

WFP PALESTINE EMERGENCY RESPONSE

Situation Report 21

21 May 2024

HIGHLIGHTS

- Israeli attacks in the Gaza Strip continue causing civilian casualties, displacement, and destruction of infrastructure. The limited functionality of Kerem Shalom crossing and inaccessibility of Rafah have seriously hindered the entry and delivery of critical life-saving aid, and potentially precipitating a humanitarian catastrophe.
- Despite mounting challenges, WFP has been able to reach an estimated one million people across Gaza so far this month with reduced rations since access constraints have reduced stock availability. On top of providing food parcels, wheat flour, hot meals, and specialized nutritional products, WFP continues to support bakeries to revitalize damaged food systems.
- Limited access improvements in northern Gaza have allowed WFP and partners to deliver over 7,000 mt of food and non-food aid during the first 20 days of May; reinforcing the fact that land routes remain the most viable and efficient option to bring aid at-scale into Gaza.
- The new US-constructed maritime corridor became operational on 17 May. Since then, WFP and partners delivered three convoys of aid received through the port. However, overcrowded roads and limited safe routes pose challenges for delivering aid inside Gaza to partners.

MAY IN NUMBERS



1.2 million people

assisted with general food assistance across Gaza and the West Bank by 18 May.



267 WFP Trucks

delivered carrying **4,786 mt** of food into Gaza in May, bringing the total to 5,334 trucks carrying around 95,080 mt since the start of the crisis.



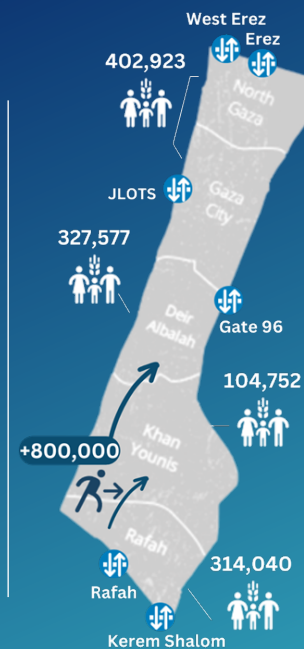
2024 funding status

Needs resourced	Needs-based requirement
USD 145 M	USD 341 M
	<i>By end of 2024</i>




1.1 million

affected people targeted monthly by WFP emergency assistance in Gaza.



- Over 800,000 people** have been displaced from Rafah, mostly to the middle areas such as Khan Younis and Deir Al Balah, searching for food and shelter. Many of them have already been displaced multiple times.
- In the past week, **WFP was only able to assist half the number of people compared to the previous week**. Those in Rafah were particularly affected due to the limited food stocks and restricted aid access through the borders.
- The limited functionality of Kerem Shalom crossing and inaccessibility of Rafah** continues to challenge the entry and delivery of critical humanitarian aid.
- WFP's main warehouse in Rafah remains unreachable due to insecurity.
- The US-constructed **maritime corridor** (Joint Logistics Over-The-Shore (JLTOS)) started operating on 17 May.

 Beneficiaries reached with General Food Assistance 1-18 May

SITUATION UPDATE

- Humanitarian operations in Gaza continue to face severe access and movements restrictions, as a result of ground incursions and heavy fighting in south of Gaza City and in eastern Rafah, including the areas of Kerem Shalom and Rafah crossings.
- Access through northern crossings has enabled WFP to assist around 380,000 people in Gaza City and North of Gaza with food parcels and wheat flour.

WFP OPERATIONS



General Food Assistance (GFA)

- Between 1 and 18 May, WFP reached an estimated **1.2 million vulnerable people*** with in-kind and cash-based general food assistance across Gaza and the West Bank. In **Gaza Strip alone**, WFP reached **1 million people**.
- In the Gaza Strip, WFP distributed around **146,271 ten-day food parcels**, and **159,534 bags of 25kg of wheat flour** for internally displaced persons (IDPs) in

*The total beneficiaries figure accounts for overlap between people receiving more than one type of assistance.

UN-designated shelters, informal camps and within host communities, to approximately **808,895 people**.

- During the reporting period, WFP provided around **4.4 million hot meals to 280,000 people** through a network of 71 community-kitchens. Fifty percent of hot meals were distributed in Deir er Balah and Khan Younis.
- In May so far, **19,065 pregnant and breastfeeding women and 46,428 children under five** received Lipid-based nutritional supplement (LNS) as complementary feeding assistance to meet their increased nutritional needs.
- In the **West Bank**, as of 18 May, WFP provided **161,000 people with cash-based transfers**, 86 percent of which redeemed (**137,731**). **38,500 people** received quarterly in-kind rations.

SUPPLY CHAIN



Total assistance to the North in May: 503 trucks – 7,354 MT*

**WFP and humanitarian community*



WFP Total in May so far: 267 trucks – 4,786 MT



Egypt corridor

118 trucks – 2,306 MT

but WFP has not been able to deliver cargo from Egypt since 6 May due to the inaccessibility of Rafah and Kerem Shalom crossings.



Jordan corridor

67 trucks – 1,429 MT

Through Erez, West Erez - and Rafah, Kerem Shalom before 6 May incursion.



Ashdod corridor

76 trucks – 1,429 MT

Through Erez, West Erez - and Rafah, Kerem Shalom before 6 May incursion.



Maritime corridor

26 trucks – +200 MT

WFP and the Logistics Cluster are managing and serving as the notifier for the humanitarian community.

CLUSTERS AND COMMON SERVICES

Food Security Sector

- Partners in Gaza are **prioritizing hot meal provision despite limited stocks**. Additional kitchens have been set up in Khan Younis, Deir er Balah and Gaza City in response to ongoing displacement. However, due to hostilities and

inability to access food in main warehouses, **supplies for hot meals may run out within ten days**.

- Only 11 bakeries, four in Gaza City, one in Jabalia, and six in central Gaza remain operational out of 17 bakeries supported by partners. Without additional supplies, **ten bakeries may run out of stock and fuel within five days**. Six other bakeries in southern and central Gaza have ceased operations due to fuel shortages, dwindling cooking energy and ongoing hostilities.
- Informal market observations indicate that given an influx of commercial goods entering Gaza in the past couple of days, basic commodities are available in some informal markets in southern and central Gaza, but **prices remain very high and unaffordable to most people**.



Logistics Cluster (LC)

- Due to security deterioration, the **Logistics Cluster cannot re-establish operations and common services at the Rafah Transshipment point**. The warehouse in Rafah, looted on 7 May, remains unassessed.
- The Logistics Cluster received **31,366 m³** of cargo from **32 organisations** in Gaza for storage across the four common warehouses. So far, LC has facilitated 6 convoys of **160 trucks** with **2,326 mt** of cargo into Gaza from Jordan. All the convoy information is available on the [interactive dashboard](#).
- On May 15, an additional Mobile Storage Unit was built in Egypt. The installation of two Temperature-Controlled Units will expand the Egyptian Red Crescent (ERC) storage capacity by 960 m³, including a dedicated space for temperature-sensitive aid items like medical supplies.



Emergency Telecommunications Cluster (ETC)

- ETC operations in the south are still encountering obstacles. Mobile networks are performing at half capacity due to limited fuel, power outages and network congestion as telecommunications towers were damaged. Internet connectivity remains a primary communications challenge across the Gaza Strip, and it is expected to worsen as displaced people relocate to the north.



ACCOUNTABILITY TO AFFECTED POPULATIONS

- WFP's self-registration link to improve data collection and beneficiary management, attracted **149,628 new registrations** in May so far, 512,842 and in total.
- WFP's **inter-agency hotline** available for people requesting and inquiring about humanitarian assistance answered **20,484 calls** in May so far.