

**Question for written answer E-002605/2024  
to the Commission**  
Rule 144  
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Subject: Promise of gender equality: another case of possible misuse of EU funding in Gaza

Since 2000, the European Union has donated billions of euro to support programmes, projects and development goals connected to Palestinians<sup>1</sup>. Gender equality is the development goal that has received one of the largest amounts of EU funding in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip<sup>2</sup>. However, there are reasonable concerns that gender equality just stands as an excuse because the funding has had no visible impact. The EU funding is being misused by the military groups in Gaza. What is more, further analysis of EU aid shows that out of this sum, more than 44 % of the money has been given directly to the Palestinian Authority and not to people in need as promised. To conclude, no one knows who is using the EU money or what for.

1. Does the Commission have a mechanism to find out the extent to which the EU funding has really contributed to gender equality in Gaza (and in what way)?
2. How will the Commission re-evaluate the actual results and impacts of this money?
3. Does the Commission have relevant information on how much of this aid has reached ordinary citizens in need in Gaza?

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/policies/eu-humanitarian-support-to-palestinians/>.

<sup>2</sup> [https://team-europe-explorer.europa.eu/oda/explore-oda\\_en](https://team-europe-explorer.europa.eu/oda/explore-oda_en).