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As a global alliance dedicated to supporting young children in crisis, we urgently call upon world leaders and the international community to prioritize the lives, rights, and well-being of children in Gaza.

As has been stated by many, this is a war against children: so far <u>14,500</u> children have been killed and many more are subject to ongoing forced displacement. The war is inflicting unprecedented levels of suffering, violating the fundamental human rights and dignity of children and their caregivers.

We implore world leaders to recognize the urgency of the situation and take immediate action to halt the violence and establish a ceasefire in Gaza. Every moment of delay means more lives lost, more families torn apart, and more children traumatized by the horrors of war, with consequences for generations to come.

Furthermore, we urge leaders to push for the reopening of the Rafah crossing to facilitate the entry of essential aid, including food, water, and medicine, into Gaza. The blockade has exacerbated an already dire humanitarian crisis, depriving children and their families of basic necessities and exacerbating their suffering.

It is imperative that the international community and world leaders prioritize the protection and well-being of children in Gaza now, regardless of political affiliations or agendas. Every child has the right to live in safety and dignity, free from the fear of violence and the uncertainty of tomorrow.

We stand united in our call for peace, justice, and solidarity for the children of Gaza. We urge world leaders to act swiftly and decisively to end the war on Gaza, save the lives of the children, and allow them the opportunity to have a brighter future.

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Early Years - the organisation for young children
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