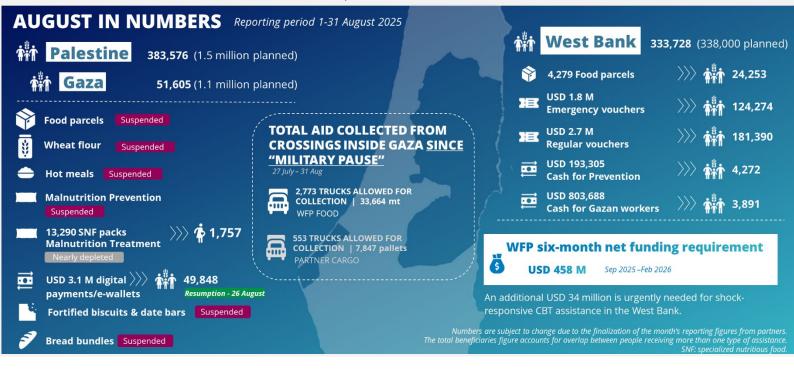
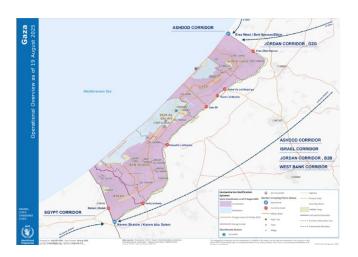
HIGHLIGHTS

- WFP continues to reach Gaza's most vulnerable under near-impossible conditions. After nearly five months of suspension, WFP digital payments/e-wallets injected USD 2.8 million in August to support families cut off from aid. Additionally, WFP's malnutrition treatment activities resumed, reaching 1,757 pregnant/breastfeeding women. Nearly half a million meals were delivered via 99 community kitchens operated by 19 food security partners. However, these efforts are still insufficient to address the massive needs in the Strip.
- Since 27 July, WFP has brought in 34,900 mt of food and over 8,000 pallets of partner aid through the two operational Gaza crossings (Zikim and Kerem Shalom). However, organized food distributions remain unviable due to crowd dynamics, convoy attacks, and severe congestion, which put civilians and staff at serious risk.
- Without a ceasefire and safe and reliable conditions, WFP and partners cannot reactivate their food distribution network in a sustainable manner.



SITUATION UPDATE

- Gaza City has now been officially declared a combat zone, with strikes impacting homes, shelters, and makeshift clinics. Around 15,000 residents have fled south so far, as many are unable to move due to health, safety, or financial barriers.
- There have been <u>2,339</u> reported fatalities among aid seekers near militarized distribution sites and along convoy routes since 27 May.
- WFP's Executive Director (ED), Cindy McCain, conducted a mission to Palestine and Israel, including Gaza, from 25 to 28 August to advocate for predictable, sustained access and the resumption of WFP's distribution network.
- Israeli authorities announced plans to scale back humanitarian aid into Gaza, including airdrops and truckbased aid, as well as annex parts of the West Bank.



WFP OPERATIONS

General Food Assistance in Gaza (1-31 August)

- Malnutrition treatment activities resumed on 20
 August, after a brief suspension caused by stock depletion,
 allowing partners to reach 1,757 pregnant and
 breastfeeding women (PBW) in August. However, stocks
 remain critically low, and efforts to bring more in are being
 subjected to looting.
- After a five-month pause due to deteriorating market conditions, WFP resumed digital payments/e-wallets activities in Gaza on 26 August. WFP is prioritizing households that face barriers to accessing in-kind food (e.g. without an able-bodied male or with a malnourished PBW) and has reached 8,351 households (49,848 people) out of a target of 13,213 households. Each household received ILS 1,250/USD 372 monthly to help cope with inflated prices.
- The remaining WFP operations are largely suspended due to insecurity and restrictions. To mitigate these challenges, WFP teams continue to clear roads and test alternative means to transport food to its intended destinations.



- In August, 24,253 individuals received in-kind food to address acute food insecurity in hard-to-reach communities in Area C.
- In parallel, 124,274 people received emergency food vouchers as part of WFP's shock response plan. WFP's regular voucher programme supported 181,390 vulnerable people (ILS 50/USD 14.5 per person) to improve food security and dietary diversity.
- Some 4,272 women received cash top-ups (ILS 128/USD 37.12 per woman) as part of the Cash for Prevention Programme to support maternal and child health.
- 3,891 Gazan workers stranded in the West Bank received cash assistance to enable them to purchase nutritious food from local shops.

SUPPLY CHAIN

- Movement through key corridors remains challenged due to frequent rejections by Israeli authorities, long delays, truck turn-backs, lengthy inspections, and the low priority given to humanitarian cargo. As of 1 September, WFP has about 172,000 mt of food for Gaza stored, under procurement, or in transit in the region.
- Inside Gaza, in the south, WFP's collections have been constrained as other actors were prioritized, while movement restrictions, blocked road repairs, military activity, and organized looting have all disrupted operations.
- In the north, convoys face overwhelming crowds trying to seize food, with entire trucks being looted, even under heavy military fire.
- In August, WFP collected 2,366 trucks with 28,081 mt of food aid inside Gaza, as well as 505 trucks with 7,213 pallets of aid on behalf of partners.



Figures are preliminary and subject to reconciliation. "Offloaded" refers to cargo being delivered to the Israeli side of the crossing platform via corridors, while "allowed for collection" indicates that the cargo has been picked up by WFP-contracted transporters inside Gaza from crossings.

 In August, over 99 percent of cargo was looted by crowds en route to its final destination, preventing regular distribution. In September so far, WFP has collected 1,237 mt of cargo, all of which was looted.

CLUSTERS AND COMMON SERVICES

Food Security Sector (<u>FSS</u>)

- As of 30 August, 468,000 meals were prepared daily and delivered by 19 partners (excluding WFP) through 99 kitchens, compared to one million daily meals in April.
- For the first time in five months, 60 mt of animal feed
 was brought in through Karem Abu Salem crossing, with
 plans to maintain similar daily deliveries. In Deir al Balah,
 600 livestock holders received two 50 kg sacks of
 concentrated fodder each.

→ Logistics Cluster (<u>LC</u>)

- In August, 6,634 pallets were collected in Gaza from the Karem Abu Salem and West Erez (Zikim) crossings, on behalf of three partners.
- Starting 17 August, Israeli authorities have authorized the entry of shelter items, animal fodder, and limited fresh food on a case-by-case basis to south Gaza.
- Through the Jordan corridor, the Logistics Cluster facilitated access to seven Government-to-Government (G2G) convoys. Of 101 trucks that departed, 32 offloaded food items at Erez West (Zikim) for one partner, while the rest were rejected. The Cluster also facilitated one Backto-Back (B2B) convoy of eight trucks carrying shelter items, offloaded in the South.
- Truck returns from the Egypt corridor remain high, and the West Bank route is still heavily restricted. In August, four organizations delivered 70 trucks of food and health items to Karem Abu Salem through bilateral coordination with Israeli authorities.



ام) Emergency Telecommunications Cluster (<u>ETC</u>)

 Urgent additional funding is required to sustain critical telecom services and avoid a breakdown of life-saving communications across Gaza.

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