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Prime Minister Benjamin Netanjahu
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Open letter

There is NO justification for letting children and women in Gaza starve!

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Dear Prime Minister Netanjahu,

we are witnessing a terrible, man-made famine in Gaza. All of us are witnesses to the humanitarian suffering caused by this avoidable escalation, and we can no longer stand by and remain silent.

According to UNICEF, more than half a million people are affected – primarily children and women, who are systematically denied access to water, food, and medical care.

Israel is using hunger as a strategic weapon against the civilian population. TERRE DES FEMMES cannot accept this! It is your responsibility, Prime Minister Netanjahu, to end this war immediately.

The Hamas terrorist attack of October 7th 2023 was horrific and we strongly condemn it. However, it does not give your government the right to let children and women in Gaza starve and expose them to a war that fuels fear of violence and death day and night.

The current escalation benefits no one – not even the hostages who have been enduring abduction and captivity by Hamas for almost two years. Rather, the downward spiral of the humanitarian situation in Gaza only intensifies the human suffering on all sides of the conflict.

Your political instrumentalization of access to the means of basic needs and the abuse of military power is inhumane and deadly. Nothing justifies allowing thousands of women, children, and civilians to starve.

TERRE DES FEMMES urges you to:

- Grant immediate access to Gaza to all international aid organizations.
- Immediately enable the distribution of aid supplies (food, drinking water, emergency shelters, fuel, medicines and medical equipment) throughout Gaza, especially for children and women.
- Ensure immediately that all humanitarian actors in Gaza can continue their work.
- Immediately establish distribution centers as violence-free zones.
- End this war immediately, in which thousands of innocent Palestinian women, children, and civilians are being killed.

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Only with these measures all hostages can be freed!

International law is also human rights law, and human rights are women's rights. TERRE DES FEMMES stands with the women, children, and civilians whom your government is letting starve in Gaza. We stand with the hostages who are forced to remain in Gaza.

TERRE DES FEMMES appeals to you, Prime Minister Netanyahu: Stand up for human rights and women's rights. Please end this war immediately and save women, children, and civilians before they starve to death!

With humanitarian regards,

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