



Give a Present for Peace this Christmas

A world at war needs your gift of peace

This year, global military spending rose to **\$2443 billion** around \$306 per person..

The human costs of on-going war between Palestine and Israel, fought out in Gaza and Lebanon, is immeasurable. The USA and the UK are both engaged in arms sales to Israel. War continues in Ukraine and Russia and the UK has committed to providing £3 billion a year of military support for Ukraine 'for as long as it takes.'

Meanwhile, Sudan, Yemen, Myanmar, Syria and Democratic Republic of Congo reel from the violence of war. It seems as though governments will throw money at supporting and fuelling war but offer little support to conflict prevention and peacemaking, and especially to women peacemakers. How can we give peace a chance this Christmas?

Give a donation to a peace or humanitarian organisation

MSF (www.msf.org.uk) works in **Ukraine, Afghanistan, Syria, Gaza, Palestine, Yemen, Congo, Sudan, and many other countries:** Médecins Sans Frontières/Doctors Without Borders is an independent international medical humanitarian organisation that delivers emergency aid in more than 70 countries to people affected by armed conflict, epidemics, natural or man-made disasters or exclusion from healthcare.

Medical Aid for Palestinians (www.map.org.uk/) MAP's permanent team in Gaza were the first to respond to the current emergency by releasing more than US\$570,000 worth of pre-positioned stocks of drugs, medical disposables, and other humanitarian supplies held in our warehouses to hospitals and shelters.

MEDACT (www.medact.org) Medact speaks out for countless people across the globe whose health, well-being and access to proper health care are at risk from war, poverty and environmental damage.

Women's Refugee Network (refugeewomensnetworkinc.org/) Works to empower women survivors of war, conflict, and displacement to overcome barriers and thrive.

And make a New Year resolution: get organised! Join the Campaign Against Arms Trade (www.caat.org.uk) The global arms trade, and the UK role within it, has a devastating impact on human rights and well-being. It reinforces a militaristic approach to international problems. Work with CAAT to end UK arms manufacture and export



Women in Black hold vigils every Wednesday between 6-7 pm at the Edith Cavell Statue, opposite the National Portrait Gallery, St.Martin's Place, London WC2. Our vigils are silent, women-only and if possible we wear black. We welcome all women who support our call for an end to militarism and war.

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Donations for leaflets most welcome