



PALESTINE IN MUHAMMADIYAH NARRATIVE: MOVEMENT, AID, AND MORAL DIPLOMACY 2021–2025

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Abstrack

This article aims to analyse Muhammadiyah's involvement in the humanitarian and national struggle of Palestine by examining 100 official news reports published on the muhammadiyah.or.id website between 2021 and 2025. The study applies the theoretical framework of humanitarian diplomacy and transnational Islamic movements to explain how faith-based organizations function as non-state actors in global affairs. A qualitative content analysis method was used, employing thematic coding to categorize data into economic, social, educational, and political forms of assistance. The findings reveal that Muhammadiyah consistently delivers multisectoral humanitarian support, including fundraising, logistical aid, medical services, educational facility development, and moral-political advocacy in various international forums. These results support the hypothesis that Muhammadiyah's sustained engagement is driven not only by religious solidarity but also by an ideological commitment to universal humanity and global justice, positioning the Palestinian struggle as a moral test for modern civilization. Thus, Muhammadiyah emerges as a strategic transnational Islamic actor actively shaping contemporary humanitarian diplomacy.

Keywords: Muhammadiyah, Palestine, Humanitarian Diplomacy, Global Solidarity

Abstrak

Artikel ini bertujuan untuk menganalisis bentuk keterlibatan Muhammadiyah dalam isu kemanusiaan dan kebangsaan Palestina melalui telaah terhadap 100 berita resmi yang dipublikasikan pada situs muhammadiyah.or.id selama periode 2021-2025. Penelitian ini menggunakan pendekatan teori humanitarian diplomacy dan transnational Islamic movement untuk menjelaskan peran organisasi keagamaan sebagai aktor non-negara dalam isu global. Metode penelitian yang digunakan adalah analisis isi (content analysis) kualitatif melalui proses pengkodean tematik yang

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membagi data ke dalam kategori ekonomi, sosial, pendidikan, dan politik. Hasil penelitian menunjukkan bahwa Muhammadiyah secara konsisten menyalurkan bantuan kemanusiaan yang bersifat multisektor—meliputi penggalangan dana, logistik, layanan kesehatan, pembangunan fasilitas pendidikan, serta diplomasi moral dan politik di berbagai forum internasional. Temuan ini mengarah pada hipotesis bahwa keberlanjutan keterlibatan Muhammadiyah bukan hanya dipicu oleh solidaritas keagamaan, tetapi juga oleh konstruksi ideologis tentang kemanusiaan universal dan keadilan global yang menempatkan isu Palestina sebagai ujian moral peradaban modern. Dengan demikian, Muhammadiyah tampil sebagai aktor Islam transnasional yang memainkan peran strategis dalam diplomasi kemanusiaan kontemporer.

Kata Kunci: Muhammadiyah, Palestina, Diplomasi Kemanusiaan, Solidaritas Global.

Introduction

Muhammadiyah as one of the largest Islamic organizations in Indonesia, has a long history in community development and Islamic preaching. It was founded in 1912 by KH Ahmad Dahlan. Muhammadiyah not only focuses on religious aspects, but also on education, health, and social empowerment. As a modernist Islamic organization born from the spirit of renewal and humanity, Muhammadiyah has since its inception played an important role in various aspects of social and religious life in Indonesia. Muhammadiyah's support for Palestine is not only rooted in religious relations but also in moral and ethical principles that fight for justice and human rights. The organization sees the suffering of the Palestinian people as part of a global humanitarian problem that requires solidarity and concrete action (Ibnu Maksum, 2024). Gaza, located along the eastern coast of the Mediterranean Sea, has become the centre of world attention due to the prolonged conflict between Israel and Palestine. The worsening conditions in Gaza, coupled with the blockade that has lasted for more than a decade, have resulted in a severe humanitarian crisis.

Through the Muhammadiyah Zakat, Infaq, and Shadaqah Institution (Lazismu) and the Muhammadiyah

Disaster Management Center (MDMC), Muhammadiyah has systematically distributed aid to the people of Gaza. Since the early 2000s, the assistance has been carried out in a sustainable and organized manner, responding to every escalation of violence that occurs. For example, in 2023, Muhammadiyah initiated the "Aksi Peduli Gaza" campaign and managed to raise IDR 13 billion in a short time. The aid was realized in the form of food, medicine, and other logistics (Haedar Nashir, 2023).

The humanitarian crisis in Gaza has never subsided. Since the blockade was imposed more than a decade ago, Gazans have been living with limited food, clean water, medicine, and access to education. The latest escalation of military conflict since October 2023 has only made matters worse. Intensive Israeli airstrikes have destroyed thousands of homes, schools, hospitals and public infrastructure. The death toll is rising daily, with the majority of victims being civilians, including children and women. The situation has sparked global sympathy, but it has also not escaped negative and positive rumors in society, including in Indonesia. Some have questioned the transparency of humanitarian funds, including donations collected by organizations like Lazismu. However, on the other hand, many also praised Muhammadiyah's commitment to not only focus on short-term responses, but also on long-term development in Gaza.

Muhammadiyah openly responds to these rumors through the transparency of public financial reports, testimonies of local and international partners, and media documentation of aid distribution published through official platforms such as muhammadiyah.or.id and lazismu.org. Muhammadiyah does not limit itself only as a passive donor, but also plays a role in humanitarian diplomacy. At the Palestine International Conference in Istanbul (2018), Muhammadiyah voiced the importance of Palestinian justice and independence and emphasized that humanitarian assistance must go hand in hand

with a just and dignified political solution. This shows that Muhammadiyah's humanitarian action is not merely reactive, but strategic within the framework of "soft power diplomacy". Muhammadiyah is now in a transformative phase in distributing aid to Gaza. Not only limited to the fulfilment of basic needs such as food and medicine, Muhammadiyah expanded the scope of assistance to the education and long-term health sectors. This is in line with the "Human Interest Intervention" (HII) approach, where non-governmental organizations must pay attention to the local context and the sustainability of the impact of aid (Salim & Azizah, 2024).

Furthermore, Muhammadiyah began discussing strategic options related to the temporary relocation of Gazans to safer places in emergency crisis situations. This is a radical option and has not been popular among NGOs, but has begun to be considered by the international Muhammadiyah network in the Middle East. In academic meetings with several global NGOs, Muhammadiyah explained that the concept of "temporary collective evacuation" could be a humanitarian option that needs to be studied more deeply by the UN, if the situation in Gaza continues to deteriorate (Majid & Hidayatullah, 2023). Indonesian public support for Palestine, as seen from the high participation in donations through Lazismu, shows that the solidarity of Indonesian Muslims is not fading. Muhammadiyah, with its extensive network at home and abroad, plays a strategic role in keeping this stream of solidarity alive. Going forward, Muhammadiyah's main challenge is how to make this solidarity more effective, measurable, and have a long-term impact in a complicated geostrategic context such as Gaza.

The relationship between Muhammadiyah and Gaza is not only limited to the aspect of humanitarian assistance. Muhammadiyah also plays a role in political advocacy and international diplomacy to support the rights of the Palestinian

people. Through its international network, Muhammadiyah strives to increase world attention to the Palestinian issue and encourage other Muslim countries to unite in supporting the Palestinian liberation struggle. In 2018, Muhammadiyah became one of the organizations that supported a joint statement in the International Conference on Palestine held in Istanbul, Turkey. At the conference, Muhammadiyah reaffirmed its commitment to support Palestinian independence and condemned Israel's acts of aggression against the Palestinian people (Muttaqin, 2024.).

In the field of education, Muhammadiyah also seeks to increase the understanding of the Indonesian people about the conditions faced by the Palestinian people, including in Gaza. Through the educational institutions it manages, Muhammadiyah organizes seminars, discussions, and training on humanitarian and human rights issues, as well as the importance of solidarity with fellow Muslims around the world. By educating the younger generation about the importance of helping others, Muhammadiyah hopes to build a higher awareness of the problems faced by the Palestinian people.

Analysis Framework

Muhammadiyah plays a strategic role in humanitarian diplomacy related to the Israeli–Palestinian conflict through its flagship program, Muhammadiyah Aid. Since the escalation of violence in October 2023, the organization has actively deployed Emergency Medical Teams in partnership with the WHO and has distributed medical supplies, logistics, and infrastructure support through local partners such as Gazze Destek Association, Witness-Syahid, and the Palestinian Red Crescent (Noer Zaman et al., 2024). These activities are inseparable from the institutional collaboration of Lazismu and MDMC, which form the operational backbone of Muhammadiyah's humanitarian missions.

Beyond Gaza, Muhammadiyah has also demonstrated an international humanitarian presence in disasters such as the 2025 Myanmar earthquake, the Nepal and Türkiye earthquakes, and Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines. Volunteers deployed to these regions reflect Muhammadiyah's commitment to a humanitarian strategy grounded in coherence, transparency, and sustainability (Ichsan, 2022). The institutional synergy between Lazismu (fundraising), MDMC (field operations), and LHKI (diplomacy and negotiation) strengthens Muhammadiyah's capacity to build credible partnerships with global institutions including the WHO and the Red Crescent. Previous research reinforces the analytical stance adopted in this article. Andriansyah (2024) finds that logistics and food aid remain the most dominant forms of assistance provided by Indonesian Islamic organizations consistent with this study's data showing that Logistics and Foods are the highest proportion in 2021–2025. This supports the theoretical understanding that fulfilling basic needs is the foundation of rapid crisis response rooted in Islamic humanitarian ethics.

Ilmiah et al. (2024) highlight that Muhammadiyah's humanitarian engagements such as medical teams, infrastructure support, and political advocacy form part of Indonesia's broader soft power diplomacy. Their findings affirm that educational and political forms of assistance are not symbolic but represent strategic long-term diplomatic interventions. Mahdi (2023) emphasizes that civil society organizations, including Muhammadiyah, contribute to the Palestinian cause through educational initiatives and moral diplomacy. His work is relevant to the Education and Politics categories in this study, demonstrating that even smaller-scale advocacy can have long-term impacts on public awareness and global solidarity.

Studies by Naufaldi et al. (2025) and Shellah et al. (2025) further show the critical state of Gaza's health and education sectors under the blockade. Their findings justify Muhammadiyah's prioritization of medical support and its growing focus on educational interventions, aligning with the trend of increasing assistance in these sectors in 2024–2025. Collectively, the existing literature validates the analytical framework used in this research by showing that Muhammadiyah's humanitarian efforts are not isolated acts of charity but part of a coherent transnational humanitarian diplomacy strategy that integrates operational aid, religious values, and global advocacy.

Method

This research uses a qualitative-descriptive approach with a content analysis method to explore the form, intensity, and variety of Muhammadiyah's involvement in the Palestinian issue during the period 2021 to 2025. The main data sources were obtained from 100 news stories officially published on muhammadiyah.or.id website, which representative reflect the narrative, attitudes, and actions of organizations towards Palestinian humanitarian and national issues. The selection of this source is based on the assumption that the website is the official channel of Muhammadiyah that records the institutional activities and ideological views of the organization. Each piece of news collected is then classified by year of publication to see temporal continuity, as well as coded into four substantial categories: economic, social, educational, and political aid. This coding is done manually by reading the entire content of the news, identifying the main topics, and recording the frequency and type of actions carried out by Muhammadiyah in supporting the struggle of the Palestinian people. The analysis was carried out thematically with the aim of finding patterns of Muhammadiyah's involvement that are repeated, consistent, and relevant to the context of humanity and the struggle of the

Palestinian nation. The encoded data were consolidated to see trends in the dominance of roles (e.g., more social assistance than education), as well as annual frequency as indicators of sustainability and consistency of movements. In addition, the researcher also examines the ideological narratives or big ideas that underlie Muhammadiyah's actions in the Palestinian issue, especially those related to community solidarity, global justice, and universal humanitarian values. The validity of the data is strengthened through triangulation of limited sources, namely by comparing the findings from the Muhammadiyah website with several official statements of the organization's leaders in the mass media as well as documentation of humanitarian activities recorded in videos or other official publications. With this approach, the research not only describes what Muhammadiyah does, but also explains how and why this organization is so active and consistent in fighting for the Palestinian issue as part of the global moral, religious, and humanitarian calling.

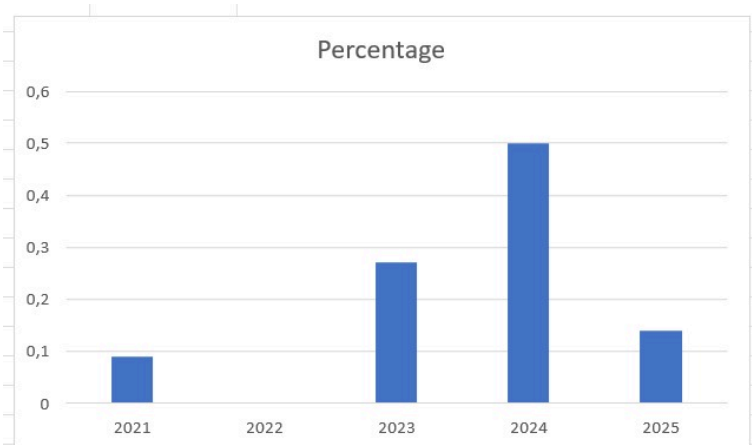
Discussion

Trend Analysis of The Percentage of Muhammadiyah Assistance in 2021-2025

In general, Muhammadiyah's assistance to Gaza from 2021-2025 was unstable. In general, Muhammadiyah's assistance to Gaza from 2021 to 2025 was unstable. The chart below illustrates the fluctuating percentage of support provided each year, indicating a pattern of inconsistency likely driven by external and internal factors. In 2021, the assistance began at a modest level before declining sharply in 2022. A significant increase occurred in 2023 and peaked in 2024, suggesting a heightened response to escalating humanitarian needs or intensified organizational efforts during that period (Haedar, 2023). However, by 2025, the percentage dropped again, reflecting a possible shift in focus, resource limitations, or changing

conditions on the ground. This trend highlights the variability in humanitarian engagement over time and underscores the importance of strategic planning for sustainable support.

Figure 1. News on Palestine Issue in muhammadiyah.or.id from 2021-2025



Source: Data proceed based on muhammaidyah.or.id (2025)

In 2021, the percentage value was recorded at around 0.1, but in 2022 the figure for Muhammadiyah's assistance to Gaza dropped sharply to close to 0.01, which marked a drastic decline. This decline can be caused by the covid-19 conditions at that time, in which various sectors experienced instability. According to (Nicola et al., 2020) "The global pandemic caused major disruptions to production systems, health. And also education which has an impact on socio-economic indicators almost all over the world".

But after that, in 2023 Muhammadiyah's aid to Gaza experienced a very significant spike that touched a figure of around 0.3 which marked a turning point in this five-year trend. This surge reflects the impact of recovery policies or strategic investments that are starting to show results. "Growth spikes are

often the result of a combination of targeted investment in infrastructure and institutional reforms".

In general, Muhammadiyah's assistance to Gaza from 2021-2025 showed a fluctuating trend. In 2021, the percentage value was recorded at around 0.1, which marked an initial contribution in the form of logistical and symbolic support. However, in 2022, the number of Muhammadiyah's assistance to Gaza decreased sharply to close to 0.01. This decline can be caused by the Covid-19 crisis that is still affecting various sectors, including the health, logistics and economic sectors. Nicola et al. (2020) mentioned that "the global pandemic caused major disruptions to production, health, and education systems, which had an impact on socio-economic indicators almost all over the world." This condition also affected the priorities of socio-religion organizations such as Muhammadiyah, which at that time directed more domestic assistance for pandemic relief.

The year 2023 is the peak moment in the graph of Muhammadiyah's assistance trend to Gaza over the past five years. On the graph, the increase in the percentage of aid reached the range of 0.3, marking Muhammadiyah's largest contribution to Palestine in the period 2021-2025. This spike is closely related to the escalation of Israeli aggression in October 2023, which encouraged Indonesian public solidarity, including Muhammadiyah, to channel massive humanitarian assistance. According to a report from CNN Indonesia (November 1, 2023), Muhammadiyah was among several humanitarian agencies that collected donations through its national network, with the support of civil society, students, and autonomous organizations. This aid movement was coordinated quickly, involving food logistics, medicines, and psychosocial support for children and women in the Gaza Strip.

Muhammadiyah's rapid response in 2023 is not only reactive to the crisis, but shows the strengthening of Muhammadiyah's institutional structure in the realm of global

humanity. In terms of public policy, this can be seen as part of a non-state civil diplomacy strategy that fills the void of the state's diplomatic role in the Middle East conflict. The soaring graph data in 2023, when linked to the operational context, illustrates Muhammadiyah's effectiveness in mobilizing resources, global networks, and public trust. In the research framework, this event supports the analysis that the role of non-state actors in international conflicts is increasingly important in creating solidarity narratives, building legitimacy, and channelling cross-border aid directly.

One indicator of the success of aid distribution in 2023 can also be seen from Muhammadiyah's involvement in national-scale public consolidation on the Palestinian issue. In Kompas.com news (November 8, 2023), Muhammadiyah openly supported peaceful demonstrations and fundraising activities held simultaneously in several major cities in Indonesia. This action is not only a form of symbolic solidarity, but also a channel for public education on humanitarian issues in Gaza. The activity encouraged the wider community to contribute actively, both in the form of funds and moral support for the Palestinians. The news also explained that Muhammadiyah distributed aid not only to Gaza, but also to Palestinian refugees in Lebanon and Syria, reflecting a cross-regional approach.

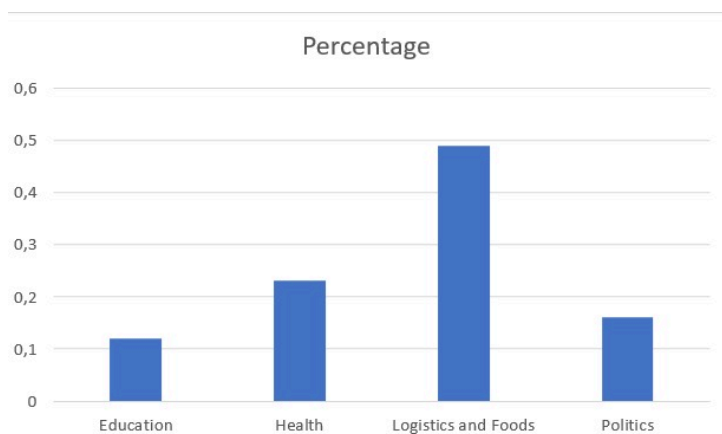
Muhammadiyah's presence in this movement shows that the organization has a dual role as a domestic and transnational actor. It is not only engaged in the religious sphere, but also in humanitarian advocacy and diplomacy. The relevance to the graph is clear: the increase in numbers in 2023 represents the expansion of the spectrum of assistance provided, from material assistance to symbolic political action. In the research, this reinforces that the assistance provided by Muhammadiyah is not only in the form of nominal quantities, but also as an instrument of representation of Islamic solidarity and global

humanity from the Indonesian people towards the suffering of Palestinians.

Trend Analysis of the percentage of Muhammadiyah Aid Types in 2021-2025

During the period 2021 to 2025, Muhammadiyah distributed aid to Gaza in various forms which were grouped into four main categories, namely Logistics and Foods, Health, Education, and Politics. The following graph shows the percentage distribution of Muhammadiyah assistance by type from 2021 to 2025.

Figure 1. Muhammadiyah Assistance to Palestine Issue from 2021-2025



Source: Data proceed based on muhammadiyah.or.id. (2025)

Based on this graph, it can be analysed the type of Muhammadiyah assistance to Gaza in the period 2021 to 2025 is dominated by the Logistics and Foods sector with the highest proportion reaching almost 0.5 or 50%. The dominance of logistics and food assistance reflects Muhammadiyah's main focus in responding to the emergency needs of the people of Gaza, especially due to the blockade and repeated military attacks. The availability of food, clean water, and basic

necessities is a priority that cannot be delayed. This is in line with Muhammadiyah's approach through MDMC and Lazismu, which focuses on fulfilling basic needs first before entering the rehabilitation and development stages.

In addition, the health sector also occupies an important position with a proportion of around 0.25. This shows that Muhammadiyah is not only fixated on logistical assistance, but also serious in providing medical assistance such as sending Emergency Medical Teams, medicines, and hospital equipment in collaboration with WHO and local partners such as the Red Crescent. In recent years, especially after the major attack on Gaza in 2023, health assistance has increased significantly, in response to the high number of wounded and limited remaining health facilities.

Meanwhile, the Education and Politics sectors each show a smaller proportion of aid, which is below 0.2. Although the proportion is small, the education sector has strategic meaning in the long term, namely building awareness of the Gazan community and strengthening human resources through scholarship programs, training, and construction of educational facilities. On the other hand, contributions in the political sector are more symbolic and diplomatic, such as Muhammadiyah's participation in international forums calling for Palestinian independence and a permanent peaceful solution. Thus, Muhammadiyah's aid trends reflect a balance between emergency humanitarian response and a long-term development vision based on Islamic values and global solidarity.

One important indicator that marks the increasing trend of Muhammadiyah's assistance to Gaza in 2023 is the distribution of aid directly to conflict areas. According to the Suara Muhammadiyah report (November 7, 2023), Muhammadiyah through Lazismu distributed 1,210 food basket packages to some of the most affected areas in Gaza, including

Gaza City and Jabalia. In this context, the type of aid distributed focuses on basic needs such as rice, flour, oil, and clean water. This activity is part of the "Joint Action for Gaza" campaign, which is coordinated nationally and collaborates with international partners such as Gazze Destek Derneği. This fact shows that logistics and food aid are still at the forefront of Muhammadiyah's response to the Gaza crisis, which is in line with the dominance of Logistics and Foods aid types in the 2023 analysis graph.

This aid distribution is proof that Muhammadiyah not only acts as a domestic institution, but has also internationalized its humanitarian approach. The report also emphasizes that the aid was distributed despite the ongoing blockade and attacks, showing Muhammadiyah's courage and commitment in channeling sustainable humanitarian assistance. This situation also marks a shift in trend from reactive assistance at the beginning of the pandemic, to more systematic and diplomatic action. Within the research framework, this fact confirms that the surge in 2023 is not just a statistical phenomenon, but a reflection of the transformation of Muhammadiyah's strategy that brings together speed of response and global cooperation in real terms (Suara Muhammadiyah, 2023).

The next news from ANTARA News (October 8, 2024) strengthens Muhammadiyah's position as an active actor in the field of education for the Palestinian people. The news explained that Muhammadiyah built a school in the Burj al-Barajneh refugee camp, Beirut, Lebanon, as a form of expanding non-physical assistance for Palestinian refugees. This initiative is concrete evidence of the diversification of types of assistance, where the education sector began to get its own portion after the logistical needs were relatively fulfilled. This is also in line with the data chart for 2024-2025 which shows an increase in the proportion of assistance in the Education sector. In the midst of the worsening Gaza crisis, investment in education is one of

Muhammadiyah's strategic efforts to provide long-term hope for the Palestinian young generation.

The construction of the school is not only seen as a philanthropic activity, but also as a form of soft power diplomacy. Education is considered as a tool to shape identity, political awareness, and strengthen the capacity of civil society. Muhammadiyah's support for Palestinian refugee education cannot be separated from its long-term commitment to building resilient and empowered communities in the midst of conflict. The relevance to this research is clear: the trend of Muhammadiyah assistance has not only increased in number, but has also deepened in form, direction, and purpose, especially towards long-term strategic sectors (ANTARA News, 2024).

Another news that reinforces the dynamics of the aid trend is a report from Suara Muhammadiyah (March 19, 2025) which contains a meeting between the Muhammadiyah Central Leadership and a Palestinian delegation led by Dr. Mahmoud Al-Habbash, Advisor to the Palestinian President for Religious Affairs. The meeting discussed cooperation in aid distribution, strengthening humanitarian diplomacy, and recognition of Muhammadiyah's active role by the Palestinian Government. This is a formal validation from the recipient country towards Muhammadiyah as a strategic partner. In addition to being a fundraiser, Muhammadiyah is now involved in the Palestinian international diplomacy architecture. The meeting also discussed the effectiveness of aid distribution through a credible and transparent network of organizations.

The meeting showed that Muhammadiyah had stepped into a new phase of humanitarian strategy that was not only reactive, but also representative and diplomatic. The graphical data showing the increase in the contribution of the Politics and Education sectors is logical when viewed in the context of the expansion of Muhammadiyah's function as a representation of

Indonesian civil society in international forums. This role emphasizes that statistical data is not just numbers, but part of a civil diplomacy strategy that is integrated with the international political advocacy process. This answers the research need to examine Muhammadiyah's transformation from a local actor to an organized global actor (Suara Muhammadiyah, 2025).

A report by ANTARA News (April 22, 2025) mentioned Muhammadiyah's support for the option of temporarily evacuating Gazans to Indonesia. In the news, General Secretary of PP Muhammadiyah Abdul Mu'ti stated that the organization supports the evacuation as long as it is an emergency and not permanent. This statement shows that Muhammadiyah is not only involved in providing passive aid, but also has a strategic view towards more complex humanitarian solutions. The option of temporary collective evacuation is not yet common among NGOs, but it is starting to become an important discourse in the midst of the deteriorating situation in Gaza due to massive airstrikes.

The relevance to this research is very strong, as it signals the emergence of new forms of aid that are not only material in nature such as logistics or education but enter the realm of policy advocacy and direct civilian protection. This reflects a trend in the aid sector that may not be quantitatively large, but is strategically significant. In the study of humanitarian diplomacy, this kind of intervention is referred to as "Humanitarian Negotiation," which can only be carried out by organizations that already have international legitimacy (ANTARA News, 2025).

Conclusion

This article concludes that Muhammadiyah's involvement in the Palestinian issue is a concrete form of the organization's commitment to universal humanitarian values and global solidarity. From the analysis of 100 news published on the

official website of muhammadiyah.or.id during the period 2021-2025, it was found that Muhammadiyah not only showed consistency in responding to the humanitarian crisis in Palestine, but was also able to present a variety of strategic and targeted actions. Economic, social, educational, and political advocacy assistance is carried out in a measured and sustainable manner, demonstrating careful planning and strong ideological views. The big idea built by Muhammadiyah is not just to place Palestine as an international political issue, but as a moral test of Muslims against global injustice. The approach used by Muhammadiyah combines pragmatic and normative aspects, making it unique among Islamic civil society organizations in Indonesia. On the pragmatic side, Muhammadiyah runs real fundraising and distribution of humanitarian aid. On the normative side, this organization plays a global advocacy role by voicing Palestinian independence through various forums, both national and international.

The main strength of this article lies in the depth of analysis of authentic primary sources, namely the content of official news of Muhammadiyah documented for the past five years. The content analysis approach used is able to map the continuity and variation of assistance systematically, as well as identify the ideological narrative that is the basis for Muhammadiyah's actions. In addition, this research also makes a conceptual contribution by showing how religious organizations can play a dual role as local and transnational actors in global humanitarian issues. Nevertheless, this article also has some limitations. First, data is only sourced from one official channel of the organization, so it has the potential to cause representation bias. Muhammadiyah's activities at the grassroots level that are not digitally documented may be missed. Second, because the approach is descriptive-qualitative, this article has not touched on the aspect of the direct impact on the Palestinian people who receive aid. Further research can be

carried out by involving data from Muhammadiyah's international partners in Palestine or the surrounding areas, to obtain a mutual perspective from the beneficiaries. Nevertheless, this article remains an important contribution in the study of civil society-based international relations, especially in looking at how moderate Islamic movements such as Muhammadiyah can become significant actors in global humanitarian diplomacy.

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