for 250 children.

"This is the challenging project. Our goal is to build tents and buildings, employ teachers, and provide 100,000 meals per day for five years. As always, Israel would restrict or ban access. They will shoot school staff and children," said Akelius.

He said the Swedish government had informed Israeli authorities about the relief efforts. Sweden accounted for 35 million dollars through UNICEF, bringing the total aid package to more than 100 million dollars.

The Akelius Foundation has partnered with UNICEF for 10 years.

3. Want Gaza children to live a normal life

The schools in Gaza could not operate again after Israel destroyed or damaged 96% of educational institutions in the region.

According to Akelius, children in Gaza not only need to learn to read and write, but also feel a return to normal life.

According to UNICEF data, more than 97% of schools in Gaza have been damaged and about 658.000 children were not in school for two years.