

WFP PALESTINE EMERGENCY RESPONSE

Situation Report 15

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Family prepares a meal in make-shift tent in Deir El Balah WFP/Alf Jadallah

HIGHLIGHTS

- WFP has [paused](#) deliveries of life-saving food to northern Gaza until conditions are in place that allow for safe distributions.
- WFP is deeply concerned about an expanded Israeli military offensive in Rafah, where over a million people are crammed into a tiny area. As most aid is currently entering Gaza through Rafah and is being distributed there, the offensive would further complicate relief efforts.
- A joint assessment with UNICEF and WHO revealed an accelerating malnutrition crisis in Gaza, with wasting threatening the lives of countless children, pregnant women and young mothers.
- WFP delivered three food convoys to Gaza City in February, amounting to a total of seven convoys since the start of the year. This still falls short of the volumes needed to prevent a famine.
- As needs are soaring, WFP requires around **USD 760 million** to sustain its emergency response for up to 1.1 million affected people until the end of the year.

IN NUMBERS



WFP Operations



General Food Assistance (GFA)

- In February so far, WFP reached an estimated **1.45 million* vulnerable people** in Gaza with food assistance.
 - In Gaza, WFP has distributed around **217,000 food parcels** that last for 10 days for IDPs in informal camps and within host communities. Distributions take place across six partner distribution points, eight WFP-contracted shops, and informal camps in Rafah and Deir El Balah.
 - Over **844,800 IDPs** in designated UN shelters received canned food and wheat flour.
 - WFP supports **community-kitchens providing hot meals to IDPs**, benefiting around 401,000 people.
 - WFP delivered over 1,900 mt of wheat flour and other resources to 12 bakeries in Rafah and Deir El Balah. Over **600,000 bread parcels** were produced during the reporting period. Monitoring shows nearly all WFP beneficiaries have access to bread from this assistance.

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

Situation Update

- A joint WFP, UNICEF, and WHO [Nutrition Vulnerability and Situation Analysis](#) Gaza report concluded that the severe shortage of food, and the collapse of health services has resulted in child wasting. The situation is particularly extreme in northern Gaza where 15.6 percent of children under two years of age are acutely malnourished. This is a rapid deterioration from the nearly 1 percent observed in Gaza before the war.

- So far this month, WFP has delivered three convoys of food aid, assisting around 65,000 people in Gaza City. This covered only 20 percent of the 300,000 people estimated by the UN to still reside in northern Gaza. All areas north of Wadi Gaza have been extremely difficult to reach because of the restricted access to the area where needs are highest with a risk of imminent famine.
- In the West Bank, WFP expanded its assistance to an additional 100,000 vulnerable people through cash-based transfers and provided one-time cash assistance to 2,900 Gazan laborers and patients there. In February so far, over **124,300 people** redeemed their cash entitlements.



Supply Chain

- Since the crisis began, WFP has **delivered almost 2,700 trucks carrying over 44,000 mt of food** into Gaza. This month, WFP delivered 573 trucks, carrying almost 10,000 mt of food. This is nearly a 60 percent decrease in the daily average compared to January.
- As of 28 February, there are 14,000 mt of food on 694 trucks awaiting inspection and entry into Gaza, with an additional 18,000 mt in Port Said. Cargo entering Gaza faces significant delays due to multi-layered vetting process, custom clearance challenges, and security concerns.
- WFP has coordinated the delivery **of 12 inter-agency convoys from Jordan to Gaza**, with a total of 261 trucks carrying food and non-food items.

Clusters and Common Services



Logistics Cluster

- An additional common warehouse was made available for partners in the North Camp of Rafah, with the current total storage capacity in Gaza coming to 2,470 m². The Logistics Cluster has also secured bonded storage space with temperature-controlled capacity in Amman for consolidation and pre-positioning of cargo.
- The Logistics Cluster continues to facilitate access to temporary storage, transport from Rafah transshipment point to common warehouses, and

cargo notification services. As of 15 February, the Logistics Cluster has stored 7,268 m³ of cargo on behalf of 17 organisations; 21 humanitarian organisations used cargo notification service in Gaza.

- For the Jordan corridor, the Logistics Cluster circulated [a survey](#) to collect partners' customs and aid importation/exportation challenges in order to support clarification of processes and requirements.



Emergency Telecommunications Cluster (ETC)

- In support of the ETC, the Humanitarian Coordinator (HC) engaged with the Israeli Coordinator of Government Activities in the Territories (COGAT) and on 12 February, successfully secured approval for the importation of the digital Very High Frequency (VHF) radio equipment and solar power solutions for the ETC, UNDSS and OCHA.



Food Security Sector (FSS)

- The FSS is developing a mapping of food assistance across different governorates of Gaza Strip, to coordinate and ensure food assistance coverage of the population among its 13 members.
- The preparatory work for the upcoming Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC) Acute Food Insecurity analysis has started.



Funding

- WFP urgently requires at least USD 760 million in funding to provide support for up to 1.1 million people until the end of 2024.
- **As of now, WFP has USD 278 million confirmed contributions from** government donors and the private sector including Share The Meal and Individual Giving campaigns.



Accountability to Affected Populations

- WFP's hotline, a lifeline for people in Gaza seeking help, assistance and information, receives an average of 14,000 cases weekly. The majority of calls from Gaza are for food or shelter assistance. WFP also extends this hotline service to other UN agencies and partners.