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Tlal Al Sultan is 41 years old; a father of 8 children. He lives in Al Salateen area, north of the Gaza Strip. Tlal had to leave his home with his family during the war and move to the UN refugee school. When he came back to his home he found that the water and electricity networks were damaged in his home and in his street too. His roof water tanks were completely destroyed.

'At the moment I cannot use the water filter in my home, because the electricity network is completely damaged. And also I have no water tanks or equipments to store the needed water' He said

'Now I use small bottles to fill water for drinking and also to prepare the milk for my child. I wait the Oxfam water tanks vehicles all the day to fill the bottles. So if there is no Oxfam's water tank vehicles this means no drinking water and no milk for my children.'



Mohamed Salah Al Ankah is a 10 year old boy living in Alsalateen area. He was waiting for the Oxfam water vehicles for long hours. He can't go far to play with his friends as he used to do because he has to wait in the area until Oxfam water vehicle comes to fill the bottles and bucket for his 10 family members.

'I have to wait every day, because the Israeli forces destroyed our roof water tanks as well as the water and electricity networks in the street. Now my family has no source of water except the bottles and bucket which they fill from Oxfam water vehicles'.



Khadija Mostafa s Saqer is a 55 year old woman who also lives in Al Salateen area. The Israeli forces bombed her home and her husband was seriously injured, she had to move to the UN refugee school during the war. When she came back she found that her home was completely destroyed including the water tanks.

Now she has not any water resources except the bottles, which she fills from Oxfam water vehicles. So she waits all the day with her children to fill the bottles from Oxfam water Vehicles. 'We are in need of the clean water you supply, but it is not enough, we need more water'.



Mohamed Jaber Abu Al Fahem is a 50 year old man living in Jabalia, Al Salam neighbourhood. The Israeli forces destroyed his home and his brother's home too. He has 9 family members and lives in a rented flat; he was lucky that he found a flat to rent. We met him sitting beside his completely destroyed home and filling his water tank from Oxfam water Vehicles.

'I will transfer the water to my family by bottles and buckets. I do really appreciate Oxfam for the water'.



Eyad Saleh Abed Rabou is 35 & a journalist living in Ezbet Abed Raboo, in Jerusalem St. He said "I was living in this building with 75 persons (my extended family). During the war my family moved to live with our relatives. We couldn't come back and live in our home, not because of the war but because there was not any source of water. Now.. " he added "while Oxfam support us with the drinking water we will return back, although we need more water, you can notice that people are fighting for the water.No water resources means no home."