

On January 26 and 27, 2009, resident representative Knut Dethlefsen and the two project managers Tim Petschulat and Henrik Meyer from the FES office in Jerusalem visited their colleague Dr. Usama Antar in the Gaza Strip to gain first-hand insight on the current situation. Dr. Antar is the local project manager in the FES branch office in Gaza. During the war, he and his family held out in Gaza and he constantly provided Knut Dethlefsen with up-to-date news on the situation.

Knut Dethlefsen met among others Issam Younis, co-founder and director of Al Mezan Center for Human Rights and Khaled Abdel Shafi, head of the UN Development Program in Gaza.



Resident Representative Knut Dethlefsen in front of destroyed homes in Gaza, January 26, 2009



Knut Dethlefsen and Project Manager Tim O. Petschulat in Gaza, January 26, 2009



Knut Dethlefsen and Mohammed Hegazi, Member of the Palestinian Legislative Council



Knut Dethlefsen and Khaled Abdel Shafi, Head of UNDP Gaza Office



Knut Dethlefsen and Issam Younis, Al Mezan Center for Human Rights



Destroyed medicine, UNRWA Headquarters Gaza



Children in front of their destroyed home, Gaza



FES staff in Gaza