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# USIP's Work in Israel, The Palestinian Territories, Egypt and the Levant



## CURRENT SITUATION

For over seven decades, the Israeli-Palestinian conflict — and its broader regional reverberations — has shaped Middle East politics and impacted U.S. interests in the region. Hamas' unprecedented terror attack on October 7, 2023, the Israeli military response in Gaza and the implications for neighboring Jordan and Egypt — as well as seismic ripples in Lebanon and Syria — have sparked a new phase in the conflict's and the region's trajectory. The implications are likely to transform societies and relations in the Middle East for years to come.

## USIP'S WORK

Drawing on over three decades of work that leverages trusted Israeli, Palestinian and regional networks, USIP engages U.S. policy, diplomatic and military actors and facilitates discussions to inform policy and U.S. government planning, with a focus on pragmatic options that can contribute to the pursuit of sustainable solutions for regional peace and stability.

USIP is also building on decades of work with religious leaders and faith communities, supporting their capacity, and that of other peacebuilders, to de-escalate tensions and violence at sensitive flashpoints, and to foster trust within and between their societies.

