WFP trucks, donated by the Italian Government, being used to move critical humanitarian aid in southern Gaza, exiting Karem Shalom. © WFP/Jaber Badwan

WFP PALESTINE EMERGENCY RESPONSE
External Situation Report 70

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HIGHLIGHTS

- WFP is ramping up its operations across Gaza at full scale, resuming general food and nutrition assistance, expanding bakery production and digital payments, and supporting children's learning with fortified snacks. Critically, in less than two weeks into the ceasefire WFP has already reached nearly 320,000 people with food parcels— 20 percent of the monthly target of 1.6 million — through 38 food distribution points, including 9 sites in northern Gaza, which reopened for the first time on 23 October since mid-April.
- The resumption of the food distribution directly to people marks a major milestone: after months of insecurity and restrictions, food is once again reaching families at scale, and particularly in the north. This rapid progress demonstrates that when access improves, food reaches people fast.
- WFP is also working to secure additional warehouses and fuel capacity in Gaza City, clear roads and rubble, and assess retailers to expand bread distribution and revive local markets.

OCTOBER IN NUMBERS

Reporting period 1-23 October 2025

PALESTINE — **769,032 beneficiaries** (2 million planned)

Gaza — 468,450 (1.6 million planned)

CARGO MOVEMENTS
- **8,388 mt** of food delivered to bakeries, partners, and warehouses

GENERAL FOOD ASSISTANCE
- **Bread bundles** (~142,000 2kg bundles, daily)
- **63,696 Food parcels** → **318,475**

MALNUTRITION ASSISTANCE
- Malnutrition prevention assistance → **119,461**
- Malnutrition treatment assistance → **3,503**

CASH-BASED ASSISTANCE (e-wallets)
- **USD 11.4 M in e-wallets** → **149,975**

As part of 200,000 to be targeted in the current 2nd round

West Bank — 300,582 (338,000 planned)

National Cash Transfer Programme Support (vouchers)
- **USD 2.8 M in routine assistance** → **178,838**

Emergency Response (vouchers)
- **USD 2 M in assistance** → **121,742**

Prevention of Acute Malnutrition (digital transfer)
- **USD 40,264 in assistance** → **892**

Support for Gazan Workers (digital transfer)
- **USD 422 in assistance** → **2**

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 497 M *Jan 2025-Present*

Government donors | Private donors | Unmet needs

462 M | 35 M | 1.1 B

Largest Donors

Private Donors

WFP six-month net funding requirements

USD 453 M *Nov 2025 –April 2026*

Additional funds are urgently needed for shock-responsive CBT assistance in the West Bank.

SITUATION UPDATE

- **While Gaza ceasefire between Israel and Hamas remains in place but fragile, humanitarian aid has begun to flow, offering a measure of relief despite uncertainty**. Hamas has returned additional bodies of Israeli hostages, even as both sides accuse each other of violating the truce. The Rafah Border Crossing remains largely closed, worsening Gaza's humanitarian crisis, and international monitors are deploying to support to support enforcement. US and regional officials urge patience, warning that any escalation could derails the agreement, even as efforts continue to stabilize conditions and move toward long-term reconstruction.

- **The ceasefire has opened a critical window of access and movement in the north, but the humanitarian and security situation remain extremely dire.** Large numbers of displaced Palestinians are returning to the north of the Gaza Strip, though many arrive to find destroyed homes, unexploded ordnance and minimal infrastructure.

- Following the announcement of the ceasefire, **large-scale population movements have been observed across Gaza** as families attempt to return home after months of displacement. According to the Camp Coordination and Camp Management (CCCM) Cluster's population movement monitoring, over 400,000 people have moved from south to north since 10 October. An additional 71,000 movements were recorded from the western parts of Khan Younis towards the eastern areas of the governorate. This represents a notable shift from previous months of continuous southward displacement.

- **Humanitarian needs across Gaza remain critical and largely unmet.** Access to northern areas is still extremely limited, leaving thousands without consistent aid or essential services. Southern areas are facing tremendous strain, where shelter, sanitation, water, food and medical services are already overwhelmed. Malnutrition levels are alarmingly high, particularly among children, and the health system continues to operate under severe strain.

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PROGRAMME UPDATE (1-23 October)

General Food Assistance in Gaza

- **General food distributions resumed on 13 October,** with beneficiaries receiving WFP food parcels consisting of a one-box ration through 38 active distribution points since the post-ceasefire resumption. **This includes nine distribution points in northern Gaza, which became operational on 22 October.** Initial monitoring indicated that distributions were well-organized and transparent. Minor issues were reported, including damaged boxes, and issues relating to transportation costs for beneficiaries traveling to distribution sites.
- Since resuming bread production, **WFP has reactivated 15 bakeries across the Strip,** supplying them with flour, sugar, yeast, and fuel. **An average of 142,000 bread bundles are produced daily** and distributed through WFP partners at over 230 sites or sold at a subsidized price of ILS 3 (USD 0.79) per 2-kg bundle via 22 contracted retailers. This total includes an additional 40,000 bundles produced daily by six bakeries that resumed operations in Gaza City on 22 October—the first time since April, following nearly seven months of suspension. All bakeries are operating at full capacity, and efforts are underway to increase flour supplies to sustain production. **Overall, this bread support reaches an estimated 700,000 people every day.**

Malnutrition Assistance in Gaza

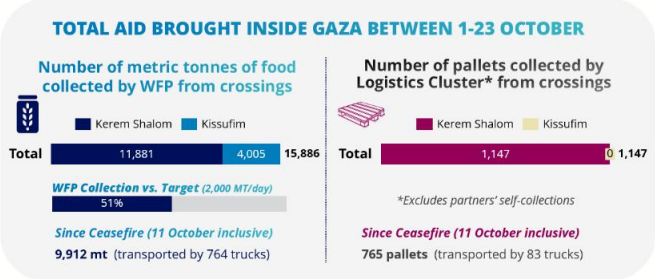
- WFP successfully transported critical nutrition supplies to support the scale-up of malnutrition prevention and treatment activities. **Nutrition distributions resumed smoothly in Khan Younis, Deir al-Balah, and in Gaza City**. Since the resumption in October, nutrition partners have expanded prevention and treatment services. Distributions have been well-organized, with proper screening, data collection, and awareness sessions, ensuring transparent and equitable access to nutrition services.
- Since the ceasefire, and in collaboration with UNICEF, UNRWA, and the Education Cluster, **WFP supported over 46,000 children in 29 active Temporary Learning Spaces (TLS)** within shelters by providing nutritious snacks, including fortified biscuits and date bars. Efforts are underway to expand the programme's reach to additional children.

Digital Payments in Gaza

- **In October, WFP expanded its second round of e-wallet assistance to target 200,000 people,** prioritizing households lacking in-kind aid and those from northern areas. **So far, nearly 150,000 people have received ILS 1,250 (≈USD 372) per month for basic food and essential needs.**

SUPPLY CHAIN

- **Following the 10 October ceasefire**, WFP scaled up supply chain operations to enhance the delivery of humanitarian assistance into Gaza. While access restrictions and damaged infrastructure continue to limit large-scale operations, looting incidents have significantly decreased. WFP is working to re-open storage facilities across Gaza to help restore logistics capacity and maintain a steady flow of assistance.
- Between 1 and 23 October, **WFP offloaded 742 trucks** (nearly 14,682 mt of food) at **crossing platforms** via the various corridors. During the same period, **1,196 WFP trucks,** carrying 15,886 mt of food aid **were collected inside Gaza from the crossings.** Of these, **650 trucks delivering 8,388 mt reached their final destinations,** supplying bakeries, partners and warehouses. (*see infographic below*)



CLUSTERS AND COMMON SERVICES

Food Security Sector (FSS)

- FSS partners resumed general food parcel distributions on 13 October, marking the first such activity in several months. Distributions are ongoing daily, with partners expanding distribution points and transferring food supplies from the south to the north to facilitate the resumption of general food assistance in northern areas.
- As of 20 October, 21 partners collectively prepared and delivered approximately 946,000 meals per day through 179 community kitchens. This represents a twofold increase in meal production compared to early September, when output averaged around 500,000 meals daily.
- Between 15 and 20 October, 150 metric tons of concentrate fodder were delivered, with distribution to livestock holders commencing in Deir Al Balah on 21 October.

Logistics Cluster (LC)

- Between 1 and 19 October, 1,434 trucks of 16 partners were submitted for Israeli authorities' approval, 1,045 offloaded in Gaza. From Jordan, at the request of three partners, the Cluster facilitated five Back-to-Back (B2B) convoys; 47 of the total trucks offloaded at Kerem Shalom (KS).
- During the reporting period, the Cluster, at the request of five partners, collected 830 pallets of shelter items from KS entry point.
- On 17 October, for the first time in six months, Cluster-facilitated aid cargo was successfully transported to the common storage warehouse in Deir al Balah without losses.
- The West Bank and Jordan routes remain extremely restricted, with approximately 15 trucks of aid per day per route.
- Government-to-Government (G2G) convoys on the Jordan route have still not resumed.

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