

**Levantine Arabic transcript:**

المرأة خلف الكامير: بالنسبة للمساعدات؟

المرأة بالحجاب الأبيض: ما في مساعدات.

المرأة بالحجاب الأسود: المساعدات شو؟

المرأة بالحجاب الأبيض: فاش إشي.

المرأة بالحجاب الأسود: كرت هالمون، كانوا يعطونا هذول الحُصص، أحنا طنعاشر نفر كانوا يعطونا هالأربع حُصص، إلي هم أربع كياس طحين، الكيس عشرين كيلو طحين. شو بدو يكفي مع طنعاشر نفر؟ كل سبعة أشهر سبعة مره، هاي إلنا سنه وئص ما أخذناش. فحكوا حولها لغزة، الشعب الفلسطيني المنكوب إلي في غزة، وما يعرف إذا وصل ولا ما وصل. حتى لو وصل شو بدو يغطي. هاي الأثورا بتقدم إلي بتقدر عليه يعني. بس بالنسبة لكل هالغلا اللي إحنا فيه مُش قادره تغطي. شو بدوها تغطي على شعب بحالو؟ إحنا هان بمُخيم بالذات يعني حوالي 2000 نسمة يمكن أكثر من ألفين نسمة. يعني في منهم معدومين. يعني يا حرام. معدومين الحال من مره، إحنا أصلح من غيرنا وغيرنا أصلح منا. الحمد لله. رغيف الخبز إسّا بشيقل. بشبعش إبن سنة. هيك. صغير.. شو هاد؟! عن جد.

**English translation:**

Woman behind camera: What about aid?

Woman (white scarf): There is no aid.

Woman (black scarf): What aid?

Woman (white scarf): There is nothing.

Woman (black scarf): There is a Supplies Card, a ration card; they used to give us rations. I mean it's twelve of us and they give us four bags of flour, each with 20 kg of flour. Is it enough for 12 people once every six or seven months? We haven't received anything for a year and a half. They told us that aid was moved to Gaza, the distressed population in Gaza, and I don't know if they [the aid] arrived or not. Even if they arrive, what should they cover? This is what UNRWA<sup>1</sup> can do. However, for the high expenses of life, it doesn't cover [suffice]. How should it cover an entire population? In our refuge [camp] especially, there are about 2000 persons, perhaps more than 2000 persons, I mean. Some of them are very needy, I mean very needy. We are doing

<sup>1</sup> UNRWA: United Nations Relief and Works Agency.

better than others, and others are doing better than us. Thank God. One loaf of bread is worth one sheqel<sup>2</sup>; it's not enough for a one-year old child; small, like this. What is this, seriously?

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<sup>2</sup> Sheqel is Israel's currency.