

**Dear Bernd Ruf,**

Thanks very much for your kind email. I'm so glad that you could enter Gaza despite the incredible challenges at Erez and more pleased that you could successfully return back to your homeland... It was our pleasure to work with you and to facilitate hundreds of children and professionals to benefit from your emergency prevention programs. I have forwarded your letter to Dr. Abu Tawahina, the Director General of GCMHP who has been stuck in Rafah Crossing at the Egyptian Side since ten days... Once he came back, we will acquaint him with your interesting work...

Best Regards,

Mahmoud

**Mahmoud Abu Aisha**

Project Officer

**Gaza Community Mental Health Programme**

**Dear Bernd:**

In the beginning, I would like to express our appreciation and gratitude for your visit to Gaza as you have suffered tremendously at Erez to get into Gaza. I thank you for the training and the activities that you have conducted for our staff at Gaza community mental health Programme and the Qattan Centre. From the feedback that we got from some participants, it was clear that they were satisfied with such new techniques that they were exposed to, which enhances their abilities in dealing with children who have been exposed to violence and trauma. We value your efforts in standing with us as Palestinians and mental health professionals .

Based on the evaluative meeting that we had together, which was held at Qattan Centre, where we have emphasized the future cooperation between us and the need to further enhance the skills of the staff in the techniques that you use. In this regard, I was requested by two professionals from the participants who would like to participate in further training through your organization in Germany in order to enhance their skills in dealing with the children who have been exposed to violence.

I know this might be too soon to discuss this. However, please note that the training expenses for them will be covered.

I hope that you have arrived safely and had a chance to relax after this long and tiring trip to Gaza.

Please convey my regards to all the team members, especially Loucus.

Please also note that they are welcome to come for longer periods of time and volunteer with us and be part of our teams. (please give them my e-mail if they need to be in contact with me on this matter or any other matter).

I hope to hear from you good news about your return back.

Looking forward to hearing from you soon

Warm regard,,,

**Marwan A. Diab, Master of Psychology**  
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Dear Mr. Ruf,

Thank you for the nice email, and support. Our kids really enjoyed your activities. We wish you all the best.

Best regards,

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Dear Bernd,

Thank you very much for your great efforts while in Gaza, the trainees enjoyed and benefited from every single minute during the training.

You and your team's efforts are highly appreciated in Gaza, and I am happy to hear about your intention to come to Gaza again.

Please feel free to contact Omar Qattan through his email: [omar@uk.qattanfoundation.org](mailto:omar@uk.qattanfoundation.org)

Best regards,  
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