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WFP PALESTINE EMERGENCY RESPONSE

External Situation Report 36

HIGHLIGHTS

- September and October 2024 saw some of the lowest levels of humanitarian aid entering Gaza since late 2023, alongside a drastic reduction in commercial cargo. As the winter months approach, most Gazans find themselves without adequate shelter, fuel and little hope of assistance. In October, to date, only 20 percent of WFP's operational food needs have entered Gaza.
- After two weeks of no humanitarian cargo entering the North, on October 15th WFP was able to deliver one convoy into Gaza City. Additionally, very limited supplies of aid have entered through south crossings due to insecurity at Karam Abu Salem/Kerem Shalom crossing point. A drastic shortage of supplies across Gaza has almost halted general food distribution. The humanitarian space continues to shrink, and there is critical need for a safe and enabling environment for humanitarian operations and convoy movements into and within Gaza.
- The updated Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC) data, released on 17 October, projects that over 90 percent of Gaza's population (1.95 million people) will face acute food insecurity (IPC Phase 3 or worse) in the coming months. The IPC also warns of a persistent risk of famine across Gaza without consistent humanitarian aid.

OCTOBER IN NUMBERS


275,996 people

assisted with general food assistance across Gaza (125,617) and the West Bank (150,379).


180 WFP Trucks

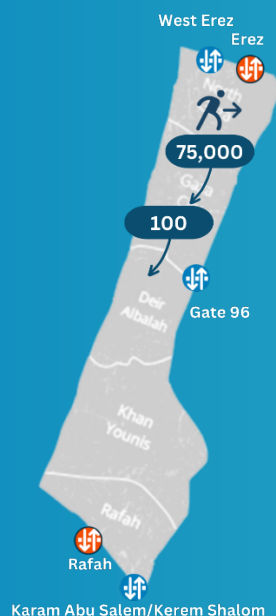
delivered 2,435 mt of food into Gaza in October, bringing the total to 9,508 WFP trucks carrying at least 151,929 mt since the start of the crisis.


WFP six-month net funding requirement
\$ 166 M

Oct 2024 - March 2025


1.4 million

affected people targeted monthly by WFP emergency assistance in Palestine.



ACCESS UPDATE:

- Karam Abu Salem/Kerem Shalom (KS) and the Fence Road are generally operational despite restrictions. However, dispatches to warehouses in Gaza are severely restricted due to insecurity along internal roads. Since early October, criminality has crippled WFP's ability to move food through Kerem Shalom into Gaza.
- The northern border points were closed from 1 to 15 October. West Erez (Zikim) re-opened on 15 October allowing for some dispatches to occur in Gaza City.
- All WFP operations in North Gaza have ceased due to intense hostilities, evacuations, and displacement of partners. Warehouses are inaccessible, and both bakeries have stopped operations.


 Crossing status (blue open, red closed)
1-12 October GFA unique beneficiaries

SITUATION UPDATE

- The Israeli military has intensified operations in northern Gaza, continuing heavy bombardment of the densely populated Jabaliya refugee camp. Thousands of families are displaced once more.
- IPC update:** [The Integrated Food Security Phase Classification \(IPC\) snapshot](#) projects that over the coming months 1.95 million people in Gaza (91 percent of the population) will face acute food insecurity (IPC Phase 3 or worse). The IPC also projects that 345,000 people would face Catastrophic levels of hunger (IPC Phase 5), and 876,000 people (41 percent) Emergency levels of hunger (IPC Phase 4). The report found a marginal reduction in the severity of food

insecurity in September-October 2024 compared to the last report issued in June. This was largely attributed to an uptick in humanitarian assistance in North Gaza, Gaza City, Deir al-Balah and Khan Younis governorates between May and August 2024.

This slight improvement will be short-lived due to the ongoing fighting and the sharp reduction of humanitarian and commercial flows since September. This is expected to push most of the population back into severe food insecurity and worsening levels of acute food insecurity.

WFP OPERATIONS

- WFP's general food distribution (GFD) across the Gaza Strip is almost completely suspended in October, due to a shortage of commodities. Some WFP partners and UNRWA were able to distribute emergency stocks to address immediate needs of newly displaced families.
- With stocks in southern Gaza nearing depletion, further efforts were made to move convoys safely through Karam Abu Salem/Kerem Shalom (KS), after lengthy planning and negotiations.

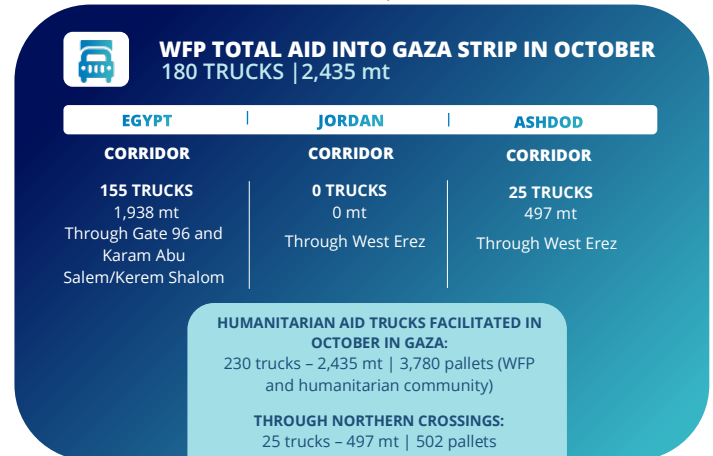


General Food Assistance (GFA)

- In October, WFP provided in-kind and cash-based food assistance to approximately **275,996 vulnerable individuals across Gaza and the West Bank**. In the **Gaza Strip**, WFP reached only **125,617 people** with reduced rations, due to the inability to replenish stocks amidst access constraints. **The total beneficiaries figure accounts for overlap between people receiving more than one type and duration of assistance. Monthly distribution figures are estimates and subject to change pending final beneficiary reconciliation.*
- In the Gaza Strip, **2,601 ready-to-eat (RTE) partial food parcels** were distributed to **58,225 displaced persons** in shelters, informal camps, and host communities.
- **North Gaza bakeries are closed**. Gaza City has four bakeries needing fuel and yeast. South and Middle Gaza bakeries face daily supply issues. So far in October, **some one million bread bundles** (2,033 mt) have been supplied.
- WFP provided some **3.5 million hot meals** to **67,050 people**. **In North Gaza, all kitchens are inaccessible**, while only eight kitchens are operational in Gaza City.
- **22,331 pregnant and breastfeeding women and girls (PBWG), along with 51,279 children under five (CU5)**, received some 1.8 million lipid-based nutritional supplement (LNS) packs as complementary feeding assistance to meet their increased nutritional needs.
- In October, 52 percent of the 500 families targeted for **multi-purpose cash assistance (MPCA)** redeemed their entitlements through four shops in Khan Younis, using e-wallets.
- In the **West Bank, 149,548 people** redeemed their cash-based transfers, allowing them to purchase food items from local stores. **3,805 Gazan workers** stranded in the West Bank received a Multi-Purpose Cash transfer of 700 ILS (USD 185), of whom 91 percent redeemed their assistance.
- According to WFP Palestine's latest [market monitor](#), **Gaza's food consumer price index (CPI)** has surged by 133 percent, driving Palestine's overall food cost up by 43 percent. Formal employment has vanished, plunging nearly all Gazans into poverty. In the **West Bank**, poverty has doubled, and unemployment has soared to 35 percent in early 2024.

Supply Chain

- Since the start of the crisis, WFP has delivered 9,508 WFP trucks with at least 151,929 mt of food into Gaza.



CLUSTERS AND COMMON SERVICES

Food Security Sector

- Food security partners have 100,000 mt of food waiting outside Gaza, but delayed access risks spoilage.
- Less than 100 trucks of commercial supplies have reportedly entered the Gaza Strip since 01 October, leading to unavailability of items and surging of prices.
- The olive harvest in the West Bank has been severely affected, with over a million olive trees destroyed and only four presses operational.
- The fishing sector has also been devastated, with 87 percent of boats **damaged** and USD 7 million in monthly losses.
- An agricultural **assessment** showed 68 percent of cropland damaged, 95 percent of cattle dead, and the poultry sector nearly collapsed.



Logistics Cluster

- Uplifting operations from the Karam Abu Salem/Kerem Shalom remain heavily constrained and insecure, with several trucks involved in insecurity incidents, resulting in significant commodity losses.
- Since 2 October, Logistics Cluster transport operations at Erez have been halted due to the closure of the northern crossing points at Erez West and Erez.
- On 9 October, the first convoy for which cargo underwent the new Declaration Form and customs clearance process was facilitated. All convoy information is available on the [interactive dashboard](#).
- To date, the cargo received for common storage inside Gaza totals 44,306 m³.



ACCOUNTABILITY TO AFFECTED POPULATIONS

- Since its rollout and until 12 October, **WFP's self-registration link** has facilitated over 1.2 million registrations, including 23,338 between 1 and 12 October.
- Between 1 and 12 October, **WFP's inter-agency hotline** answered 9,112 calls from individuals seeking information about humanitarian assistance. A total of 11,682 cases were recorded, with 50 percent related to WFP assistance.