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WFP Palestine Emergency Response External Situation Report 1

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HIGHLIGHTS

- Following the escalation on Saturday 7th October, WFP, in partnership with UNRWA, began distributing fresh bread and canned food to 73,000 IDPs in UNRWA shelters inside Gaza.
- WFP plans to scale up food and cash assistance to 805,000 Palestinians in Gaza and West Bank. Urgent funds (USD 17.3M) and a corridor to replenish humanitarian and commercial food stocks are required.
- WFP urges safe and unimpeded humanitarian access to affected areas, calling on all parties to uphold the principles of humanitarian law, taking every necessary measure to safeguard lives.

SITUATION UPDATE

Following military escalations on 7 October, a siege has been imposed on Gaza along with a shutdown of electricity, food, water and fuel supplies, with impeded access to and within Gaza. Fuel shortages and a potential shutdown of electricity also poses a risk on humanitarian operations.

Some 200,000 people have been displaced from their homes in Gaza to date, with the majority of them sheltering in UNRWA schools, some of which are designated emergency shelters.

In the West Bank, movement, access restrictions and violence are limiting people's ability to access shops for food and other needs.

WFP RESPONSE

On 9 October, WFP and UNRWA **started distributing fresh bread and canned food to around 73,000 people in shelters.**

WFP EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN



WFP **requires a total of USD 17.3 million to reach 805,000 people** with emergency food and cash assistance in the next month.

This is in addition to **the USD 33 million required** to reach WFP's regular caseload of 350,000 Palestinians with monthly food and cash assistance for six months.

IN NUMBERS



805,000

Affected people targeted by WFP emergency assistance in the next month



USD17.3M

WFP emergency response funding requirements for 1 month



73K

Affected IDPs in UNRWA shelters received WFP food assistance to date

WFP also began assessing markets and shops' stock availability to prepare for the emergency cash assistance response.

WFP regular e-voucher assistance for October cycle is ongoing. Around 122,000 people across Gaza and the West Bank have redeemed their cash entitlements. If the situation allows, WFP will provide an additional top up to support the surging needs due to the escalation.

WFP is purchasing additional food items in the region and requires urgent access to replenish food stocks into Palestine to meet the rising needs. The WFP-led Logistics Cluster may be activated to facilitate access of humanitarian goods on behalf of other partners.

ASSESSMENT AND MONITORING

According to WFP market monitoring, shops showed a decrease in the quantities and increase in the prices of main food commodities, such as wheat flour and eggs. There is an urgent need for commercial stocks to continue to flow into Gaza. Four WFP contracted shops in Gaza have been destroyed due to the conflict.

Most shops have food stocks for one month, but stock depletion and spoilage risks are increasing due to ongoing border closures and frequent electricity cuts. Fewer shops reported having stock to last one week.

WFP operates the interagency humanitarian hotline, currently helping to channel requests for assistance to other partners.

FUNDING OUTLOOK

Current funding and food contingency stocks in Gaza will not allow WFP to reach full planned figures. **Urgent funding is required** to help the affected people meet their immediate food needs.