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“Ensuring the constant flow of humanitarian aid into conflict zones“

1. General information:

The flow of aid into conflict zones is a critical issue that impacts both the immediate survival and long-term stability of affected regions. This report examines the complexities, challenges, and potential strategies for effective aid distribution in conflict zones.

2. Background:

Recent studies indicate that a significant portion of global aid is directed towards countries experiencing conflict. Between 20% and 40% of global official development assistance has been allocated to these regions¹. This trend reflects the international community’s recognition of the urgent needs in conflict zones, but also highlights the challenges in ensuring that aid reaches those who need it most.

3. Issues that are likely to arise:

- **Corruption and Mismanagement:** Injecting large sums of money into conflict zones can inadvertently fuel corruption and violence. Aid can be diverted by local power brokers or armed groups, undermining its intended purpose.
- **Security Risks:** The volatile nature of conflict zones poses significant risk to aid workers and the safe delivery of supplies. Humanitarian corridors, while helpful, are often temporary and limited in scope.
- **Coordination Issues:** Multiple organizations operating in the same area can lead to duplication of efforts and inefficient use of resources.

4. Main Countries involved:

- **Israel:** Currently the state of Israel faces allegations of disrupting the flow of humanitarian aid to people in Gaza.
- **Palestine:** With the current war between Israel and the terrorist organization Hamas many people need humanitarian aid.
- **Congo:** Because of the long-lasting civil-war in the Congo many civilians are suffering, especially recent the spreading of mpox shows the need for humanitarian aid in Congo.

7. Useful sources:

<https://cepr.org/voxeu/columns/effective-aid-conflict-zones>

<https://givingcompass.org/article/opinion-delivering-aid-to-conflict-zones-is-extremely-hard-here-are-5-ways-to-do-it-better>

<https://reliefweb.int/report/world/how-humanitarian-corridors-work-help-people-conflict-zones>

<https://www.icrc.org/en/document/how-humanitarian-corridors-work>

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