

FEAM Statement on the Humanitarian and Healthcare Crisis in Gaza

This statement follows FEAM's initial declaration of 12 October 2023, issued in the immediate aftermath of the Hamas attacks on Israel.

As the conflict continues, FEAM expresses deep concern about the severe impact on human health and wellbeing. We deplore the loss of life and the suffering of affected populations, and underline the urgent need to ensure that civilians have access to medical care, while calling for the safe return of all those held captive.

Guided by its mission to advance health, science, and academic collaboration across Europe and beyond, FEAM emphasises the importance of protecting civilians, ensuring access to essential healthcare, and safeguarding the neutrality of medical facilities and professionals.

In line with our values, FEAM also stresses the importance of academic freedom and the preservation of scientific exchange, even during conflict. Cooperation between medical and academic communities plays a vital role in building mutual understanding and creating conditions for long-term peace.

FEAM will continue to engage with its Member Academies to uphold these principles, and stands ready to contribute expertise and support initiatives that promote health, solidarity, and respect for human rights for all people affected by this conflict.

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