



## Aya Ashour

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**Place of birth:** Gaza, Autonomous Palestinian Territories

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## ABOUT ME

I am a researcher at the University for Foreigners of Siena, specializing in trauma and in the fields of women's and children's protection during times of conflict, with a strong focus on conflict settings, as well as the role of women in peace, security, and international law.

## WORK EXPERIENCE

**il yfatto Quotidiana Newspaper** Italy

### Writer

17/10/2023 – Current

Writing daily columns, news reports, periodic articles, and human-interest stories and children during the war on Gaza. Focused on highlighting human rights violations and storytelling.

### UNRWA

#### Psychosocial Support Officer

12/11/2023 – 08/05/2024

Supervised the implementation of initial psychosocial support sessions in UNRWA team, enhanced work plans, and coordinated the development of local support mechanisms.

### Save the Children International

#### Child Protection Supervisor

01/10/2024 – 24/06/2025

Supervised and advised the Child Protection team in child-friendly spaces. Oversaw and coordination of activities with facilitators, the community, children, and caregivers in cases of violence against children and caregivers, ensuring appropriate referrals.

### Médecins du Monde

 Switzerland

#### Women and Child Protection Officer

01/04/2025 – 30/06/2025

Oversaw the implementation of women and child protection projects within the community. Monitored the integration of protection policies into ongoing projects, provided technical support on referral processes.

### Italian Association for Cooperation and Solidarity "ASC"

 Rafah, Autonomous Palestinian Territories

#### Children's Psychological Support and Entertainment Officer

01/2024 – 04/2024

- Managing the psychological support team, directing them, and preparing monthly reports.
- Coordinating with shelters and camps to implement entertainment, play, and activities.
- Preparing administrative and financial reports for the direct supervisor.

### UN Women

 Gaza, Autonomous Palestinian Territories

#### Health educator

02/2022 – 03/2023

Organized and facilitating workshops seminars and health educator activities on health, personal hygiene for adolescents, gender-based violence.

### AlNayzak Organization

 Gaza, Autonomous Palestinian Territories

#### Project Coordinator Assistant

03/2022 – 06/2022

- Trainer on emotional intelligence and leadership skills, preparing community-based training materials for students.
- Preparing training materials.
- Writing reports, budget and recommendations for training.

## EDUCATION AND TRAINING

**09/2019 – 06/2023** Gaza, Autonomous Palestinian Territories

**Education and training Bachelor's Degree in International Law (English Language Department)** University of Palestine

**27/06/2025 – CURRENT** Italy

**Visiting researcher at “Trauma, Displacement, and Women”** University for Foreigners of Siena

## LANGUAGE SKILLS

**MOTHER TONGUE(S):** Arabic

**Other language(s):**

**English**

**Listening** B2

**Spoken production** B2

**Reading** B2

**Spoken interaction** B2

**Writing** B2

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*Levels: A1 and A2: Basic user; B1 and B2: Independent user; C1 and C2: Proficient user*

## SKILLS

Microsoft Office proficiency | Leadership and team management | Crisis management and risk assessment | Protection and prevention | Communication and interpersonal skills | Project management and development | Training material preparation | Peer education | Report and storytelling writing | Storyteller | Decision-maker and administrative planner

## TRAINING COURSES

15/01/2020 – 30/01/2020

● International Law and Human Rights, Red Cross

01/05/2022 – 20/05/2022

● Civic Education and Women's Rights, PalThink for Strategic Studies

15/07/2022 – 03/03/2023

● Leadership and Life Skills, Sharek Youth Forum

07/07/2022 – 01/08/2022

● Sexual and Reproductive Health, Y-PEER

10/10/2022 – 30/05/2023

● Diplomacy and International Relations, Palestinian Ministry of Foreign Affairs & the European Union

## VOLUNTARY WORK

● Member of the Youth Gender Innovation Forum "Agora" at the UN Women Youth Gender Innovation Forum "Agora" at the UN Women

- Develop innovative gender equality solutions and engage with a broader range of stakeholders to advocate for women's rights.
- Provide consultations and design advocacy campaigns to facilitate the dissemination of information to networks around the region.

● PalThink for Strategic Studies (2021 - 2023)

● Share with Your People campaign, Sharek Youth Forum, (11, 2023 – 2, 2024)

● Save Youth Future Society, (2022 – Present)

● Women for Gaza"campaign, Italian Cultural Center, (2022 – Present)

● World Central Kitchen (01, 2024 – 06, 2024)

## RECOMMENDATIONS

● **Ali Shaqaliah**

Child protection manger

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## PUBLICATIONS

2023

● "The Role of Women in Security and Peace According to Security Council Resolution 1325, Palestine as a Case Study"

