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Multi-Purpose Cash Distribution Monitoring Report Ramadan 2026



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ABOUT US

Hasanat is a grassroots volunteer organisation of professional humanitarians centered on a core of Palestinians in Gaza supported by a global network. We use our expertise to respond to the needs of the most vulnerable community members surviving the genocide. We fundraise internationally to meet urgent requests within Gaza, and regularly provide cash assistance to newly displaced and extremely vulnerable families - such as female-headed households or families experiencing additional hardships of illness and injury.

Introduction

In February and March of 2026, Hasanat raised \$28,500 USD through our annual Ramadan campaign, thanks to generous donors from all over the world. Within the next few weeks, Hasanat distributed those funds as emergency cash assistance to 50 households, reaching more than 250 people. Each household was carefully selected by our team in Gaza, based on indicators of their level of need, such as female-headed households, families with elderly members or members with acute medical needs. Approximately 1 month later, in April, we initiated a monitoring exercise to understand the qualitative and quantitative impact of fund distribution amongst families. Findings from our monitoring exercise describe the relevance, effectiveness, and recipient satisfaction with the emergency cash distribution, and are outlined in this report.



Picture 1. A child shares his food with a furry friend.

The PDM survey began in April and continued through early May, 2026. Families were contacted via phone calls and WhatsApp messages to complete the survey. Out of 47 targeted families, 41 responded, with a response rate of 87%. We analyzed the responses to understand key trends and the impact of the distribution, and to identify areas for improvement.

This report presents the main findings of the PDM survey to support evidence-based decision making, as well as to ensure the cash support reached the most vulnerable households as intended.



Picture 2. Food purchased using cash assistance for a young man with special needs

CASH DISTRIBUTION

Satisfaction with assistance

Most families (37 / 90%) included 6 family members and received \$200 USD, with three smaller families and individuals receiving less than this amount. One family received \$300 to support individuals dealing with illness and acute malnutrition.

The majority of households were not able to meet their immediate basic needs with the amount of emergency cash provided by Hasanat. Most households were only able to cover a fraction of what they needed at the time, underscoring the inadequacy of a single cash transfer to address the compounding hardships in Gaza.

Ability to meet basic needs with cash amount

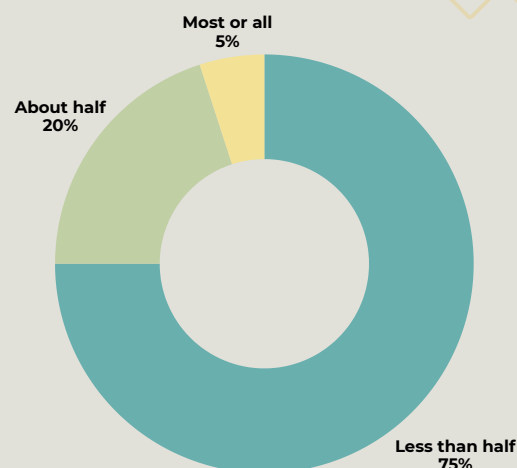


Fig. 3: Amount of basic needs met with cash assistance

Satisfaction with the transfer cash amount

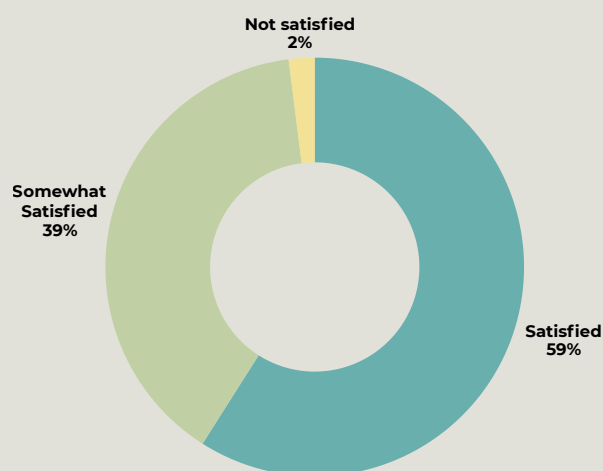


Fig. 4: Level of satisfaction with transfer cash amount

Although most families were not able to meet their basic needs with the emergency cash assistance provided, overall satisfaction with the transfer amount was high (97.5% satisfied or somewhat satisfied). Satisfaction levels highlight the importance of the cash transfers, even if they were not enough to meet all of a household's needs.

KEY FINDINGS

Cash Utilisation

Food remains the most critical unmet need, cited by 85.4% of respondents as the primary use of their emergency cash. About one third of recipients reported using the funds for debt repayment, reflecting accumulated financial stress and signaling the need for debt relief or livelihood programming.

"The money helped us buy food and clothes for the children. We hadn't been able to do that for months"
Dina, Al Rimal (Gaza)

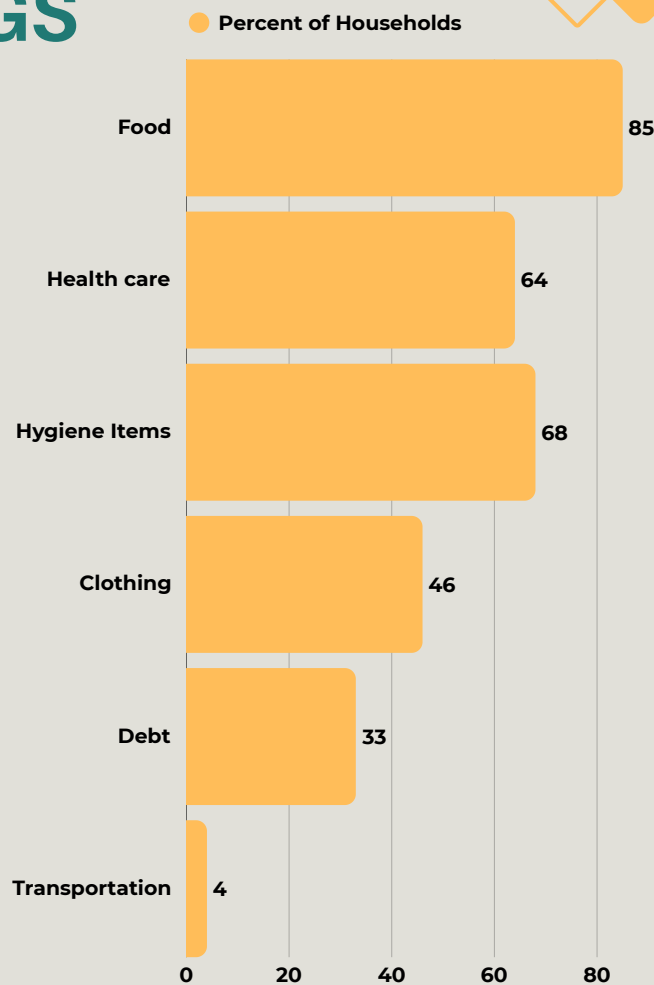


Fig. 6: Reported cash usage by recipients



Picture 3. A family enjoys a peaceful Ramadan meal together

KEY FINDINGS

Psychological Impact

The cash assistance had a measurable positive psychological impact: more than 75% of households reported moderate to great stress reduction. This underlines the critical material and psychological value of timely cash interventions in emergency settings.

"It reduced some of the pressure we were under. We still owe money to neighbors, but at least we could eat properly for a few weeks."

Imad, Al Nuseirat (Gaza)

Impact of assistance on stress levels

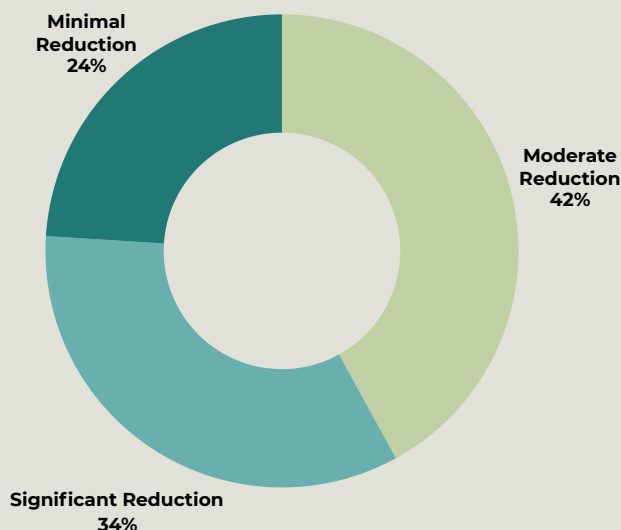


Fig. 5: Reported reduction in stress levels after assistance



Picture 4. Children with new clothes and shoes thanks to donor support

KEY FINDINGS

Cash delivery methods

The households were able to receive funds quickly via digital payment mechanisms (95% utilizing either mobile wallets or bank transfer; see fig. 6). This distribution method improves efficiency, accountability, traceability, and dignity, while allowing us to reach families in multiple locations. Mobile delivery will continue to be prioritized in Hasanat's channel selection in future distributions.



Picture 5. A family enjoys a meal amidst the ruins of buildings.

Preferred delivery methods

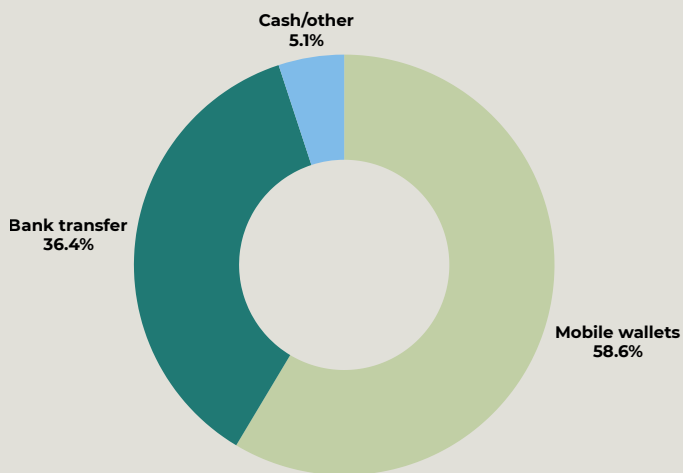


Fig. 6: Preferred delivery methods

Interactions with Hasanat team members

97.6% of respondents reported satisfaction with their interactions with Hasanat staff, reflecting the professionalism, responsiveness, and field communication quality of our team members.

"The staff were respectful and explained everything clearly. We felt heard."
Amani, Khan Younis (Gaza)



Picture 6.
A woman finds a moment of peace.

HIGHLIGHTS

- **High response rate** (87.2%) demonstrates strong community engagement
- Cash assistance was **highly relevant to urgent survival needs**
- **Food insecurity** remains the most critical gap (85.4%)
- Most households remain **unable to meet half of their basic needs**
- 75.6% reported **meaningful stress reduction**
- **Exceptional staff satisfaction** (97.6%) reflects implementation quality
- Strong **preference for digital payments** (95.1%)
- Assistance is highly valued but **insufficient in scale**

RECOMMENDATIONS

- **Transfer adequacy:** Review and increase transfer values to better reflect rising living costs in Gaza.
- **Flexible targeting:** Explore differentiated transfer amounts based on specific need indicators and household composition.
- **Food security:** Integrate complementary food assistance or voucher programmes to address the dominant food gap.
- **Alleviate debt burden:** Consider financial support or referral mechanisms for households with high accumulated debts.
- **Digital payments:** Maintain and scale mobile wallet infrastructure as the preferred delivery channel.
- **Multi-sector integration:** Explore linkages with health, protection, and shelter programming for more comprehensive impact.

CONCLUSION

The PDM findings highlight how critical support from Hasanat donors was able to in deliver meaningful and immediate relief to highly vulnerable households within Gaza. Through strong implementation quality, as reflected in measurable psychosocial impact and satisfaction with our team members, Hasanat was able to efficiently direct donor funds to those who need it the most.

Nevertheless, the findings also highlight a significant gap between assistance levels and household needs. There remains an urgent need for ongoing donor support to allow for increased cash assistance and additional modes of complementary support to enhance our impact in Gaza.

Hasanat remains committed to refining its aid mechanisms, advocating for more equitable financial systems, and ensuring that every donation reaches its full intended impact. We extend our immense gratitude to the generous donors who made this Ramadan Campaign possible. Continued global solidarity, including ongoing donations, and strategic adaptations will be essential to sustain and scale this life-saving work.



Picture 7. Children with bread purchased using Ramadan support

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Picture 8. A family breaking their fast together with support from Hasanat and generous donors.