

Es folgt die Darstellung des bedrückenden Lebens eines 2007 geborenen palästinensischen Babys.

# SIX WARS OLD

## SIXTEEN YEARS OF CHILDHOOD IN GAZA

Of 2.3 million Palestinians in Gaza, **47% are children**. Most of these children have lived their entire life under Israeli blockade, **experiencing multiple types of trauma**.

**“ In Gaza, there is no ‘post’ [traumatic] because the trauma is repetitive and ongoing and continuous. ”**

**Samah Jabr**  
Chair of Mental Health Unit,  
Palestinian Ministry of Health

**TYPES OF TRAUMA**

**CHRONIC TRAUMA**  
Prolonged, pervasive conditions such as poverty or institutionalized discrimination

**INTER-GENERATIONAL TRAUMA**  
Psychological trauma experienced by the descendants of a person who has survived a traumatic event

**ACUTE TRAUMA**  
An extremely distressing event

**LIFELONG CONDITIONS**

**WATER CRISIS**  
97% of fresh water contaminated. Lack of access to clean drinking water is a leading cause of illness and child mortality in Gaza.

**DEEP POVERTY**  
61% poverty rate / 63% food insecurity; 35% of Palestinian children under 5 at risk of not reaching their developmental potential due to chronic trauma.

**RIGHT TO EDUCATION**  
2/3 of schools in Gaza operate on double shifts due to classroom shortages

**MENTAL HEALTH**  
95% of children in Gaza showed symptoms of anxiety, depression and trauma in one 2022 study

**AGE 0**  
**BORN A REFUGEE**  
I was born as one of the more than 70% of Palestinians in Gaza whose families were originally displaced during the Nakba in 1948

**AGE 2**  
**FIRST ASSAULT**  
I survived a 22 day attack on Gaza. Israeli forces killed 1,385 Palestinians, including 318 children

**AGE 5**  
**SECOND ASSAULT**  
I survived an eight day attack as Israeli forces killed 168 Palestinians in Gaza, including 33 children

**AGE 7**  
**THIRD ASSAULT**  
I survived fifty days of onslaught as Israeli forces killed 2,251 Palestinians in Gaza, including 556 children. Over 1,500 children were orphaned

**AGE 11**  
**GREAT RETURN MARCH**  
For two years, I saw my community turn out en masse to protest the blockade. Israeli forces killed 224 protesters, including 46 children, and injured 8,800 children with live ammunition, rubber bullets, and tear gas

**AGE 14**  
**FOURTH ASSAULT**  
I survived an eleven day attack as Israeli forces killed 230 Palestinians. Twelve of the 67 children killed were participating in a trauma recovery program

**AGE 15**  
**FIFTH ASSAULT**  
I survived a three day attack on Gaza. Israeli forces killed 33 Palestinians, including 9 children

**AGE 16**  
**SIXTH ASSAULT**  
I am experiencing acts of genocide. In 46 days, Israeli forces killed 14,854 Palestinians, including 6,150 children. Thousands of children are missing in the rubble, and doctors are using the acronym WCNSEF: wounded child no surviving family

2007    DEC 2008-JAN 2009    NOV 2012    JULY 2014    MAR 2018-DEC 2019    MAY 2021    AUG 2022    OCT 2023-ONGOING

**VISUALIZING PALESTINE**    SOURCES [bit.ly/vp-trauma](https://bit.ly/vp-trauma)    [WWW.VISUALIZINGPALESTINE.ORG](https://www.visualizingpalestine.org)    @visualizingpal    /visualizing\_palestine    fb.me/visualizingpalestine

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Ein Kernsatz: In Gaza gibt es kein „post“-traumatisch, weil das Trauma wiederholt und fortlaufend und kontinuierlich da ist. - Israelische Familien könnten für sich Ähnliches sagen. **Albrecht Müller**.