

# WFP PALESTINE EMERGENCY RESPONSE

## External Situation Report 33

Mohammed is carrying a food parcel he just received from a WFP distribution point to his tent. WFP/ Ali Jadallah

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Distributions in South Gaza have been severely disrupted by recent forced evacuation orders and ongoing displacement, particularly in Deir Al Balah and Khan Younis. These challenges have significantly hindered WFP's ability to sustain assistance to those most in need. Nevertheless, in September to date, WFP has reached over 541,000 vulnerable people in Gaza and the West Bank, including almost 363,000 people in Gaza.
- WFP suspended all movements of cargo through the Erez crossing point on 16 September, after the arrest of ten WFP-contracted truck drivers on 15 September who were collecting WFP commodities.
- WFP suspended the Logistics Cluster convoys through the Jordan Corridor on 8 September, due to a new import declaration of goods form imposed by the Government of Israel. This is still under discussion at the inter-agency level.
- Renewed efforts for deconfliction of UN convoys and static sites are under negotiation between UN agency leads and the Israeli authorities.

### SEPTEMBER IN NUMBERS



**541,042 people**

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



**392 WFP Trucks**

delivered 6,421 mt of food into Gaza in September so far, bringing the total to 9,017 WFP trucks carrying at least 144,261 mt since the start of the crisis.



**WFP six-month net funding requirement**

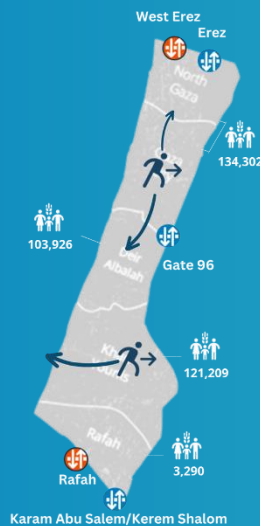
**\$ 177 M**

Sept 2024 - Feb 2025



**1.4 million**

affected people targeted monthly by WFP emergency assistance in Palestine.



### Security update

- WFP is working with the Jordan Hashemite Charity Organization (JHCO) to understand the implications of a request from the Government of Israel for import declaration documentation for all humanitarian cargo. JHCO facilitates cargo movement through government-to-government agreements. Movement through Jordan has temporarily stopped.
- All three WFP warehouses in the central region are within the evacuation zone and require coordination to access.

Crossing status (blue open, red closed) 1-14 September GFA unique

### SITUATION UPDATE

- **Israeli air and land bombardment continues across the Gaza Strip**, causing civilian casualties, displacement, and destruction of homes and infrastructure. D from the Gaza Ministry of Health indicates that out of 34,344 identified fatalities as of August 31, more than 11,000 were children.
- Evacuation orders, infrastructure damage, security risks, closed crossings, and fuel and food shortages **severely disrupt humanitarian operations**.
- Israeli military raids continue across **the West Bank**, including Hebron, Ramallah, and Nablus.

### WFP OPERATIONS



#### General Food Assistance (GFA)

- So far in September, WFP provided in-kind and cash-based general food assistance to approximately **541,042 vulnerable individuals across Gaza and the West Bank**. In the **Gaza Strip** alone, WFP reached **362,727 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 **64,717 partial food parcels**, to **250,590 displaced persons** in shelters, informal camps, and host communities.
- Over **1.6 million bread bundles** (3,305 mt) were also supplied through 14 WFP-supported bakeries.

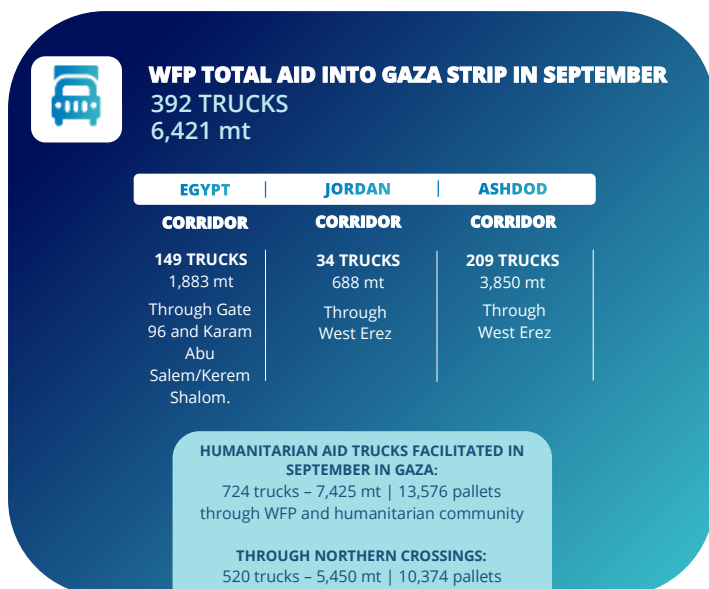
However, fuel shortages are critically affecting bakery operations.

- WFP provided over **4.5 million hot meals** through a network of 71 community kitchens to **150,992 people**.
- As of 16 September, almost 80 percent of vulnerable families receiving **multi-purpose cash assistance (MPCA)** have redeemed their entitlements through five vendors in central Gaza, through e-wallets and cash distribution.
- **17,182 pregnant and breastfeeding women and girls and 42,171 children under five** received over 1,441,985 lipid-based nutritional supplement (LNS) packs as complementary feeding assistance to meet their increased nutritional needs.
- In **the West Bank, 178,315 people** redeemed their cash-based transfers in August, allowing them to purchase food items from local stores.
- In response to the emerging needs following the recent military operations in **the West Bank**, WFP started a **cash transfer of 1,000 ILS (USD 265) to 5,300 households** in Jenin, Tulkarem, and Tubas in coordination with UNRWA and Palestine's Ministry of Social Development. So far, more than 78 percent of the beneficiaries redeemed their assistance.



## Supply Chain

- Since the start of the crisis, WFP has delivered 9,017 WFP trucks with at least 144,261 mt of food into Gaza.



## CLUSTERS AND COMMON SERVICES



### Food Security Sector

- So far in September, approximately 550,000 cooked meals have been prepared daily in 155 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.

- Partners, in collaboration with the private sector, brought 2 mt of gluten-free flour to southern and central Gaza through the Karam Abu Salem/Kerem Shalom Crossing. Distribution will be carried out across the strip with health partners supporting individuals with celiac disease.

## Logistics Cluster

- Between 8 and 14 September, no cargo was facilitated through the Jordan corridor due to a new importation form. To date, 18,222 m<sup>3</sup> of cargo have been consolidated in Amman. 93 convoys dispatched 30,833 mt on behalf of 23 partners. All convoy information is available on the [interactive dashboard](#).
- The Logistics Cluster was unable to uplift cargo from Kerem Shalom/Karem Abu Salem crossing due to continued severe access and security challenges.
- Uplifting operations from Erez crossing are ongoing without WFP personnel on the ground in Gaza, due to mission denials, with 3,194 mt of cargo transported to partners' warehouses in the north.
- As of 14 September, 40,168 m<sup>3</sup> of humanitarian cargo have been stored in common warehouses in Deir Al Balah.



## Emergency Telecommunications Cluster (ETC)

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



## ACCOUNTABILITY TO AFFECTED POPULATIONS

- WFP's self-registration link to improve data collection and beneficiary management resulted in **24,966 new registrations** between 8 and 14 September, surpassing one million since its launch. However, only 30 percent of registered cases have received food assistance, underscoring 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 **5,104 calls** between 8 and 14 September, with 6,827 cases logged, 52 percent of which were related to WFP food assistance.