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## Akelius gives huge gift to Gaza – breaks record



Akelius Foundation contributes 800 million kronor when a total of 1.2 billion in donations go to Gaza via Unicef Sweden. (Photo: Press image)



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**UNICEF Sweden is receiving 1.2 billion kronor in humanitarian aid for Gaza. The majority, 800 million kronor, comes from the Akelius Foundation, started by billionaire Roger Akelius.**

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The government is contributing SEK 400 million and the Swedish Postcode Lottery is contributing SEK 20 million.

Akelius' donation is the largest single gift that Unicef Sweden has ever received.

"A school for 250 students, teachers and food for five years costs around a couple of million kronor, depending on tents or permanent buildings. Akelius is contributing 400 schools," writes **Kerstin Engström**, chairwoman of the Akelius Foundation, in a press release.

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## Sweden among the largest donors to Gaza

Through the donations, Sweden becomes, after the United Arab Emirates, one of the countries that provides the most aid to Gaza.

UNICEF's Swedish office emphasizes that the combination of government and private contributions provides flexibility and the opportunity to reach more people in need.

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The trend of larger private donations is also visible in Sweden at large. Several foundations and companies have increased their support for humanitarian causes in recent years.

Akelius' large contribution is a clear example of how private actors can contribute quickly and comprehensively in international crises.

Overall, the initiative shows how philanthropy and government resources can work together. The combination of private donations and public support is a concrete example of how large donations from individual actors can affect the scope of aid.

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