

WFP PALESTINE EMERGENCY RESPONSE

External Situation Report 53

HIGHLIGHTS

- Gaza is on the brink of famine. The latest IPC analysis (12 May) confirmed that from May to September nearly half a million people are facing catastrophic hunger, and the entire population is acutely food insecure. Malnutrition is surging, with over 70,000 children and 18,000 pregnant and breastfeeding women requiring urgent treatment.
- WFP has fully depleted its food stocks and hot meal kitchens have largely shut down, leaving nearly the entire population without assistance. Only one WFP partner remains operational in Gaza for kitchen assistance, and nutrition treatments are nearly exhausted.
- Despite these conditions, WFP stands ready to resume large-scale distributions immediately. Over 130,000 mt of food—enough to feed one million people for up to four months—is positioned in the region, awaiting entry clearance.

MAY IN NUMBERS

Reporting period 1-10 May 2025



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

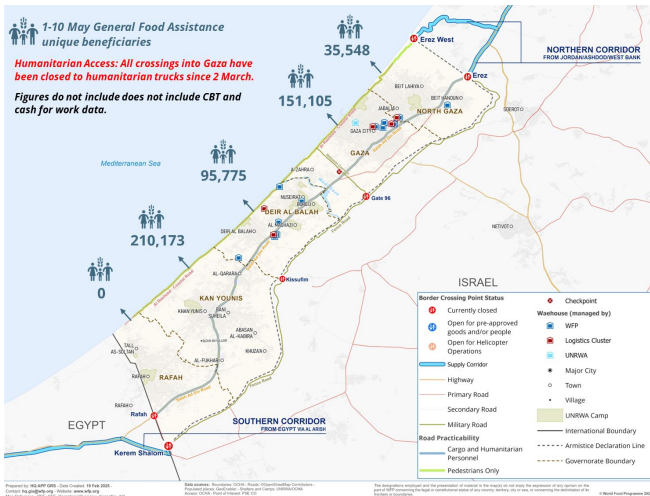
- The latest Gaza [IPC analysis](#), released on 12 May, revealed a severe food security crisis, with the entire population experiencing acute food insecurity— **nearly half a million people (22 percent) facing catastrophic hunger (IPC Phase 5)**, a 250 percent surge from the previous estimate. Over one million people (54 percent) are in Emergency (IPC Phase 4), and 24 percent are in Crisis (IPC Phase 3). Acute malnutrition is projected to affect 70,000 children, including 14,000 with severe acute malnutrition, and 18,400 pregnant and breastfeeding women. For more information, please refer to the [IPC special snapshot report](#).
- Over 1.9 million people in Gaza are forcibly displaced without safe corridors, facing exposure to **protection risks** including violence, family separation, and lack of shelter or services. Evacuation routes and “safe zones” have [repeatedly come under attack](#).
- On 12 May, Israel's Security Cabinet [approved](#) a **land registration initiative in Area C of the West Bank**. Reports suggest the move could formalize Israeli settlement claims and further limit Palestinian land rights, raising concerns over potential dispossession.
- The [UN Secretary-General](#), the [Emergency Relief Coordinator](#) and international NGOs have rejected raised serious concerns regarding the proposed Israeli plan, citing risks of violations of humanitarian principles, security risks, exclusion of northern Gaza, and concerns issues over beneficiary vetting and facial recognition.
- With law enforcement largely absent, civil unrest and looting is escalating across Gaza. Armed mobs targeted humanitarian sites during the reporting period, including attacks on cooperating partners' premises. WFP also faced direct security threats—trucks carrying food were robbed at gunpoint.



WFP OPERATIONS (1 –10 May)

General Food Assistance (GFA) in Gaza

- WFP's activities in Gaza are severely constrained by depleted stocks and ongoing blockade. WFP has ceased food assistance operations in Gaza, all food distributions, and hot meal support are suspended due to stock depletion and denied access.
- In May, so far WFP was only able to provide general food assistance to around 493,000 people in Gaza, primarily through hot meals and nutrition assistance, leveraging the stocks gathered during the 42-day ceasefire, albeit with extremely reduced rations. Due to the blockade, the assistance covered less than a quarter of daily caloric needs—far below the minimum required to sustain health.



- Only one of 19 cooperating partners in Gaza remains active for hot meals assistance, running just two kitchens which produce up to 25,000 meals per day — operations are expected to cease within the next two days. Over the past week, 40 WFP affiliated kitchens have shut down due to depletion of commodities. Between 1–10 May, WFP kitchens managed to produce an average of 350,000 meals per day.
- The Blanket Supplementary Feeding Programme (BSFP) continues across 125 sites, providing specialized nutritious food and Infant and Young Child Feeding in Emergencies (IYCF-E) counselling despite access and stock challenges. One partner has fully exhausted its supplies, and without new deliveries, the entire programme is at imminent risk of shutdown by the end of May.
- The Targeted Supplementary Feeding Programme (TSFP) remains active at 27 sites, offering targeted support to malnourished pregnant and breastfeeding women. However, the programme may be suspended by mid-June if insecurity and supply constraints persist.



General Food Assistance (GFA) in the West Bank

- In May, so far WFP reached around 176,000 people in the West Bank with general food assistance and cash-based transfers. Ongoing military operations and demolitions have displaced over 44,000 people, exposing families to

protection risks including loss of housing, restricted movement, and disrupted access to basic services.

- WFP regular quarterly in-kind food assistance cycle continues for Bedouin herders.
- WFP continues implementing a shock-response plan focused on food vouchers and cash-based assistance to support food security and stimulate the local economy.
- Poorest households eligible for the national Cash Transfer Programme received cash top-ups for nutritious food.



SUPPLY CHAIN

No WFP cargo has entered Gaza since 2 March. All stocks depleted. WFP has around 133,025 mt remain stuck outside Gaza amid access restrictions, risking spoilage and loss of life-saving supplies as temperatures rise and delays persist.

CLUSTERS AND COMMON SERVICES



Food Security Sector (FSS)

- At least 112 WFP-partner community kitchens (more than 60 per cent) had to close, leading to a 75 percent reduction in daily meal production.
- Most have adjusted meal content and/or reduced the number of meals prepared daily to stretch the dwindling resources further and avoid complete closure. Most partners will soon exhaust stocks.
- Over 171,000 mt of partner food (including WFP)—enough for all 2.1 million people for 3–4 months—are ready for delivery if Israeli entry restrictions are lifted.
- Farmers, breeders, and fishers lack safe access to land, livestock, and the sea, facing growing risks due to hostilities.



Logistics Cluster (LC)

- The ongoing blockade prevents full implementation of common logistics services and is severely disrupting supply chains across the region leading to deterioration of perishable items, increased costs, and inability to plan procurements for humanitarian organisations.
- Looting incidents on vehicles and facilities inside Gaza are increasing due to the lack of essential goods, and accessible fuel stock in the Strip is running extremely low.
- Following a new “buffer zone” established on 5 May, two out of three Logistics Cluster warehouses in northern Gaza are no longer accessible.
- Warehouses in Amman are full and 1,223 UN/INGO trucks await dispatch in Egypt, while in Gaza, common warehouses are nearly empty.

ACCOUNTABILITY TO AFFECTED PEOPLE



WFP INTER-AGENCY HOTLINE



21,454 CASES RECORDED
76 percent related to WFP assistance



WFP SELF-REGISTRATION LINK

1.8M REGISTRATIONS TOTAL