

# WFP PALESTINE EMERGENCY RESPONSE

## External Situation Report 52

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Gaza remains under total blockade for almost two months, with no entry of food, fuel, medicine, or other vital supplies. People's coping mechanisms are collapsing. Market stocks are nearly exhausted. WFP warehouses are nearly empty.
- Immediate, sustained humanitarian access is urgently needed. WFP calls for all parties to the conflict to protect civilians, humanitarian workers, and critical infrastructure.
- The crisis in the West Bank also continues to deepen, with ongoing military incursions and violence. Humanitarian needs in the West Bank are noticeably surging amid rising economic hardship, blocked access to services, and increased displacement.

## APRIL IN NUMBERS

Reporting period 1-26 April 2025


 **Palestine** 1.2 million (1.5 million planned)

 **Gaza** 1 million (1.1 million planned)

 **West Bank** 195,191 (338,000 planned)

 960 Food parcels >>>  4,753

 USD 2.6 M value vouchers >>>  188,469

 USD 193,676 cash assistance >>>  1,969

### WFP six-month net funding requirement

 **USD 278.2 M** May to October 2025

An additional USD 34 million is urgently needed for 3-month shock-responsive CBT assistance in the West Bank.

Numbers are subject to change due to the finalization of the month's reporting figures from partners. The total beneficiaries figure accounts for overlap between people receiving more than one type of assistance. BSFP: Blanket Supplementary Feeding Programme; TSFP: Targeted Supplementary Feeding Programme; SNF: specialized nutritious food.

## SITUATION UPDATE

- No humanitarian or commercial supplies have entered the Strip for over eight weeks. On 25 April, WFP [announced](#) it has depleted all its food stocks for families in Gaza.
- [Gaza's food security crisis is rapidly worsening](#); **dietary availability is sharply declining**. Food prices in April rose by an average of 50 percent compared to March, and by up to 1,400 percent higher than during the ceasefire. Markets are operating at below 40 percent capacity, with shops displaying empty shelves. Commodities are scarce and expensive. Access to essential foods like meat, eggs, dairy, and fresh produce is very limited. 95 percent of households report cash shortages. Child malnutrition cases surged by 80 percent in March, and 90 percent of households now lack safe drinking water, highlighting the urgent need for humanitarian access.
- Armed robberies and attacks on humanitarian operations** continue to escalate, with one WFP cooperating partner's (CP) warehouse looted (10 mt stolen) and one (CP) truck hijacked (3.5 mt looted) in the past week.
- In the West Bank**, military operations and violence continue to escalate, displacing thousands across Jenin, Tulkarem, Nur Shams, Al Far'a, Nablus, and Ramallah. IDF operations have intensified, with expanded buffer zones, home demolitions, and over 900 roadblocks restricting movement. **Jenin is now fully encircled**, and evacuation orders increasingly issued. Humanitarian needs in the West Bank are surging amid rising economic hardship, blocked access to services, and growing displacement.

## WFP OPERATIONS (1 -26 April)

### General Food Assistance (GFA) in Gaza

- Despite the ongoing blockade, WFP provided general food assistance to one million vulnerable people across Gaza in April, primarily through hot meals and nutrition assistance, leveraging the stocks gathered during the 42-day ceasefire, albeit with extremely reduced rations. Due to ongoing blockade and supply constraints, the assistance covered less than a quarter of daily caloric needs—far below the minimum required to sustain

health. The few food parcels distributed only covered one-quarter of a ration.

### Assistance ongoing

- **Hot Meals:** WFP delivered its last remaining food stocks to hot meals kitchens in the Gaza Strip. 47 kitchens are expected to fully exhaust their food supplies in the coming days. Despite acute shortages of water, firewood, and spices, these kitchens produce around 423,000 meals per day for the most vulnerable until they run out of food. Although reaching only half the population with just 25 percent of daily nutritional needs, hot meals have served as a critical lifeline.
- **Distribution sites are increasingly crowded,** with severe congestion posing safety and operational challenges. While partners continue to deliver assistance safely and effectively, WFP is supporting operations by collecting and redistributing wooden pallets to kitchens for use as a fuel alternative to gas, in coordination with partners.
- **Cash for Work:** WFP continues the training for 100 women to recycle WFP bags, producing 20,200 bags, and 310 shades since the start of the activity.
- The **Blanket Supplementary Feeding Programme (BSFP)** continues nutrition support in Gaza, distributing 100 mt of specialized nutritious foods (SNF) and providing Infant and Young Child Feeding in Emergencies (IYCF-E) counselling. Nine **Targeted Supplementary Feeding Programme (TSFP)** sites remain operational for malnourished pregnant and breastfeeding women.

### Assistance on-hold

- **General Food Distribution (GFD):** WFP has dispatched all food parcel stocks. Without border access, no further distributions to vulnerable people in the Strip are possible.
- **Bakeries:** As of 31 March, all 25 WFP-supported bakeries are closed due to lack of supplies—leaving Gaza without subsidized bread for nearly three weeks amid growing hunger. Wheat flour is scarce and selling at 400 NIS (USD 100) per 25 kg, or a 900 percent increase compared to pre-March 18 prices.
- **Cash Assistance:** With borders closed and food scarce, few retailers accept e-wallets and purchasing power is eroded in Gaza. WFP has paused the scale-up of cash assistance until market conditions improve. WFP is ready to assist 45,000 households (225,000 people) once borders reopen.



### General Food Assistance (GFA) in the West Bank

- WFP regular quarterly in-kind food assistance cycle continues for Bedouin herders, reaching 4,753 people in Bethlehem and Hebron.
- WFP continues implementing a shock-response plan focused on food vouchers and cash-based assistance to support food security and stimulate the local economy.

- 4,012 households with children under five or pregnant and breastfeeding women were enrolled in the Cash for Nutrition Programme (C4P), receiving nutrition top-ups and participating in Infant and Young Child Feeding (IYCF) and maternal nutrition sessions.

**ACCOUNTABILITY TO AFFECTED PEOPLE**

**WFP INTER-AGENCY HOTLINE**  
**52,306 CASES RECORDED**  
71 percent related to WFP assistance

**WFP SELF-REGISTRATION LINK**  
**1.8M REGISTRATIONS TOTAL**  
**33,050 in April**  
91,436 people have updated their data as they relocate between governorates



## SUPPLY CHAIN

- **No WFP cargo has entered Gaza since 2 March.**
- WFP has approximately 116,000 mt of food destined for Gaza stored or in transit in the region: 17,224 mt in Ashdod Port (Israel), 16,258 mt in Egypt, 9,589 mt in Jordan, and 72,679 mt in transit or expected to arrive to corridors. WFP food commodity stocks in Gaza are exhausted..
- WFP is supporting partners on ad-hoc basis to provide transportation services for their cargo.



## CLUSTERS AND COMMON SERVICES

### Food Security Sector (FSS)

- Most food security partners have exhausted warehouse stocks in Gaza, with cooked meals now relying on the last dispatched supplies.
- Meanwhile, outside Gaza, partners have more than 171,000 MT of food stocks - equivalent to food rations for the whole population (2.1 million people) for three to four months. These supplies are ready to be transported into the Strip if access is granted.



### Logistics Cluster (LC)

- Logistics Cluster operations remain suspended due to the continued blockage of humanitarian aid into Gaza.
- A survey of 44 partners mapped 1,080 vehicles and generators in Gaza, but one-third are non-operational due to fuel shortages. Many organizations also face critical shortages of benzine.
- LC has consolidated 49,368 m<sup>3</sup> of humanitarian cargo at the warehouse in Amman and received 73,580 m<sup>3</sup> for common storage in Gaza.

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