

WFP PALESTINE EMERGENCY RESPONSE

External Situation Report 34

Mohammed is carrying a food parcel he just received from a WFP distribution point to his tent. WFP/ Ali Jadalallah

HIGHLIGHTS

- In September to date, WFP reached 893,757 vulnerable people in Gaza and the West Bank, including 688,501 people in Gaza. This is significantly below the usual number of people reached by WFP, as a result of Israeli-imposed bureaucratic hurdles, lack of security guarantees within Gaza, insufficient border crossing points, and risk of criminal gangs looting humanitarian convoys in South Gaza. Forced population movement has also disrupted the capacity of partners to maintain operations and distribute to those in need.
- While hot meals and the distribution of fresh bread through bakeries continue, WFP will no longer distribute food baskets through its general food distributions across Gaza in October as the flow of essential goods has been critically restricted.
- The situation in the West Bank is deteriorating rapidly. Military operations continue to cause casualties and significant damage to civilian infrastructure. Increased violence, movement restrictions and economic disruption are severely impacting daily life. Civilians and humanitarian workers need protection, and access to affected areas must be ensured.

SEPTEMBER IN NUMBERS



893,757 people

assisted with general food assistance across Gaza and the West Bank.



645 WFP Trucks

delivered 10,843 mt of food into Gaza in September so far, bringing the total to 9,271 WFP trucks carrying at least 148,697 mt since the start of the crisis.



WFP six-month net funding requirement

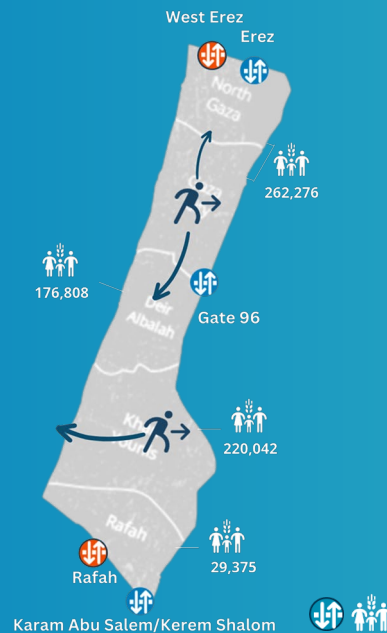
\$ 166 M

Oct 2024 - March 2025



1.4 million

affected people targeted monthly by WFP emergency assistance in Palestine.



Access Update

- WFP resumed cargo dispatches through the Erez border point on 18 September, following a suspension on 16 September due to the arrest of ten WFP-contracted truck drivers one day earlier, while collecting WFP commodities.
- All three WFP warehouses in the central region continue to require coordination for dispatches, per the Israel Coordination and Liaison Administration request, hindering access.

Crossing status (blue open, red closed)
1-28 September GFA unique

SITUATION UPDATE

- **Internally displaced persons remain at risk** as schools and tents where they are sheltering continue to be targeted. With the rainy season approaching, they also face the threat of further displacement due to flooding and high tides.
- Evacuation orders, infrastructure damage, security risks, closed crossings, and fuel and food shortages continue to **severely disrupt humanitarian operations**.
- Military operations continue across **the West Bank**, including Hebron, Ramallah, and Nablus.

WFP OPERATIONS



General Food Assistance (GFA)

- As of 28 September, WFP provided in-kind and cash-based general food assistance to approximately **893,757 vulnerable individuals across Gaza and the West Bank**. In the **Gaza Strip**, WFP reached **688,501 people** with reduced rations, due to inability to replenish stocks amidst access constraints. **The total beneficiaries figure accounts for overlap between people receiving more than one type and duration of assistance. Monthly distribution figures are estimates and subject to change pending final beneficiary reconciliation.*
- In the Gaza Strip, WFP distributed **146,115 partial food parcels**, to **550,176 displaced persons** in shelters, informal camps, and host communities.

- Over **3.1 million bread bundles** (6,371 mt) were supplied through 13 WFP-supported bakeries. However, critical fuel and yeast shortages remain.
- WFP provided over **9.4 million hot meals** through a network of 72 community kitchens to **186,161 people**.
- **36,478 pregnant and breastfeeding women, and girls, and 90,909 children under five** received over 2.7 million lipid-based nutritional supplement packs as complementary feeding assistance to meet their increased nutritional needs.
- As of 30 September, 93 percent of vulnerable families receiving **multi-purpose cash assistance (MPCA)** have redeemed their entitlements through five vendors in central Gaza, via e-wallets and cash distribution.
- In **the West Bank, 175,062 people** redeemed their cash-based transfers in September, allowing them to purchase food items from local stores.
- In response to the emerging needs following the recent military operations in **the West Bank**, WFP has distributed a one-off **cash transfer of 1,000 ILS (USD 265) to 5,300 households** in Jenin, Tulkarem, and Tubas in coordination with UNRWA and Palestine's Ministry of Social Development. So far, 84 percent of the beneficiaries have redeemed their assistance.
- Additionally, **3,805 Gazan workers** stranded in the West Bank received a Multi-Purpose Cash transfer of 700 ILS (USD 185).



Supply Chain

- Since the start of the crisis, WFP has delivered 9,271 WFP trucks with at least 148,697 mt of food into Gaza.



CLUSTERS AND COMMON SERVICES

Food Security Sector

- As of the third week of September, more than 600,000 cooked meals have been prepared daily in 150 kitchens for families across the Strip, up from 450,000 in 130 kitchens in late August.

- Nevertheless, during the same period, over 1.4 million people did not receive their monthly food rations for the second consecutive month. Urgent supplies are needed to support vulnerable households ahead of the rainy season and the winter.
- Partners are being mobilized after an inter-cluster rapid assessment conducted last week to deliver food parcels and cooked meals to marginalized communities, including to newly accessible areas such as eastern Khan Younis. Humanitarian food supplies remain severely constrained, particularly in the south and central areas, where distribution has been scaled back for the third consecutive month.
- Recent military operations in Beit Lahia (North Gaza) destroyed more than 50 dunams of agricultural land and assets. Additionally, by August 2024, 68 percent (102 km²) of permanent crop fields in Gaza showed a significant decline in condition compared to the previous seven-year average.

Logistics Cluster

- In September, the Logistics Cluster's common warehouse in Deir Al Balah received 2,099 m³ of humanitarian cargo for storage, bringing the total stored cargo in Gaza to 42,180 m³.
- Due to severe access and security constraints, cargo transport services from the Kerem Shalom/Karem Abu Salem platform were not possible in September. The Logistics Cluster continued cargo uplifting operations from the northern crossing of Erez, despite mission denials, transporting to date 4,466 mt from Erez West and Erez to partners' warehouses in the north.
- The logistics Cluster's facilitation of convoys from Jordan remains on hold due to a bureaucratic issue with the import declaration form. However, the Israeli authorities have agreed to slightly modify the form. The Logistics Cluster and UNOPS have presented a new version that will allow the resumption of humanitarian freight transport on G2G convoys.



Emergency Telecommunications Cluster (ETC)

- Voice services are limited due to fuel, access, and spare parts shortages. Satellite phones are operational. Internet is limited due to infrastructure and fuel issues.



ACCOUNTABILITY TO AFFECTED POPULATIONS

- WFP's self-registration link to improve data collection and beneficiary management surpassed 1.2 million since its launch.
- WFP's **inter-agency hotline** available for people to request and inquire about humanitarian assistance logged **28,576 cases** in September to date. Over half of the cases were related to WFP assistance (of those, 55 percent were requesting information, and 18 percent were reporting complaints).