



Dear Diocesan Director/Coordinator,

Families in Gaza, affected by conflict since 2008, have difficulty obtaining food and necessary supplies for daily living—especially widowed mothers like Nawal. After her husband's death, and with medical issues complicating her family's situation, Nawal was desperate to secure food and meet basic needs for herself and 14 members of her extended family. Thanks to an electronic voucher system from Catholic Relief Services (CRS), Nawal can now purchase her choice of foods—as well as baby formula, diapers, and other necessities—from any of the local markets contracted by Catholic Relief Services. Receiving \$120 in assistance per month for at least three months, Nawal no longer has to buy food on credit from her local grocer.

CRS is working on innovative solutions, such as e-voucher programs, to bring relief to the poor and marginalized around the world. By contributing to The Catholic Relief Services Collection, you help CRS reach families, like Nawal's, who face desperate circumstances.

We are here to support your efforts to promote this collection. Bulletin announcements, parish appeals, web banners, and more are available for your use at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief/collection. There you can also find a social media tool kit with Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram posts and photos to use. If you have any questions or need additional resources, please contact me at 202-541-3365 or at ngermain@usccb.org. On behalf of the National Collections staff and all who benefit from this collection, thank you.

Gratefully in Christ,

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