

WFP PALESTINE EMERGENCY RESPONSE External Situation Report 78

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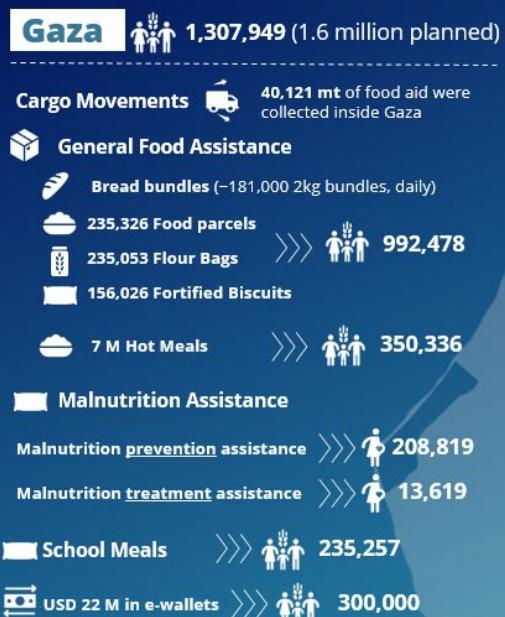
Reporting period: 1-31 Dec

HIGHLIGHTS

- Israeli authorities have announced plans to suspend the operations of 37 international NGOs, a development that comes at a critical time as emergency-level food insecurity persists across Gaza and severe food shortages remain widespread, despite the ceasefire. WFP assesses that the anticipated impact on key nutrition partners poses a serious risk to programme continuity at a time of acute needs, compounding existing operational pressure, and has already begun implementing mitigation measures to sustain delivery.
- At the same time, administrative impediments across all entry corridors continue to challenge the sustainability of a full-scale humanitarian response. As a result, humanitarian cargo delivery remains constrained, increasing the risk of interruptions to General Food Distributions which can lead to consequences such as ration reductions and/or reduced reach.
- While WFP has adopted mitigation measures to sustain operations, unimpeded humanitarian access and the ability for partners to operate without disruption remain essential to prevent any deterioration of food security conditions.

DECEMBER IN NUMBERS

Reporting period 1-31 Dec 2025



PALESTINE

1,676,917 beneficiaries (2 million planned)

Figures are subject to change pending final partner reporting for the month. Total beneficiary numbers account for overlap among individuals receiving multiple types of assistance.

WFP Contributions



Largest Donors



WFP six-month net funding requirements



SITUATION UPDATE

- While active fighting has largely paused following the October 2025 ceasefire, **sporadic firefights, ground incursions and air strikes persist in Gaza, hindering humanitarian access and aid delivery even in areas west of the "Yellow Line."**
- Aid deliveries have steadily increased following the ceasefire, however, volumes remain insufficient to meet needs, while imminent Israeli government **bans/license revocations of 37 major international NGOs** risk further constraining operations.
- Throughout December, **severe winter conditions and inadequate shelter continued to cause significant hardship for hundreds of thousands of Palestinians in Gaza**, including weather-related deaths in displacement camps, while access to basic services remains insufficient.
- **Acute food insecurity persists at crisis and emergency levels for a large portion of the population.** UN agencies noted that famine has been pushed back in the Gaza Strip but warn that fragile gains could be reversed without increased and sustained support, as severe food shortages persist, and needs remain acute.
- **Following fuel sourcing constraints affecting the humanitarian community, WFP delivered 934,255 litres** of fuel to Gaza in collaboration with UNOPS through emergency consignments on 25 and 28 December to support partners and sustain critical humanitarian operations and services. As agreed with the Resident Coordinator, once fuel sourcing constraints are resolved, **WFP will secure fuel for its own operational needs** (bakeries, telecommunications, transport, administrative functions, and engineering projects) to avoid drawing on limited fuel volumes allocated to the broader humanitarian response.

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PROGRAMME UPDATE (1-31 December)

General Food Assistance in Gaza

- In December, WFP has reached over 900,000 people with food parcels and wheat flour, distributing assistance through 60 active distribution points across Gaza. Following earlier ration reductions driven by access constraints (particularly affecting food parcels) and flooding, rations were increased from 50 percent **back to 75 percent of the full entitlement**. The revised ration comprises one food parcel, two bags of wheat flour (up from one), and 1.5 kg of contingency fortified biscuits per household. Delayed stock replenishment, driven by administrative restrictions across all entry corridors, disrupted flows into Gaza and

constrained WFP's ability to scale up to full rations in December as planned.

- **Forty-five community kitchens are operational across the Strip:** 17 in the south, 12 in the middle area, 15 in Gaza City, and one in the north, **serving an estimated 415,000 meals per day.**
- **WFP's 19 operational bakeries, including eight in the north,** currently produce over 181,000 bread bundles per day (2 kg each). Bread is distributed free of charge or at a subsidized price through 148 contracted retailers. From January 2026, bakeries will independently procure yeast, sugar, and salt, while the selling price will remain unchanged.



Malnutrition Assistance in Gaza

- Eleven WFP partners are actively delivering nutrition services, **providing malnutrition-prevention assistance to over 208,800** pregnant and breastfeeding women/girls and children under five across 187 active sites. In parallel, **treatment services reached nearly 14,000** pregnant and breastfeeding women/girls at 93 sites.
- In collaboration with UNICEF, UNRWA, and the Education Cluster, **WFP provided fortified nutritious snacks to over 235,000 children** – surpassing the monthly target of 120,000 – in 253 active Temporary Learning Spaces in shelters.



Digital Payments in Gaza

- **In December, WFP successfully reached its cash transfer target of 300,000 people** (60,000 households). Each family receives ILS 1,250 (USD 385), directly through their e-wallets, supported by continued beneficiary assistance for e-wallet creation and activation through 23 helpdesks across Gaza.

Accountability to Affected Populations

- In December, WFP's channels recorded 63,166 cases, **91 percent related to WFP**, with 96 percent from Gaza and 4 percent from the West Bank. Most Gaza cases were related to distribution information, while West Bank cases focused on registration and assistance or shop locations.



General Food Assistance in the West Bank

- **More than 135,000 people received emergency food vouchers** under the shock response plan, while **the regular voucher programme assisted around 194,400 vulnerable people.**
- Through WFP's **First 1,000 Days Programme**, **39 women** received cash top-ups to meet higher nutritional needs. **In Area C, over 33,500 Bedouins and herders received food vouchers and over 30,240 were supported with in-kind assistance.**
- Meanwhile, **905 people displaced by military incursions** received digital cash transfers (ILS 1,680 / USD 450 per household) to meet essential needs, and **19 Gazan workers stranded in the West Bank** continued to receive regular cash assistance.



SUPPLY CHAIN

- As of 29 December, WFP has **109,273 mt of food commodities stored**, in transit, or under procurement across all corridors, covering fully WFP's operational needs.
- **Delays in approval for essential enabling equipment, including mobile storage units (MSUs), continue to constrain storage capacity**, leading to deterioration of food and non-food items at crossing platforms and delaying

critical engineering works.

- **Heavy rains throughout December further constrained storage capacity across Gaza**, with repairs and mitigation efforts ongoing.
- **The Salah Al-Din corridor was largely inaccessible** throughout December due to ongoing military operations, forcing reliance on the congested Philadelphia corridor and significantly constraining convoy throughput while increasing operational and security risks.

CLUSTERS AND COMMON SERVICES



Food Security Sector (FSS)

- As of 27 December, **1.6 million meals** were prepared and delivered daily by 25 partners in 212 community kitchens.
- Distribution of **veterinary kits alongside animal feed** began on 9 December, targeting approximately **2,000 small ruminant holders and 200 donkey owners** providing essential services. As of 26 December, around 2,050 animal holders have been assisted.
- **Fuel shortages in the Strip since mid-December have had an immediate impact on the food security response**, placing cooked meal kitchens and bakeries at risk of shutdown within days and requiring partners to adjust food deliveries and dispatches to conserve fuel.



Logistics Cluster (LC)

- **Back-to-back (B2B) convoys resumed via Allenby on 10 December** after nearly two months of closure, with an authorised quota of 50 trucks per day, twice weekly. B2B convoys continue via Sheikh Hussein Bridge (SHB) – Jordan River with limited capacity; the Logistics Cluster facilitated 23 mostly shelter convoys for seven partners.
- **Aid flows via Egypt remain constrained** due to a high return rate from Karam Abu Salem/Kerem Shalom (41 per cent) and lack of humanitarian cargo prioritisation.
- **The West Bank route faced shifting requirements;** truck quotas are set to a maximum of 40 per day, with only 277 trucks successfully offloaded.
- **High rejections continue to affect entry of dual-use commodities**, impacting critical humanitarian activities inside Gaza.
- **Common storage capacity increased** to five warehouses (7,800 square m²), with additional sites under assessment.
- **15,971 pallets** were collected and **21,642 m³** received for storage in Gaza on behalf of nine partners.
- Pipeline data collection continues to support planning and advocacy; two surveys mapped storage capacity in Gaza and the West Bank, helping identify logistics capacity trends and critical gaps for service providers.



Emergency Telecommunications Cluster (ETC)

- **In 2025, 50 staff from five UN agencies completed ETC training**, with further sessions planned.
- On 26 December, **ETC and UNDSS engaged the Civil Military Coordination Center (CMCC)** to explore satellite-based connectivity options for Gaza, reinstate pre-clearance for the ETC Rapid Response Solution, and continue strengthening VHF radio coverage throughout December.