

## WFP PALESTINE EMERGENCY RESPONSE External Situation Report 76

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### HIGHLIGHTS

- Following two consecutive months of expanded operations in the Gaza Strip—during which WFP reached over one million people in October and 1.8 million in November—our efforts remain focused and impactful. As of mid-December, WFP has reached nearly 500,000 people with food and digital cash-based assistance. Since the ceasefire, WFP has mobilized close to 70,000 mt of food through the three operational crossings, enabling deliveries across southern, central, and northern Gaza. These achievements underscore a critical truth: when access is enabled, despite daily challenges, WFP can move rapidly, reach communities, and deliver life-saving assistance at scale. WFP continues to push forward to expand operations across all areas of Gaza.
- However, persistent access restrictions and upstream supply constraints have impeded WFP's ability to deliver General Food Distribution at the scale required, forcing ration reductions and limiting food availability. The recent impact of Storm Byron—heavy rainfall and flooding—further disrupted distribution points and reduced beneficiary access across sectors. These adverse weather conditions underscore the urgent need for WFP to deploy rub halls (mobile storage units) at crossings' platforms.
- To mitigate weather and storage-related risks to food quality, as well as access constraints affecting rations, WFP has implemented a ration adjustment to sustain wheat flour consumption rates, with additional mitigation measures planned. While improvements in food access have been observed, food affordability remains a critical challenge, severely impacting food security for thousands of families. Addressing this challenge is essential to ensuring that the most vulnerable can fully benefit from ongoing food security efforts.

### DECEMBER IN NUMBERS

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### PALESTINE

818,488 beneficiaries (2 million planned)

#### Gaza 485,274 (1.6 million planned)

**Cargo Movements** 15,693 mt of food aid were collected inside Gaza

#### General Food Assistance

Bread bundles (~181,000 2kg bundles, daily)

93,874 Food parcels

93,695 Flour Bags

1.6 M Hot Meals

#### Malnutrition Assistance

Malnutrition prevention assistance 103,782

Malnutrition treatment assistance 4,435

#### School Meals

Temporary Learning Spaces 191,968

#### West Bank 333,214 (338,000 planned)

USD 2.9 M National Cash Transfer Programme Support (vouchers) 183,392

USD 1.9 M Emergency Response (vouchers) 117,774

USD 4,024 Malnutrition Prevention Assistance (digital transfer) 39

USD 504,515 Support for Bedouins and Herders (vouchers) 29,496

2,305 In-kind Rations for Bedouins and Herders 12,639

USD 2,993 Support for Gazan Workers (digital transfer) 14

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

USD 832 M Jan 2025–Present



#### Largest Donors



#### WFP six-month net funding requirements

USD 347.5 M Dec 2025 – May 2026

WFP requires USD 7.5 million per month to sustain operations in the West Bank. Current funding will cover CBT activities only until the end of January 2026 and in-kind distributions until the end of March 2026. Additional funding is urgently needed to prevent disruptions in assistance beyond this period.

### SITUATION UPDATE

- Due to recent developments, including military movements beyond the "yellow line", humanitarian operations in certain areas have been significantly disrupted.** Specifically, activities at the WFP-supported Salah ad-Din kitchen were suspended on the evening of 10 December for security reasons. By 11 December, it was confirmed that this site now falls within the yellow zone following the movement of vehicles beyond the kitchen's location. This unexpected change has directly impacted WFP's ability to provide essential services.
- Severe weather conditions, including persistent rainfall and cold temperatures, have significantly affected multiple internally displaced persons (IDP) sites across Gaza, resulting in partially or fully flooded camps.** These

conditions have further constrained WFP's ability to carry out general food distribution, nutrition activities, and school meals (temporary learning spaces) programming. The impact is particularly severe given that displaced families have already exhausted most coping mechanisms and have very limited access to food, shelter, and essential resources, leaving them highly vulnerable to further shocks.

### PROGRAMME UPDATE (1-14 December)

#### General Food Assistance in Gaza

- As of mid-December, WFP reached over 400,000 people with food parcels and wheat flour,** distributing assistance through 60 active distribution points across Gaza. Due to limited ration availability and flooding that restricted access in some areas, WFP further reduced

rations from 75 percent of the full entitlement to 50 percent – equivalent to one food parcels, one wheat flour bag, and 1.5 kg of contingency fortified biscuits per household – to reach as many people as possible. **Sustained and increased supply inflows remain critical for further scale-up.**

- **Forty-two community kitchens are operational across the Strip:** 16 in the south, 11 in the middle area, and 15 in the north, **serving an estimated 370,000 meals per day.** The scale-up of additional kitchens continues.
- **WFP's 19 operational bakeries, including eight in the north,** currently produce over 181,000 bread bundles per day (2 kg each). All bread is provided either for free or at a subsidized price (ILS 3, < USD 1) through 122 contracted retailers. In December, WFP will expand to additional retailers, supporting a gradual shift from free distribution through partners to subsidized sales.



### **Malnutrition Assistance in Gaza**

- **A total of eleven WFP partners are actively delivering nutrition services.** WFP provided **malnutrition-prevention assistance to over 103,000** pregnant and breastfeeding women/girls and children under five across 131 active sites. In parallel, **treatment services reached nearly 4,500** pregnant and breastfeeding women/girls at 67 sites.
- In collaboration with UNICEF, UNRWA, and the Education Cluster, **WFP provided fortified nutritious snacks to nearly 192,000 children** – surpassing the monthly target of 120,000 – in 249 active Temporary Learning Spaces (TLS) in shelters.



### **Digital Payments in Gaza**

- On 15 December, **WFP began digital transfers, reaching nearly 50,000 people,** representing around 17 percent of the overall monthly target of 300,000 beneficiaries for December. Each family received ILS 1,250 (USD 385) directly through their e-wallets. Transfers are planned twice a week to gradually reach the full target.



### **SUPPLY CHAIN**

- **Movement of food rations remains severely constrained across all corridors,** directly affecting the delivery of General Food Distribution (GFD) and nutrition assistance inside Gaza. WFP continues engagement and advocacy with relevant authorities to address these constraints. **Food rations remain the top operational priority,** with more than 16,000 mt in food commodities available in corridors outside of Gaza ready for immediate dispatch, pending access, out of approximately 120,000 mt of food commodities available in stock, in transit or under procurement, pending movement approvals.
- **Convoys from Jordan through the Allenby/King Hussein Bridge resumed last week,** with throughput capped at 20 trucks per day, five days per week, for the entire humanitarian community, including food commodities under Israeli military escort.
- In parallel, **Back-to-Back (B2B) movements via the Jordan River crossing continue;** however, food commodities are not permitted, with access limited to WASH, health, and shelter items. **Government-to-Government (G2G) food movements have remained suspended for over three**

### **months.**

- Following the resumption of scanning operations, throughput initially remained extremely slow, comparable to pre-ceasefire levels. After sustained WFP advocacy, **scanning capacity increased again this week.** WFP continues to engage with Israeli authorities to prioritize the urgent scanning and release of food rations required to sustain GFD operations.

## **CLUSTERS AND COMMON SERVICES**



### **Food Security Sector (FSS)**

- As of 13 December, **1.6 million meals** were prepared and delivered daily by 25 partners in 209 community kitchens.
- On 11 December, heavy rainstorms disrupted operations, resulting in the **temporary closure of at least 16 community kitchens** and delays of staff movement and food deliveries.
- In response, **fortified biscuits were distributed to more than 1,000 rain-affected families** on 13 December following referrals from Shelter Cluster partners.
- From 12 December, partners also scaled up assistance by **providing over 5,000 cooked meals daily across 30 additional rain-affected displacement sites** in Deir al-Balah, Khan Younis, and Gaza, alongside ongoing meal provision in other locations.
- Following the voluntary relocation of families from the shorelines to a new site in Khan Younis beginning on 10 December, partners continue to deliver cooked meals to the site on daily basis in coordination with the Site Management Cluster.
- The distribution of veterinary kits, which had been temporarily paused due to adverse weather conditions, has resumed, with nearly **500 herders receiving kits along with fodder.**



### **Logistics Cluster (LC)**

- **The B2B convoys continue via Sheikh Hussein Bridge – Jordan River, though capacity remains very limited.** Since the beginning of December, seven B2B convoys for five partners were facilitated, with 68 trucks offloaded at Gaza crossings.
- **Allenby Crossing was reopened to humanitarian cargo on 10 December, for food supplies only, via B2B modality.** The Logistics Cluster is coordinating with partners to identify cargo ready for dispatch.
- A total of **2,416 trucks were manifested** on behalf of 19 partners, with 1,799 offloaded at Gaza crossings.
- The Logistics Cluster facilitated the collection of **7,797 pallets of aid from Gaza entry points,** and received 5,434 m³ of shelter, WASH, food, and other items on behalf of seven partners in common warehouses inside Gaza.
- The malfunctioning of **Ashdod scanner** over several days severely impacted throughput along this route. **Operations have now resumed.**
- **Changing requirements continue to disrupt West Bank route,** causing delays, rejections, and resulting in higher operational costs. Frequent adjustments in truck quota are impacting manifest coordination and the ability for humanitarian organizations to plan effectively.