

**Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee**  
**Thursday 26 June 2026**  
**20<sup>th</sup> Meeting, 2025 (Session 6)**

## **Scotland's humanitarian response to Gaza**

1. The Committee is taking evidence on Scotland's humanitarian response to Gaza.
2. The Scottish Government awarded £250k to humanitarian aid efforts in the Middle East in October 2024. Of this, £200k was allocated to a fund shared by the Disasters Emergency Committee's (DEC) 15 member organisations helping to provide food, water, medical assistance and shelter to displaced people in the region. The Scottish Catholic International Aid Fund (SCIAF) and Mercy Corps each received £25k to support aid activities.<sup>1</sup>
3. In April 2025, the Scottish Government announced a further £300k funding to support humanitarian aid efforts in the Middle East. This was comprised of a contribution of £240k through the Humanitarian Emergency Fund to the DEC's appeal for the Middle East, along with £30,000 each for SCIAF and Mercy Corps for their responses in Lebanon and Syria.<sup>2</sup>
4. The Committee previously took evidence on Gaza from the Cabinet Secretary for the Constitution, External Affairs and Culture on [2 November 2023](#), and from the Scottish Government's Humanitarian Emergency Fund Panel and the Disasters Emergency Committee on [22 May 2025](#).
5. The Committee will hear from—
  - Angus Robertson, Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, External Affairs and Culture;
  - Joanna Keating, Head of International Development;
  - Alice Guinan, Humanitarian and Conflict Lead; and
  - Stuart Adam, Head of Asia Team, International Relations, Scottish Government.

**Clerks to the Committee**  
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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.gov.scot/news/humanitarian-aid-for-middle-east/>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.gov.scot/news/additional-support-provided-for-middle-east-appeal/>