

WFP PALESTINE EMERGENCY RESPONSE

External Situation Report 31

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Families are on the move, carrying whatever they can from their belongings. They are tired, exhausted, and scared. -WFP/ Ali Jadallah

HIGHLIGHTS

- Currently, over 88 percent of the Gaza Strip is under evacuation orders, forcing hundreds of thousands to be displaced. This has severely impacted humanitarian operations, causing massive disruptions in assistance. There is an urgent need for effective civilian and humanitarian protection measures, including through deconfliction of sites and infrastructure.
- WFP needs all crossings into Gaza to be fully operational to bring in sufficient aid. Although some border crossings in Gaza are partially operational, they function at limited capacity, restricting the amount of food entering and failing to meet the needs.
- As winter approaches, the situation is expected to worsen, complicating the delivery of critical assistance to flood-prone shelters and areas at risk of disease outbreaks. [WFP has warned](#) that to transport food in and around Gaza, urgent repairs are required on the war-scarred roads before the winter season.

AUGUST IN NUMBERS



775,085 people

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



974 WFP Trucks

delivered 13,647 mt of food into Gaza in August so far, bringing the total to 8,599 WFP trucks carrying at least 137,508 mt since the start of the crisis.



WFP six-month net funding requirement

\$ 177 M

Sept 2024 - Feb 2025



1.4 million

affected people targeted monthly by WFP emergency assistance in Palestine.



Security update

- In August, Israeli authorities issued 16 evacuation orders affecting 146 sites, and displacing approximately 258,000 Gazans, and causing massive disruptions in humanitarian assistance.
- The evacuation orders on 25 August forced all WFP staff to move out of Deir al-Balah to other UN guest houses in deconflicted areas.
- All three WFP warehouses in the central region are currently inaccessible, with a total of 2,700 mt of food supplies stranded within the evacuation zones.

SITUATION UPDATE

- **WFP staff movements in Gaza were temporarily suspended** following a near-fatal incident on the evening of 27 August, when a WFP team came under fire near an Israeli checkpoint at the Wadi Gaza bridge.
- **Evacuation orders, infrastructure damage, and security concerns severely disrupt humanitarian operations.** The latest impacts key UN / NGOs in Deir al Balah.
- **Limited commodities entering Gaza are crippling WFP operations in bakeries and food distribution points,** with a dire need for more food and essentials like fuel.
- **In the West Bank,** violence is intensifying as Israeli raids, arrests, and attacks continue, alongside escalating settler violence.

WFP OPERATIONS



General Food Assistance (GFA)

- **So far in August, WFP has reached around 775,085 vulnerable people*** with in-kind and cash-based general food assistance across Gaza and the West Bank. In the **Gaza Strip** alone, WFP reached **603,448 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 around **191,929 partial food parcels** enough to cover two-thirds of the monthly nutritional needs for over **533,285** displaced persons (IDPs) in UN-designated shelters, informal camps and within host communities – and over **2,761,812 bread bundles (5,524 mt)** through

bakeries. On 21 August, the first bakery in Khan Yunis began operations, bringing the total number of WFP-supported bakeries in the Gaza Strip to 14. Current supply flows are insufficient for food parcel requirements, delaying the August distribution cycle.

- Additionally, due to ongoing evacuation orders, **recently displaced individuals are being provided with one-off emergency food parcels and fortified biscuits in areas they evacuated to.**
- WFP provided **6,767,430 hot meals** through a network of 60 community kitchens to **94,844 people**; 92 percent of which were distributed in Khan Yunis and Deir Al Balah. For the first time, WFP-supported kitchens in Gaza are providing hot meals, potatoes, and onions in North Gaza.
- **14,126 pregnant and breastfeeding women (PBWG) and 32,285 children under five** received over 1.1 million lipid-based nutritional supplement (LNS) packs as complementary feeding assistance to meet their increased nutritional needs.
- In the **West Bank**, in August, **165,737 people redeemed their cash-based transfers**, enabling them to purchase food items from local stores.



Supply Chain

- Since the start of the crisis, WFP has delivered 8,599 WFP trucks with at least 137,508 mt of food into Gaza.



CLUSTERS AND COMMON SERVICES



Food Security Sector

- By mid-August, food security in the Strip has significantly deteriorated. Cooked meal provision dropped by 30 percent, with only 500,000 meals prepared daily across 160 kitchens, down from 700,000 in early July, due to hostilities, food, and fuel shortages.

- Over 30 kitchens in Khan Yunis and Deir al Balah have been suspended or relocated due to evacuation orders and staff displacement.
- In August, 2,400 veterinary kits were distributed to livestock households in southern and central Gaza, the first since October, supporting animal health and livelihoods.



Logistics Cluster

- Severe access and security constraints, along with recent evacuation orders in the Middle Area, are hindering Logistics Cluster operations in Gaza.
- As of 24 August, 38,270 m³ of cargo has been stored in Gaza, with 2,215 mt transported from the Erez entry points to northern warehouses.
- In August, 17,797 m³ of humanitarian cargo was consolidated in Amman, with 88 convoys dispatching 2,102 trucks carrying 29,341 mt of aid to Gaza since November 2023.
- Between August 18 and 24, two direct convoys delivered essential items with 43 trucks. All the convoy information is available on the [interactive dashboard](#).



Emergency Telecommunications Cluster (ETC)

- 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. Internet shortages in Deir al Balah hinder the security communications network, which is down elsewhere due to damaged equipment and import restrictions.



ACCOUNTABILITY TO AFFECTED POPULATIONS

- WFP's self-registration link to improve data collection and beneficiary management attracted **162,747 new registrations** in August, 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 **22,410 calls in August so far**, with 26,770 cases logged, 53 percent of which were related to WFP food assistance.