MRSCP is a non-profit organization working since 2003 to build people-to-people ties with Rafah, Gaza Strip, Palestine. MRSCP has partnered with MECA on humanitarian projects in both Gaza and the West Bank.

Ard Al-Insan is a non-governmental, non-profit organization providing healthcare, health education, and psycho-social support programs for infants, children, and families in Gaza. Our contributions will be used by Ard Al-Insan to purchase food from vendors to be distributed by a physician working with PKU patients.

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Dr. Harry Waisman, namesake of the Waisman Center, was a pediatrician and researcher at UW Madison. His groundbreaking contributions regarding the role of early identification and dietary intervention in successful PKU treatment led to the development of simple, inexpensive newborn screening programs. These are now a standard public health practice, and no longer available in Gaza due to the Israeli blockade.

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WHAT IS PKU?

Phenylketonuria (PKU) is a rare, inherited metabolic disorder. People with PKU are unable to metabolize phenylalanine, a component of proteins.

Phenylalanine builds up in the blood, causing irreversible brain damage.

Untreated, PKU can cause permanent intellectual disability, seizures, and developmental delays, especially in children whose brains and bodies are still developing.

Fortunately, with early diagnosis and a lifelong specialized diet of mostly rice, fruit, vegetables, and supplemental nutrients, PKU patients can live healthy and relatively symptom-free lives.

In Gaza, access to a PKU diet is increasingly difficult due to the effects of war and Israel's stifling land and sea blockade, which impacts the ability to both grow and import the needed food.



Over 50 children and over 100 youth in Gaza are affected by PKU

It currently costs about $100 per month to provide the special diet a child with PKU needs in order to stay healthy. Our initial goal is to raise enough funds to feed 50 children for 6 months.

Supporting children with PKU in Gaza helps some of the most vulnerable-children whose health and development depend on access to a specialized diet. It is both a humanitarian effort and an affirmation that Gaza is their home, where Palestinian families have the right to live with dignity and care.

While any contribution is helpful, regular, monthly contributions are crucial to provide reliable nutrition so that no PKU patient in Gaza develops these entirely preventable disabilities.

Funds collected will be sent via the Middle East Children's Alliance (MECA) to Ard Al-Insan, to purchase and distribute food to PKU patients.