

WFP PALESTINE EMERGENCY RESPONSE

Situation Report 14

2 February 2024

Pregnant mother and child receiving supplementary nutritious food. WFP/Ali Jadallah

HIGHLIGHTS

- The humanitarian situation in Gaza keeps deteriorating. The entire population needs food assistance, and famine is looming for over half a million people. There is particular concern for populations in northern Gaza (estimated at 300,000), who are almost entirely cut off from assistance, and where food security assessments show the greatest needs. With more funding and better access, WFP can scale up its food assistance.
- We are seeing a rapid breakdown of civil order on the ground, causing serious and increasing obstacles for all humanitarian actors to distribute aid in an orderly and controlled manner.
- WFP needs a step change in the operating conditions, both in terms of security and access, to scale-up food assistance and reduce the risk of widespread famine. This includes: 1) unimpeded access to all areas of Gaza and improved ability to safely move within Gaza; 2) speedy approvals and provision of humanitarian material and operational support needed for humanitarian operations; 3) the use of Ashdod port, as well as more entry points and supply routes into Gaza.
- In a [joint statement](#), Principals of the Inter-Agency Standing Committee (IASC) warn against pausing UNRWA funding, which will have catastrophic consequences on the people of Gaza.
- WFP requires a minimum of **USD 314 million** to sustain its emergency response for up to 1.1 million affected people until April 2024 - and more is needed beyond the three months - WFP is revising its funding requirements upwards to meet surging needs.

JANUARY IN NUMBERS



1.4 million people

Assisted in January with general food assistance across Gaza and the West Bank.



1,272 WFP Trucks

(29 percent of total aid trucks) crossed into Gaza through Rafah border in January with over 22,000 mt of life-saving food supplies (32,000 since the beginning).



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affected people targeted by WFP emergency assistance in January.

- Against the backdrop of displacement, destruction, and woefully inadequate assistance, desperation is leading to the collapse of civil order in Gaza, increasing the obstacles for controlled and orderly humanitarian response. To prevent famine, and further chaos, food must be delivered at-scale into Gaza and to all areas inside Gaza.

WFP Operations



General Food Assistance (GFA)

- In January, WFP reached an estimated **1.3 million* vulnerable people** with in-kind and cash-based general food assistance across Gaza:
 - IWFP distributed **191,000 food parcels**, sufficient for about 955,000 people for ten days, to internally displaced people (IDPs) residing in informal camps and host communities. Distributions take place across six partner distribution points, nine WFP-contracted shops, and informal camps in Rafah and Deir El Balah.

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

Situation Update

- Four months of conflict and inadequate food and water consumption, the entire population of Gaza is hungry, particularly populations in northern Gaza, who are almost entirely cut off from assistance, and where food security assessments show the greatest needs.

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- Around **890,470 IDPs** in designated UN shelters received canned food and wheat flour for two weeks.
- WFP is supporting **community-kitchens to provide hot meals to IDPs**. About 181,000 people in Rafah, Deir El Balah, and Gaza City received hot meals. In January, WFP scaled up hot meals through six partners.
- WFP delivered over 1,825 mt of wheat flour and other inputs to nine bakeries in Rafah and Deir El Balah so they can start producing bread at a subsidized price to people in communities. Approximately **500,000 people** were reached with bread through this initiative.
- WFP delivered four convoys of about 500 mt of food supplies for around 60,000 people in Gaza City. All areas north of Wadi Gaza have been extremely difficult to reach because of the restricted access to the area.
- In **the West Bank**, WFP expanded its assistance to an additional 100,000 vulnerable people with cash-based transfers and provided 2,900 Gazan laborers and patients in the West Bank with a one-time cash assistance. In January so far, **110,000 food-insecure people** redeemed their cash entitlements, and 1,600 people in Bedouin communities received in-kind food assistance.



Supply Chain

- **Since the onset of the crisis, WFP delivered a total of 1,940 trucks carrying over 32,413 mt of food equal to 19 percent of total aid trucks which entered Gaza.** In January, WFP delivered 1,272 trucks carrying over 22,000 mt of food into Gaza – the highest amount in one month.
- As of 1 February, 856 trucks with 13,700 mt of food are ready for inspection and entry into Gaza, with more arriving. Cargo entering Gaza faces significant delays due to multi-layered vetting process and challenges for custom clearances.
- WFP has coordinated the delivery **of nine inter-agency convoys from Jordan to Gaza**, with a total of 114 trucks carrying food and non-food items.
- WFP is expanding its transport and storage capacities inside Gaza, but lack of security of personnel and cargo and movement restrictions continue posing challenges for a comprehensive operation.

Clusters and Common Services



Logistics Cluster

- The Logistics Cluster continues facilitating access to temporary storage, transport, cargo notification and transshipment services. So far, the Logistics Cluster has stored 4,651 m3 of cargo on behalf of 15 organizations in Gaza, installed 18 mobile storage units (MSU), and made available 1,400 m2 of temporary storage in Rafah.
- The Palestine Logistics Cluster has launched common transport services free of charge for the route: Amman to Rafah via King Hussein Bridge and convoy coordination services for the route Amman to Rafah via Aqaba-Nuweiba.
- The Logistics Cluster-led IMPACCT Working Group published the fourth bulletin on customs processes to transit humanitarian aid from Egypt to support the Gaza response, which provides the latest information based on discussions with the Egyptian Red Crescent (ERC) and humanitarian partners.



Emergency Telecommunications Cluster(ETC)

- From 9 to 31 January, the ETC supported ten humanitarian agencies with ICT assessments, technical advice and information, quick repairs, and guidance on the use of ICT equipment in Gaza.



Funding

- WFP is currently revising its funding needs upwards to reflect greater requirements beyond April 2024.
- Funding is urgently needed. WFP has used internal advancing to preposition food at the borders of Egypt and Jordan to move into Gaza – enough to feed 1.1 million people for three months. That needs to be replenished – and more is needed beyond the three months.
- As of now, WFP has approximately **USD 200 million** confirmed contributions: USD 182 million from government donors and USD 18 million from the private sector including Share The Meal and Individual Giving campaigns.



Accountability to Affected Populations

- WFP's hotline is a lifeline for people in Gaza to call in for help, assistance and information. The majority of calls from Gaza request food or shelter assistance. WFP provides this service also to other UN agencies and partners.