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Fwd: [External] ~~(SBU)~~ Re: GFH touchbase

Christos Tsentas (b)(6) @usaid.gov> Wed, Jul 16, 2025 at 1:26 PM
To: (b)(6) @usaid.gov>

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From: **Christos Tsentas** (b)(6) @usaid.gov>
Date: Mon, Jul 7, 2025 at 1:39 PM
Subject: Re: [External] ~~(SBU)~~ Re: GFH touchbase
To: (b)(6) @state.gov>
Cc: (b)(6) @state.gov> (b)(6) @state.gov> (b)(6)
(b)(6) @usaid.gov>

~~SBU~~
Hi (b)(6) I'm off today but can engage more fully tomorrow. (b)(5); (b)(5) - Attorney-Client Privilege; (b)(5) - Deliberative Process Privilege
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On Mon, Jul 7, 2025 at 11:09 AM (b)(6) @state.gov> wrote:

> Hi (b)(6) - I'm getting a lot of push back here by L that the GHF award was funded with FY25 funds, but the award doc and (b)(6) say it was FY24. L is saying: We have asked multiple times, and they have always said FY 2025. The USAID action memo also referred to the requirements under the CR, which would apply only to FY 2025 funds.
>
> So, can you help me understand why L is confused? Have you talked to them about this?
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> (b)(6)
> Humanitarian Assistance Coordinator
> *Office of Assistance Coordination*

(b)(3):6 U.S.C. § 133 (Critical Infrastructure Information Act of 2002); (b)(6)

Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs
U.S. Department of State

From: Christos Tsentas <(b)(6) @usaid.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, July 2, 2025 9:56 AM
To: (b)(6) @state.gov>
Cc: (b)(6) @state.gov>; (b)(6)
(b)(6) @state.gov>
Subject: Re: [External] ~~(SBU)~~ Re: GFH touchbase

Thanks (b)(6) I figured you'd have it well in hand. FYI I had a call with State/L about all this last Thursday and briefed them about it. It sounds like (b)(6) will be your main L point of contact for NEA (b)(6) @state.gov). To the extent there are legal questions that y'all have, happy to jump on a call going forward with him to make sure we have y'all covered.
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On Wed, Jul 2, 2025 at 8:12 AM (b)(6) @state.gov> wrote:

Hi (b)(6)

Thanks for following up. I was able to track these down and had most of my questions answered by (b)(6) and (b)(6) on Monday. I assume you all don't want any updates on this topic - but one last one is that we held the kickoff meeting with GHF yesterday morning, so we're off to the races here.

Best,
(b)(6)

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Office of Assistance Coordination
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From: Christos Tsentas (b)(6) @usaid.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, July 2, 2025 7:58 AM
To: (b)(6) @state.gov>
Cc: (b)(6) @state.gov>; (b)(6) @state.gov>
Subject: [External] ~~(SBU)~~ Re: GFH touchbase

~~SBU~~

(b)(6) apologies for not replying earlier, as I've been off this week. Attached is what I have. I don't have a countersigned version of the award, but perhaps (b)(6) might. Happy to chat later this afternoon if it would be helpful.

(b)(6)

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On Mon, Jun 30, 2025 at 3:36 PM (b)(6) @state.gov> wrote:

> Hi both,
>
> Hope you are well. Day 1 over here at State has been busy. There are lots of questions about the GHF award and I wanted to see if either of your are available for a quick touch base on the award document? Also, do you have a copy of the signed Action Memo that you can share with me?
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> Thanks,
> (b)(6)

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(b)(6) @usaid.gov>

Fwd: [External] Flagging Potential New USAID Award

Christos Tsentas (b)(6) @usaid.gov> Wed, Jul 16, 2025 at 1:24 PM
To: (b)(6)

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Date: Mon, Jun 30, 2025 at 8:00 AM
Subject: Re: [External] Flagging Potential New USAID Award
To: (b)(6) @state.gov>
Cc: (b)(6) (GC/ELM) (b)(6) @usaid.gov>, (b)(6) @state.gov>, (b)(6) (b)(6) @state.gov>

~~SBU~~
Hi all,
As discussed, please find attached here the signed Action Memo and award for your awareness. FYI I'm out on leave from 6/30 - 7/7, but tracking emails if there are any urgent questions that may come up.
(b)(6)

On Thu, Jun 26, 2025 at 11:25 AM Christos Tsentas (b)(6) @usaid.gov> wrote:
Great, thanks (b)(6) Look forward to talking then.
-C

On Thu, Jun 26, 2025 at 11:15 AM (b)(6) @state.gov> wrote:

Thanks, (b)(6) 1:00 pm works for us here. I'll send a calendar invite with a Teams link now.

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From: Christos Tsentas (b)(6) @usaid.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, June 25, 2025 5:43 PM
To: (b)(6) @state.gov>
Cc: (b)(6) (GC/ELM) (b)(6) @usaid.gov>; (b)(6) @state.gov>; (b)(6) (b)(6) @state.gov>
Subject: Re: [External] Flagging Potential New USAID Award

(b)(6)

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Hi (b)(6) happy to catch up on this tomorrow. 1pm works on our side if that is feasible for y'all. Otherwise we can propose some other times for the group.

-Christos

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On Wed, Jun 25, 2025 at 4:41 PM (b)(6) @state.gov> wrote:

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(b)(6)

Hi Christos,

Thanks to for jumping in on this while I was away. I think it might be good if we could jump on a call to discuss this effort, given all the moving pieces. Any chance you're free tomorrow anytime between 10:00 – 5:00 pm? It would be good to have (b)(6) and on the call as well, so let me know what time works best for everyone.
(b)(6) you're always welcome to join too if you're available!

Best,

(b)(6)

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From: (b)(6) @state.gov>
Sent: Friday, June 20, 2025 2:51 PM
To: Tsentas, Christos (b)(6) @usaid.gov>
Cc: (b)(6) (GC/ELM) (b)(6) @usaid.gov>; (b)(6) @state.gov>
Subject: RE: [External] Flagging Potential New USAID Award

Thank you Christos!

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From: Christos Tsentas (b)(6) @usaid.gov>
Sent: Friday, June 20, 2025 2:49 PM
To: (b)(6) @state.gov>

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Subject: Re: [External] Flagging Potential New USAID Award

(b)(6)

Thanks (b)(6) I'm not sure if they've determined the fiscal year of funds yet - though BHA does have both FY24 and FY25 IDA available. (b)(5); (b)(5) - Attorney-Client Privilege

I understand that BHA (b)(6) has otherwise been talking with (b)(6) @state.gov) and (b)(6) (b)(6) @state.gov) in NEA.

(b)(6)

On Fri, Jun 20, 2025 at 2:11 PM (b)(6) @state.gov> wrote:

(b)(6) (b)(6) asked me if the funds are FY 2024 or FY 2025 IDA. And do you know who in NEA is engaged? Thanks very much.

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From: Christos Tsentas (b)(6) @usaid.gov>
Sent: Friday, June 20, 2025 1:20 PM
To: (b)(6) @state.gov>
Cc: (b)(6) (b)(6) @usaid.gov>; (b)(6) @state.gov>
Subject: Re: [External] Flagging Potential New USAID Award

yep that works. I've got about 10 mins otherwise free again at 2.

On Fri, Jun 20, 2025 at 1:19 PM (b)(6) @state.gov> wrote:

Sure that is fine. Can you talk soonish? I can call you if so. (At the # in your signature?)

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From: Christos Tsentas (b)(6) @usaid.gov>
Sent: Friday, June 20, 2025 1:18 PM
To: (b)(6) @state.gov>
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Subject: Re: [External] Flagging Potential New USAID Award

(b)(6)

(b)(6)

Thanks (b)(6) - it might already be baked by Monday unfortunately. If you don't mind let's aim for a 10-15 min call today if possible and then if needed can follow back up with (b)(6) on Monday.

(b)(6)

On Fri, Jun 20, 2025 at 1:15 PM (b)(6) @state.gov> wrote:

Hi Christos,

(b)(6) in my office covers NEA but he's out today (back Monday). I am backing him up today though.

I'd be happy to chat today but let me know if it makes more sense to wait till Monday when (b)(6) is back.

Thank you,

(b)(6)

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To: (b)(6) (b)(6) @state.gov>
Cc: (b)(6) @usaid.gov>
Subject: [External] Flagging Potential New USAID Award

(b)(6)

Hope you are doing well and that you had a chance to enjoy the day off yesterday. I thought I would reach out to flag a potential new assistance award USAID is being directed to enter into. I understand NEA is being kept in the loop about it, and will shortly take it over given the July 1st deadline. (b)(5); (b)(5) - (b)(5); (b)(5) - Attorney-Client Privilege; (b)(5) - Deliberative Process Privilege (b)(5); (b)(5) - Let me know if you have a moment to discuss later today.

-Christos

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2 attachments

~~(SBU)~~ Action Memo Gaza Humanitarian Foundation (Final Signed JPL).pdf
324K

~~(SBU)~~ 7200AA25FA00001 GHF WBG (Signed).pdf
1173K

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(b)(6) @usaid.gov>

Fwd: [External] Gaza question

(b)(6) @usaid.gov> Wed, Jul 16, 2025 at 12:46 PM
To (b)(6) @usaid.gov>

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From: (b)(6) @usaid.gov>
Date: Thu, May 22, 2025 at 4:50 PM
Subject: Re: [External] Gaza question
To: (b)(6) @state.gov>

Thanks (b)(6) This is well received.

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United States Agency for International Development
Office (b)(6)
(b)(6)

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On Thu, May 22, 2025 at 4:49 PM (b)(6) @state.gov> wrote:

Hi (b)(6)

Apologies for the delay, just heard back from the team. The point is different from what we understand the WH and others to be. I understand the view is that any legal concerns could be overcome, unarmed individuals would not be s.

(b)(5); (b)(5) - Deliberative Process Privilege

Best,
(b)(6)
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To (b)(6) @state.gov>
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Hi (b)(6)

I hope you're doing well. Our AtA, Tim Meisburger, will be joining State, WH, etc. for meetings in the coming week (time/date TBD) with the Gaza Humanitarian Foundation and we're working on some talking points and background for him. The question has been raised of whether USAID would be able to fund the GFH (knowing we're close to shutting down) and this is where our TP is currently. Do you know State's position on this topic? Are we aligned? Anything you can provide this morning would be appreciated!

- (b)(5); (b)(5) - Deliberative Process Privilege

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Hi (b)(6)
Let me know a good time after 10:30 am tomorrow to provide an update on the GHF pre-award process to date.

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(b)(6)

U.S. Agency for International Development

On Wed, Jun 18, 2025 at 4:32 PM (b)(6) @state.gov> wrote:

> Thanks (b)(6) I see you both have out of offices on. We can connect early next week so not to interfere with your time off.
>
> cheers
> (b)(6)
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From: (b)(6) @usaid.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, June 18, 2025 4:03:50 PM

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Subject: Re: [External] GHF

Hey (b)(6)

I can be available Friday for a call. I defer to (b)(6) on the best time for it from her end. We may want to loop in (b)(6) as well (b)(5); (b)(5) - Deliberative Process Privilege

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On Wed, Jun 18, 2025 at 3:59 PM (b)(6) @state.gov> wrote:

> Hi (b)(6) and (b)(6)
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> Can we chat on Friday about GHF and BHA's pre-award process?
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> Thank you and hope you both enjoy the day off tomorrow.
>
> Cheers,
> (b)(6)

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Subject: RE: [External] GHF

Thanks for this, (b)(6) Looping in our grant chief and risk management guru. Looks like we need to start prepping to take on this high risk venture.

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Subject: Re: [External] GHF

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Sorry for the late update, but we've heard that Jeremey would like USAID to make a $30m award to GHF by Friday. Our OAA is working on what this would entail and what the next steps are. I understand that USAID leadership flagged for the 9th floor that they need to coordinate with NEA asap as NEA would presumably manage the award in 14 days. Ken Jackson or above would be the signatory and most requirements would be waived. We assume there will be a meeting tomorrow with H, L, F, and others in this. Happy to connect first thing tomorrow.

(b)(6)

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On Tue, Jun 17, 2025 at 9:48 AM (b)(6) @state.gov> wrote:

> Thanks. It sounds like a USAID only thing for the moment so we don't need to elbow our way in. That said, I'm on standby if you need.
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> **Subject:** Re: [External] GHF

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Thanks (b)(6) This is helpful and are all questions we'll ask (b)(5); (b)(5) - Deliberative Process Privilege (b)(5); (b)(5) - Deliberative Process Privilege Well let you know what we learn. The meeting is at 2 pm today.

(b)(6)

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Office (b)(6)

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On Mon, Jun 16, 2025 at 5:54 PM (b)(6) @state.gov> wrote:

+(b)(6) for tracking

Thanks much for this, (b)(6) At present, I'm not tracking anything new from last week, but defer to others who may have more insight. Two central questions are what the initial award amount is and if it's intended to begin at USAID or State. If DFA is only engaging USAID, then it suggests the former.

Either way, preliminary conversations have identified the risks associated with current delivery mechanisms that folks are all tracking. If part of the expedited conditions incorporated similarly quick responses from GHF on risk mitigation measures and compliance with U.S. regulations. Further defer to the HA experts on timeline, but two weeks for an award of a presumed nine figures and the complexities of the organization suggest that expectation should be nearing three-four weeks.

Best,

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Senior Assistance Coordinator – Israel and Palestinian Affairs / Regional Issues

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From: (b)(6) @usaid.gov>
Sent: Monday, June 16, 2025 5:39 PM
To: (b)(6) @state.gov>; (b)(6) @state.gov>; (b)(6) (b)(6) @state.gov>
Cc: (b)(6) @usaid.gov>
Subject: [External] GHF

Hi all,

Jeremy Lewin has asked a group of USAID folks to meet tomorrow to discuss GHF. Jeremy is interested in understanding what the requirements for a new award may be, and what a reasonable timeline is under very expedited conditions. So, we'll go over that with him, but can you provide me an update this evening on where the conversation is within State? Anything new from last week on what would be needed for State to fund? (b)(5); (b)(5) - Deliberative Timeline 2 weeks?

Thanks,

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Office (b)(6)

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(b)(6) @usaid.gov>

Fwd: [External] GOI Request to Resume Hot Meal Kitchens

(b)(6) @usaid.gov> Thu, Jul 17, 2025 at 2:04 PM
To: (b)(6) @usaid.gov>

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From: (b)(6) @usaid.gov>
Date: Sun, 18 May 2025 at 15:47
Subject: Re: [External] GOI Request to Resume Hot Meal Kitchens
To: (b)(6) @state.gov>
CC: (b)(6) @state.gov>, (b)(6) @state.gov>

Hi (b)(6)

It's a hot weekend here; 102' in Jerusalem yesterday! I hope your travel back was smooth and you had a useful call with (b)(6)

On the health supplies - I can request for COGAT to support. Is there someone you or (b)(6) can press in the PM's office as COGAT may not be able to proceed without a political signal. (b)(6)

On the awards - USAID will not be able to do these administrative actions the first week of June as we are shutting down. I'm told this coming week is the last window for these actions to be completed. I do not think State is ready to take this on so there is risk the partners shut down. With the exception of [redacted] which needs money to keep the field hospital going, these are very much administrative actions and I don't think partners would view them as a signal from us one way or another - we are pushing a number of extension actions through globally to prevent shut down while State builds its capacity to take over. Can we consider doing the actions next week?

(b)(6)
USAID | Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance (b)(6)
Location: Jerusalem

On Sun, 18 May 2025 at 14:45 (b)(6) @state.gov> wrote:

> Hi:
>
> Hope you had something that resembled a weekend.
>
> I recommend we commence with the hospital resupply asap.
>
> I would like to have a conversation about the method of hot kitchen supplies - although to be clear I favor this happening asap - without restrictions- although in coordination with the GHF (I can elaborate further by phone)
>
> Regarding the continuity of awards for the other orgs - they run out in July to the best of my recollection. I know it means we will be calling it close but I don't want to make any decision on this until at least the first week of June.
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> Get Outlook for iOS
>
> **From:** (b)(6) @usaid.gov>
> **Sent:** Friday, May 16, 2025 3:32:16 PM
> **To:** (b)(6) @state.gov>
> **Cc:** (b)(6) @state.gov>; (b)(6) @state.gov>
> **Subject:** Re: [External] GOI Request to Resume Hot Meal Kitchens
>
> Yes, hot meal kitchens do require bulk food (as they cook in bulk). But they can meter entry of supplies such that they minimize warehouse storage. This is something they do already, but we can push to further minimize. The warehouses

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are and (b)(warehouses. The WFP warehouses are vetted by the USG (so owners/managers/key personnel are ully vetted). (b)(5); (b)(6); (b)(5) - Deliberative Process Privilege

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b)(5); (b)(5) - Deliberative Process Privilege

(b)(5); (b)(6); (b)(5) - Deliberative Process Privilege I believe the same can be said for (b)(6) But I can check current status for the exact warehouses they would be using for the kitchens.

(b)(6)

(b)(6)

Mobile (b)(6)

(b)(6) @usaid.gov

Current Location: (b)(6)

On Fri, May 16, 2025 at 2:54 PM (b)(6) wrote:

Thank you (b)(6)

On the first two items you wrote below - I thought the hot meals would be prepackaged, retail, and delivered into Gaza but it seems to run the kitchens in Gaza requires wholesale filled trucks of food supplies and cooking fuel?? Do we know if any of the warehouses for the kitchens are in any areas Hamas could interdict or in areas Hamas has control?

Best,

(b)(6)

(b)(6)

Senior Advisor to the U.S. Ambassador to Israel

U.S. Embassy Jerusalem

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Sent: Friday, May 16, 2025 2:49 PM
To (b)(6) @state.gov>; (b)(6) @state.gov>
Cc (b)(6) @state.gov>
Subject: [External] GOI Request to Resume Hot Meal Kitchens

As discussed this morning, below is information on what we would propose asking GOI for in the near term.

Separately, and as requested by (b)(6 on Wednesday, I've also included below an ask to allow for medical supplies to keep the US funded "American Field Hospital" running.

Ask - Hot Meal Kitchen Restart Request: Resume hot meal kitchens serving up to 1.1 million hot meals per day. This would require the entry of 120 trucks of food supplies, 55 trucks of cooking fuel, as well access to 2.2 million liters of water per week. The hot meal kitchens will be managed by (b)(6) and other NGO partners, including US-funded NGOs (as approved by GOI).

Justification for Hot Meals: The provision of 1.1 million hot meals per day will provide a baseline level of food assistance that may help diffuse insecurity and challenges associated with GHF start up. It will also help to stabilize growing food insecurity. If only one partner (b)(6 for example) is allowed to proceed with hot meals, it would only be able to provide a fraction of the necessary meals and it likely would increase the security pressure on that partner. Thus we suggest multiple partners proceed together to deliver a greater number of meals to stabilize the situation. Of note, a portion of the food supplies entering for this purpose would be US-funded food that has been waiting in the corridors for entry.

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American Field Hospital Resupply Request: (b)(5); (b)(5) - Deliberative Process Privilege

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Justification for Hospital Resupply: Since the crossings closed the GOI has allowed goods to enter for medical resupply for the UAE and Jordan field hospitals, several times. Yet, the American Field Hospital has had none and is facing severe medical supply shortages. The US should request the supplies necessary to keep this critical hospital functioning.

Happy to answer any questions,

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Mobile: (b)(6)

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Current Location: (b)(6)

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(b)(6) @usaid.gov>

Fwd: [External] Re: Action Memo: Award Authorization and Pre-Award Waivers for the Gaza Humanitarian Foundation (GHF)

Christos Tsentas <ctsentas@usaid.gov> Thu, Jun 26, 2025 at 12:12 PM
To: (b)(6) @usaid.gov>, (b)(6) @usaid.gov>, (b)(6) @usaid.gov>, (b)(6) @usaid.gov>, (b)(6) @usaid.gov>

Sharing here with the folks who I understand are still remaining.

---------- Forwarded message ---------
From: **Clint Branam** (b)(6) @usaid.gov>
Date: Thu, Jun 26, 2025 at 10:53 AM
Subject: Fwd: [External] Re: Action Memo: Award Authorization and Pre-Award Waivers for the Gaza Humanitarian Foundation (GHF)
To: (b)(6) @usaid.gov>, Christos Tsentas (b)(6) @usaid.gov>, (b)(6) @usaid.gov>

Here is the signed memo, FYI. Recommend it goes in the file.

Clint Branham
Deputy Chief of Staff - Programs
United State Agency for International Development (USAID)
Office 910, 555 12th St., Washington, DC
(b)(6)

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From: (b)(6) @state.gov>
Date: Wed, Jun 25, 2025 at 7:20 PM
Subject: Re: [External] Re: Action Memo: Award Authorization and Pre-Award Waivers for the Gaza Humanitarian Foundation (GHF)
To: Thornton, Marcus (AID/A) <mathornton@usaid.gov>, Branam, Clint J.(AID/A) <cbranam@usaid.gov>
Cc: Jackson, Kenneth S. (AID/A) <kensjackson@usaid.gov>, (b)(6) @state.gov>

Thanks, all. I discussed with S/P, Witkoff team and with S senior staff. Attached is a signed revised memo. This should be sufficient for USAID to process the award ASAP.

We should expect that it will leak nearly instantly, I'm taking the bullet on this one. SPOX and GPA are looped in and S is aware. Strong Admin support on this one.

Let me know any questions or concerns.

Thanks,
(b)(6)

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From: Marcus Thornton (b)(6) @usaid.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, June 24, 2025 6:06 PM

(b)(3):6 U.S.C. § 133 (Critical Infrastructure Information Act of 2002)

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To: Branam, Clint J.(AID/A) (b)(6) @usaid.gov>
Cc: Jackson, Kenneth S. (AID/A) <kenejackson@usaid.gov>; (b)(6) @state.gov>; (b)(6) @state.gov>; F_Staff_Assistant <F_Staff_Assistant@state.gov>; (b)(6) @state.gov>
Subject: [External] Re: Action Memo: Award Authorization and Pre-Award Waivers for the Gaza Humanitarian Foundation (GHF)

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On Tue, Jun 24, 2025 at 15:40 Clint Branam (b)(6) @usaid.gov> wrote:

> Hi Jeremy,
>
> Marcus may still have input on this, which I'm happy to relay, but since he's traveling and you asked for the memo ASAP, please see the attached.
>
> I sent the *draft* award with milestones to GHF earlier this afternoon and they confirmed receipt. We'll field their questions and get ready to execute.
>
> We stand ready to field questions.
>
> **Clint Branham**
> **Deputy Chief of Staff - Programs**
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(b)(6) @usaid.gov>

Fwd: [External] Re: Contribution confirmed?

(b)(6) @usaid.gov> Wed, Jul 16, 2025 at 12:51 PM
To: (b)(6) @usaid.gov>

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From: (b)(6) @state.gov>
Date: Wed, Jun 25, 2025 at 1:14 PM
Subject: RE: [External] Re: Contribution confirmed?
To: (b)(6) @usaid.gov>, (b)(6) @state.gov>, (b)(6) (b)(6) @state.gov>
Cc: (b)(6) @state.gov>, (b)(6) @state.gov>, (b)(6) @state.gov>, (b)(6) @state.gov>, (b)(6) @state.gov>, NEA-IPA-ECON <NEA-IPA-ECON@state.gov>

+broader AC and IPA for tracking.

Thanks (b)(6) I had wondered if the press was jumping the line here. For the good of the group, the GHF funding memo is still being moved, yes? Do we have an indication on the hard deadline if it does not receive signature then it will move to State for processing?

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From: (b)(6) @usaid.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, June 25, 2025 1:09 PM
To: (b)(6) @state.gov>
Cc: (b)(6) @state.gov>; (b)(6) @state.gov>
Subject: [External] Re: Contribution confirmed?

(b)(3):6 U.S.C. § 133 (Critical Infrastructure Information Act of 2002); (b)(6)

Hi all,

No, the memo hadn't been signed yet. The reporting isn't quite accurate because it mentions GHF receiving $7m already, but that's the amount of funding we had to ask the FO to put in the Gaza account on Friday as we prepared the action memo. Who ever is leaking isn't getting the details right!

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On Wed, Jun 25, 2025 at 11:46 AM (b)(6) @state.gov> wrote:

> Hi (b)(6) – Reporting on the contribution abounds. Does this mean it was signed by DFA Lewin yesterday? Or final signature still pending?
>
> Exclusive-US to give $30 million to Gaza aid operation despite violence concerns
>
> (b)(6)
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> Senior Assistance Coordinator – Israel and Palestinian Affairs / Regional Issues
>
> U.S. Department of State
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(b)(6) @usaid.gov>

Fwd: [External] Re: GHF Workplan Update?

(b)(6) @usaid.gov> Wed, Jul 16, 2025 at 12:47 PM
To: (b)(6) @usaid.gov>

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From: (b)(6) @state.gov>
Date: Wed, May 28, 2025 at 10:36 AM
Subject: RE: [External] Re: GHF Workplan Update?
To: (b)(6) @usaid.gov>

We've not received anything, really appreciate this heads up. I'm touching base with (b)(6) as to how we might want to engage as the office who would be receiving this effort.

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From: (b)(6) @usaid.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, May 28, 2025 10:24 AM
To: (b)(6) @state.gov>
Subject: [External] Re: GHF Workplan Update?

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Much more to come soon but wanted to get a time check on the work plan first.

All the best,

(b)(6)

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(b)(6) @usaid.gov>

Fwd: Follow Up - Funding for Gaza Humanitarian Foundation

(b)(6) @usaid.gov> Tue, Jul 15, 2025 at 4:58 PM
To: (b)(6) @usaid.gov>
Cc: (b)(6) @usaid.gov>, (b)(6) @usaid.gov>, (b)(5); (b)(5) - Deliberative Process Privilege
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FYI- Email from State/F related to funding GHF.

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Date: Wed, May 28, 2025 at 1:05 PM
Subject: Follow Up - Funding for Gaza Humanitarian Foundation
To: (b)(6) @usaid.gov>
Cc: (b)(5); (b)(5) - Deliberative Process @usaid.gov>

Hi (b)(6)

Thanks so much for the call just now to discuss funding conversations on the Gaza Humanitarian Foundation. I understand there are a number of operational difficulties with BHA issuing new awards while trying to handle the tremendous workload of issuing a number of other actions, and that issuing this award would require significant tradeoffs. I am also tracking concerns about the bandwidth on the high level of vetting and oversight on a large award in the Gaza context for which BHA has a diminishing capacity. As such, I am going to (b)(5); (b)(5) - Deliberative Process Privilege
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I take your caution about tying up too much IDA in this to heart and plan to encourage a lower initial obligation for this reason, as well as managing potential concerns from OMB and other stakeholders. I will revert back once we have a clearer path.

Don't hesitate to let me know if you have any initial concerns or if I missed anything of note.

I appreciate your feedback sincerely!

(b)(6)

(b)(6) | Foreign Affairs Officer

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(b)(6) @usaid.gov>

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To: (b)(6) @usaid.gov>

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To: (b)(6) @usaid.gov> (b)(6) @usaid.gov>, (b)(6)
(b)(6) @state.gov>
Cc: (b)(6) @state.gov>, (b)(6) @state.gov>

Adding in (b)(6) our risk assessment and vetting officer. Add in (b)(6) during next week, also.

Chatted with (b)(6) and we're open to engage directly with GHF as the situation develops but would look to the next round of engagement between DART and (b)(6) (new interim CEO based in Tel Aviv) before it makes most sense for us to engage. ConOps/SOP development will be key to next round conversations, plus we'll need to advise our new SBO of the potential magnitude of this discussion.

For now, can you (b)(6) confirm with GHF where they'll be based if not Tel Aviv? This will impact how and at what levels we'd manage financial oversight.

Best,
(b)(6)

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From: (b)(6) @usaid.gov>
Sent: Friday, May 30, 2025 10:38 AM
To: (b)(6) @usaid.gov>; (b)(6) @state.gov> (b)(6)
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FYSA, let me know who else I should share these types of updates with.

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Good update

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Senior Advisor to the U.S. Ambassador to Israel
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GAZA HUMANITARIAN FOUNDATION

GHF Operational Updates – Thursday, May 29th, 2025

Over 1.8 million meals distributed to date; new SDS opened in central Gaza

The Gaza Humanitarian Foundation (GHF) continued its operations today at **three** Safe Distribution Sites. Below is an update on our operations today:

- Three SDSs were fully operational and all dispensed aid – SDS1, SDS3, and SDS4.
- Approximately 997,920 meals were distributed today, bringing the **total number of meals distributed to-date to approximately 1,838,182 via** roughly 17,280 boxes.
- Today, SDS4 opened in (b)(6)
  - 8 trucks of aid were distributed, totaling 7,680 boxes that provide 443,520 meals.
  - SDS1 continued operations today, distributing 6 trucks of food totaling 5,760 boxes that provide 332,640 meals.
  - SDS3 continued operations today, distributing 4 trucks of food totaling 3,840 boxes that provide 221,760 meals.
- Operations will continue scaling across all four sites, with plans to build additional sites across Gaza, including in the northern region, in the weeks ahead.

Updates and Corrections

In light of misinformation circulating online and in same news coverage around operations, we are addressing key falsehoods directly:

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- **CLAIM: Palestinians have been shot at with some killed trying to obtain aid.**

  FACT: *This is false. No shots have ever been fired at Palestinian crowds at any SDS* (b)(4) *and there have been no casualties.*

- **CLAIM: 47 people were injured Tuesday, with one fatality**

- **FACT:** *No civilians or individuals involved with the distribution of aid were injured, no lives were lost, and all food available was distributed without interference.*

- **CLAIM: GHF is distributing fake videos**

- **FACT:** *GHF is releasing photos and videos to the media. These are authentic and un-edited with the exception of blurring faces to protect the identities. Any insinuation that GHF videos are doctored or created by AI are false.*

INACCURATE NEWS REPORTING: We continue to see false reporting about deaths, mass injuries, and chaos at the Secure Distribution Sites. To reiterate, there have been no deaths at any GHF location over the (b)(4) Reports to the contrary originated from Hamas and are inaccurate.
PLEASE EMAIL US AT MEDIA@GHF.ORG IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR TO CONFIRM INFORMATION RELATED TO GHF'S HUMANITARIAN OPERATIONS IN GAZA.

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Not good. Okay to share this?

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On Tue, Jun 10, 2025 at 3:18 PM (b)(6) @usaid.gov> wrote:

> Note the language on May 22 regarding a "freeze" on partners.
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> Hi:
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> So sorry for the delay – lots of moving pieces here.
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> Is the 16th the only day that this works?

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Subject: Re: GHF

(b)(6)

Greetings from Geneva. In follow up to your recent convo with (b)(6) I wanted to touch base regarding your visit to Geneva, which would focus on mtgs on June 16 (the day before the June 17 ISAC gathering.) Below are the suggested meetings/schedule. If these look good, your control officer (b)(6) (cc'd) will begin putting this in motion. Welcome any adjustments you'd like to see.

Thank you,

(b)(6)

JUNE 16 - Geneva Meetings

We are tracking attendance at the June 17 mtgs from World Food Program (WFP) Deputy Executive Director Carl Skau, UNICEF Executive Director Kathy Russell, OCHA Head Tom Fletcher, International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) President Mirjana Spoljaric, World Health Organization (WHO) Tedros Ghebreyesus (or his deputy), and International Organization for Migration (IOM) Director Amy Pope.

Our proposal: host a meeting with these UN officials, and include senior NGO representatives from Save the Children and CARE. We would recommend framing the meeting as a discussion on Gaza humanitarian assistance writ-large, rather than on the GHF specifically.

In addition to this meeting, I would recommend touching base with the Israeli Permanent Representative in Geneva, Ambassador Daniel Meron, as well as a separate meeting with ICRC to review their role in the hostage release operations.

Here's a notional schedule (all times TBD) —

JUNE 16

09:30 am Internal Briefing with (b)(6) & Humanitarian Team

11:00 am Meeting with Israeli Permanent Representative Ambassador Daniel Meron

12:00 pm Break for Lunch

2:00 pm Meeting with International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)

4:00 pm Meeting with senior UN, Red Cross, and NGO officials – (b)(6)
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(b)(6)

Good morning, from Geneva. My team will begin working internally to prep for both the iNGO/IO call the first week of June and your visit to Geneva on/about June 17. More on both next week.

In response to your question -- The "common pipeline" is a procurement and warehousing system that the International Organization for Migration (IOM) runs for humanitarian items on behalf of other UN agencies and NGOs. IOM currently has about $46 million in U.S. funded goods for Gaza (emergency shelter materials, water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) supplies, and other non-food items) in storage in three warehouses (one in Ashdod and two in Jordan). IOM doesn't do the distribution itself: it works with other UN agencies or NGOs who partner with IOM to distribute them in Gaza. This system worked well during the January – March ceasefire. We could explore GHF joining as one of these "common pipeline" partners, i.e. GHF would receive the items from IOM outside of Gaza and then distribute them inside the Strip. Next steps would be to facilitate a call between IOM "common pipeline" staff and GHF. Happy to facilitate that.

Warm regards,

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Super. Call me your am kindly

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Thanks (b)(6) – IO will move on setting this up. These are positive steps.

Will get you a fulsome response on the common pipeline shortly.

Also, can you elaborate on what you mean by the freeze? Glad to jump on a call tomorrow as needed.

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(b)(6)

Thank you for this note.

I am ok with doing that call first week of June or so and I am happy to be hosted by embassy Geneva on the 17th.

I would like to respectfully consider/discuss a full freeze on any funds to orgs aiding Gaza in the meantime.

I need to better understand the common pipeline- what is that?

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In response to A/P Kenna's request to further push IOs to support getting humanitarian assistance into Gaza, and with thanks to Tressa and Mission Geneva, here are some thoughts on how we might continue to encourage IO partners to work with the GHF.

Would recommend pursuing each of the below. Let me know if this looks good to you and IO can action.

(i) **iNOG/IO Virtual HQ Communications**: Mission Geneva can arrange another large group iNOG, IO call with Aryeh and a GHF member to communicate transparently early days progress, current modalities, and identified needs. Holding these on a very regular, predictable basis will be helpful to keep potential partners informed and engaged in the possibility of joining. (This is in addition to the local comms which we know are ongoing.)

(ii) **June 17 In-Person UN HA Agencies Mtg:** An upcoming target of opportunity is a meeting of the heads of the main UN operational agencies (known in our humanitarian jargon as the "Interagency Standing Committee" or IASC) in Geneva on June 17. This includes the large UN agencies doing humanitarian work in Gaza: WFP, UNICEF, WHO, and IOM. Mission Geneva could host Aryeh and/or GHF leadership to meet with these UN counterparts. The mid June timing would enable us to anchor the discussion in several weeks of practical experience implementing new modalities via GHF.

(iii) **Written ConOps**: Before meetings with UN leadership, GHF should put forward in writing a concept of operations that answers core questions and concerns humanitarian IOs and NGOs have articulated. These revolve around how people who can't access the distribution hubs (elderly, children, disabled) will receive assistance, whether GHF will establish distribution hubs in north Gaza, whether IO partners would be involved in the actual distribution, GHF's use of biometric data and whether this data will be shared with the Government of Israel, the IDF's role, and Rules of Engagement for the private security firms securing the distribution sites. Our Geneva humanitarian team is available to support getting this doc into good shape.

(iv) **USG Common Pipeline Items**: Offer to host an IOM-GHF call regarding items in the "common pipeline" – this is ~$46M in goods (shelter, WASH, and other non-food items) in three warehouses, two in Jordan and one in Ashdod. (Detailed breakdown below.)

Stocks Currently in Common Pipeline:

Items	Qty		Stock Value
Bladders		130	130,500
Blankets		22,048	198,100
Buckets	300,000		675,000
Clothing		27,000	758,995
Hose Coil		50	14,750
Hygiene items	685,100		2,743,154
Hygiene kits		10,000	174,500
Jerrycans	551,800		619,060
Kitchen sets	100,000		2,005,500
Latrines		11,920	311,168
Mats	628,334		1,024,918
Mattresses	529,320		4,446,000
Other NFIs	288,128		6,307,600
Ropes		39,600	132,114
Shelter toolkits		2,000	48,600
Tape	510,000		483,300
Tapstands		130	32,500
Tarps	448,515		5,924,772
Tents		34,460	17,668,350
Grand Total	**4,188,535**		**43,698,881**

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