## WFP PALESTINE EMERGENCY RESPONSE External Situation Report 32

## HIGHLIGHTS

- A new Israeli relocation order in northern Gaza was issued, affecting areas where local pauses had been agreed to support the polio vaccination campaign, highlighting the urgent need for civilian protection.
- As winter approaches, WFP warns that worsening conditions and damaged roads in Gaza will complicate the delivery of vital food, water, medicine, and hygiene supplies to areas where they are critical for the survival of communities.
- The situation in the West Bank is deteriorating rapidly. Large-scale Israeli military operations have caused 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.
- WFP has reached close to 365,000 vulnerable people in Gaza and the West Bank in the first week of September, including 224,000 in Gaza alone.

### **SEPTEMBER IN NUMBERS**

#### 364,985 people

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



#### 253 WFP Trucks

delivered 4,105 mt of food into Gaza in August so far, bringing the total to 8,878 WFP trucks carrying at least 141,919 mt since the start of the crisis.



#### WFP six-month net funding

## ng \$ 177 M

requirement Sept 2024 - Feb 2025

#### 1.4 million

affected people targeted monthly by WFP emergency assistance in Palestine.

#### **SITUATION UPDATE**

- The second phase of the polio campaign concluded but Israeli military strikes on hospitals and IDP tents continued, posing high risks to civilians and humanitarian workers and highlighting the limitations of humanitarian pauses.
- Evacuation orders, infrastructure damage, and security concerns severely disrupt humanitarian operations.
- In the West Bank, violence is intensifying as Israeli raids, arrests, and attacks continue, alongside escalating settler violence. The Israeli military withdrew from Jenin and its refugee camp following a deadly offensive that left 21 Palestinians dead and critical infrastructure damaged.

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#### Security update

• All crossing points between Jordan and Israel for aid and cargo deliveries remain closed until further notice following the security incident on Sunday 8 September.

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- On 10 September, at least 19 people were killed, and many others injured in an Israeli strike on a designated "safe zone" in southern Gaza.
- All three WFP warehouses in the central region are within the evacuation zone and require coordination to access, with a total of 2,555 mt of food supplies.

Crossing status (blue open, red closed) 1-7 September GFA unique

#### **WFP OPERATIONS**

#### General Food Assistance (GFA)

- So far in September, WFP provided in-kind and cashbased general food assistance to approximately 364,985 vulnerable individuals across Gaza and the West Bank. In the Gaza Strip alone, WFP reached 224,005 people with reduced rations. \*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 35,090 partial food parcels, to over 123,050 displaced persons in shelters, informal camps, and host communities.
- Over 832,191 bread bundles (1,664 mt) were also supplied through 14 WFP-supported bakeries,

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- WFP provided over 1.8 million hot meals through a network of 67 community kitchens to **126,353 people.** For the first time, WFP-supported kitchens in Gaza's northern region provide hot meals, along with potatoes and onions.
- A new round of multi-purpose cash assistance began in Gaza, benefiting 1,400 families. Each family received 1,000 ILS (around \$266) through e-wallets and cash distribution.
- 8,416 pregnant and breastfeeding women and girls and 21,226 children under five received over 671,735 lipid-based nutritional supplement (LNS) packs as complementary feeding assistance to meet their increased nutritional needs.
- In the West Bank, 140,980 people redeemed their cash-based transfers in August, allowing them to purchase food items from local stores.
- In response to the needs created after recent military operations in the West Bank, WFP started a cash transfer of 1,000 ILS to 5,300 households in Jenin, Tulkarem, and Tubas in coordination with UNRWA and Palestine's Ministry of Social Development. So far, more than 55 percent of the beneficiaries redeemed their assistance.

#### **Supply Chain**

Since the start of the crisis, WFP has delivered 8,878 WFP trucks with at least 141,919 mt of food into Gaza.

#### WFP TOTAL AID INTO GAZA STRIP IN SEPTEMBER 253 TRUCKS 4.078 mt

EGYPT	JORDAN	ASHDOD
CORRIDOR	CORRIDOR	CORRIDOR
<b>97 TRUCKS</b> 1,127 mt	<b>53 TRUCKS</b> 1,067 mt	103 TRUCKS
Through Gate 96 and Karam Abu Salem/Kerem Shalom.	Through West Erez	Through West Erez
HUMANI	TARIAN AID TRUCKS FA	
	rucks – 4,105 mt   7,86 WFP and humanitarian	

#### **CLUSTERS AND COMMON SERVICES**

#### **Food Security Sector**

So far in September, approximately 550,000 cooked • meals have been prepared daily in 160 kitchens for families across the Strip, up from 450,000 in 130 kitchens in late August.

- To support the ongoing polio vaccination campaign, food assistance partners are providing meals and bottled water to hundreds of campaign workers across the strip.
- Following disruptions in July and August due to evacuation orders in Gaza City and North Gaza, partners have slightly increased the number of distribution points, with clear neighborhood coverage divisions.

#### **Logistics Cluster**

- Severe access and security constraints, along with recent evacuation orders in the Middle Area, are hindering Logistics Cluster operations in Gaza.
- To date, a total of 2,598 mt of cargo have been uplifted • and transported from Erez West and Erez entry points to partners' warehouses in the north.
- The Logistics Cluster has facilitated 93 Inter-Agency convoys through the Jordan corridor, delivering a total of 30,833 mt of aid into Gaza to date. Il the convoy information is available on the interactive dashboard.
- The quantity of cargo uplifted from the Erez West/East entry points and transported to partners' warehouses in the north is 2,598 mt.

#### (**(**)) **Emergency Telecommunications Cluster (ETC)**

- The national mobile network operators, Jawwal and • Ooredoo, supported Gaza's polio vaccination campaign, by sending free public SMS messages.
- Voice services are limited due to fuel, access, and spare parts shortages. Satellite phones are operational.
- Internet is limited in Rafah, Deir al Balah, North Gaza, and Gaza City due to infrastructure and fuel issues.

### **ACCOUNTABILITY TO AFFECTED POPULATIONS**

- WFP's self-registration link to improve data collection and beneficiary management attracted 29,425 new registrations in September, surpassing one million since its launch. However, only 30 percent of registered cases have received food assistance, highlighting the ongoing challenges WFP faces in delivering food to those in need.
- WFP's inter-agency hotline available for people to request and inquire about humanitarian assistance answered **5,902 calls in August**, with 7,973 cases logged, 52 percent of which were related to WFP food assistance.

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