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HIGHLIGHTS

WFP food trucks loaded inside Gaza © WFP/ Ali Jadallah

- The humanitarian situation in Gaza remains critical, with conditions falling far below the minimum required to deliver sustained and orderly assistance to a population on the brink of famine.
- Since limited humanitarian access resumed on 19 May, WFP has delivered only 10,691metric tons of food into Gaza, not nearly enough to prevent famine.
- People in Gaza continue to risk their lives for a bag of wheat flour. The majority of WFP cargo is intercepted by desperate civilians before reaching distribution points. Only a massive scale-up in food zdeliveries can stabilise conditions on the ground and make it possible for standard food distribution mechanisms to resume.



SITUATION UPDATE

- On 18 June, WFP issued a <u>statement</u> declaring that any violence causing the death or injury of starving people while trying to access life-saving assistance is completely unacceptable, and called for another ceasefire.
- Aid access remains critically limited in Gaza, with less than 30 percent of food needs addressed in the past two weeks. Looting and crowding disrupted all WFP convoys, with all trucks offloaded prior to final destination.
- Intermittent telecommunications <u>persist</u> in central and southern Gaza; Emergency Telecommunication Cluster (ETC) repair missions are delayed.
- WFP latest Market Monitor highlights that although markets have partially reopened, food remains largely unaffordable or unavailable. Wheat flour now costs between 23 and 27 USD per kilogram, an increase of 4,900 percent since October 2023. Diesel has risen to 60 NIS per litre, and cooking gas is only available on the black market. Remittance and credit transfer fees average 40 percent, further compounding household hardship. Less than one-third of the required food aid has reached people in the past two weeks.
- In the West Bank, severe movement restrictions continue, and only one checkpoint remains open. Local Israeli violence, demolitions, and raids are ongoing, worsening food insecurity.

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WFP OPERATIONS

- WFP convoys are regularly intercepted by desperate civilians. Each movement is fraught with a very high level of risk. Prolonged clearance delays at crossing points and exposure to ongoing military operations during convoy movements remain as key concerns.
- Limited driver availability (only 40 of 400 vetted as of 12 June), and poor real-time communication during convoys are also further compounding delays and insecurity.
- The Zikim crossing opened on 16 June, allowing deliveries into northern Gaza, and distributions to the south via Kerem Shalom/ Salahaddin Road have resumed after a 10-day suspension.
- On 17 June, multiple civilian casualties were reported among crowds waiting in the Khan Younis area. WFP paused all movements on 18 June to gather information related to reported security incidents and reassess the security situation.
- Fuel shortages, remain a big constrain for operations. A WFP fuel retrieval mission on 15 June secured 122,950 liters from Al-Karim station; 78,000 liters remain stored in Khan Younis for future use.
- WFP continues to work with the Israeli Authorities and communities to adjust to challenges on the ground and seek workaround solutions to continue operations. On 15 June, a programme mission reached northern Gaza City to engage with community representatives and prepare for household distributions if allowed in the coming weeks.

General Food Assistance (GFA) in Gaza (1 –14 June)

- General food distribution remain suspended, as WFP brings in only permitted items into Gaza, mainly wheat flour. All commodities are offloaded prior to reaching final destination, due to the level of hunger and desperation in the community.
- In June, WFP reached 59,716 people under the nutrition prevention programme through Blanket Supplementary Feeding Programme (BSFP) and supported 201 women through the nutrition treatment programme through Targeted Supplementary Feeding Programme (TSFP).

General Food Assistance (GFA) in the West Bank (1 –14 June)

- WFP reached nearly 200,000 people in the West Bank.
- WFP continues to support displaced households in the West Bank through a shock-response plan combining food vouchers and cash-based assistance, while WFP regular quarterly in-kind food assistance cycle continues to Bedouin communities.

 4,618 of the poorest households in the West Bank were enrolled in the WFP Cash for prevention of acute malnutrition programme, benefiting 7,851 children under five and 1,847 pregnant or breastfeeding women. Eligible for the national Cash Transfer Programme, they receive top-ups to buy nutritious food and engage in nutrition-focused awareness sessions. All sessions were suspended as of 14 June due to military closures following the Israel-Iran escalation.

🛱 SUPPLY CHAIN

- **Over 131,100mt** of food are positioned in the region and ready to serve populations inside Gaza, if access is granted.
- Since 19 May, WFP and partners delivered 896 trucks (13,446 mt of WFP food and 4,443 partner pallets) to Kerem Shalom and Zikim (West Erez) crossings. However, only 806 trucks (693 WFP, 113 Logistics Cluster) have been collected inside Gaza. These cover less than 30 percent of daily food needs and are not nearly enough for just one meal per person.
- Over 2,755 mt of WFP food and 2,745 partner pallets remain blocked near entry points due to insecurity, access restrictions, and unsafe operating conditions.

CLUSTERS AND COMMON SERVICES

Food Security Sector (FSS)

 On 16 June, 188,000 meals were prepared and delivered by 12 partners through 42 kitchens - around 83K meals from 12 kitchens in the north and around 105K meals from 30 kitchens in the south/central.

Logistics Cluster (<u>LC</u>)

- No offloads occurred at Kerem Shalom from 5–9 June due to platform congestion; approvals remain conditional.
- A hit on a previously evacuated northern warehouse on 10 June caused no damage; two other sites remain operational.
- Since 16 June, trucks have accessed northern Gaza via Zikim, with cargo routed from Kerem Shalom. On 13 June, wheat flour and food were prioritized to stabilize prices and reduce looting.

(p) Emergency Telecommunications Cluster (<u>ETC</u>)

• On 16 June, military damage to the main internet cable on the Khan Younis route caused an internet blackout in southern and central Gaza; mobile services are also heavily affected and communication has remained intermittent, despite repair efforts by ETC.

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