

# WFP PALESTINE EMERGENCY RESPONSE

## External Situation Report 29

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### HIGHLIGHTS

- Nowhere is safe in Gaza. Ground incursions and heavy fighting persist with 86 percent of Gaza under forced evacuation, resulting in more than 200,000 people internally displaced again only in the past week. The humanitarian “safe zone” is under repeated attack and evacuation, which severely limits humanitarian operations and forces food distribution points and kitchens to close and evacuate.
- The breakdown of law and order continues to pose challenges for aid delivery in Gaza, particularly the road from Karam Abu Salem/Kerem Shalom to the WFP warehouse in the middle area, causing loss of commodities, and violent incidents. These conditions, in addition to infrastructure damage, have stalled dispatches. Aid mission denials and long wait times result in a backlog of trucks and containers at ports, and extended storage time risks food spoilage and infestation.
- Meanwhile, security in the West Bank is sharply deteriorating, with hundreds of Palestinian deaths, thousands of arrests, and severe mobility restrictions impacting daily life. Food insecurity is on the rise and has increased by 71 percent compared to the beginning of last year.
- Despite mounting risks, WFP assisted over 1.3 million people in July so far: 1.1 million in Gaza with General Food Assistance and cash-based transfers, and over 164,140 in the West Bank with cash-based transfers.

### JULY IN NUMBERS



**1.3 million people**  
assisted with general food assistance across Gaza and the West Bank.



**929 WFP Trucks**  
delivered 10,451 mt of food into Gaza in July, bringing the total to 7,538 WFP trucks carrying at least 122,750 mt since the start of the crisis.



**WFP six-month net funding requirement** **\$ 142 M**  
*Aug 2024 - Jan 2025*



**1.4 million**  
affected people targeted monthly by WFP emergency assistance in Gaza and the West Bank.



- Between 22 and 27 July, evacuation orders resulted in more than 200,000 people being internally displaced again across Gaza, including 9,000 people who arrived in Al Mawasi (previously designated as a “safe zone”). As a result, several WFP partner food distribution points, kitchens, bakeries, warehouses were forced to either shut down or relocate.
- On 27 July, an Israeli airstrike on a school in Deir al Balah, located just 1 km from the WFP office, resulted in at least 30 deaths and over 100 injuries.

### SITUATION UPDATE

- **The situation in Gaza remains dire**, with ongoing political tensions and the looming threat of further escalations exacerbating the humanitarian crisis.
- **Lack of access to health services coupled with poor sanitation, malnutrition, poor water, and limited access to hygiene** are contributing to the high spread of disease in Gaza, with warnings of potential disastrous spread of poliovirus, already resurging.

### WFP OPERATIONS



#### General Food Assistance (GFA)

- **In July so far**, WFP reached over **1.3 million vulnerable people\*** with in-kind and cash-based general food assistance across Gaza and the West Bank. In the **Gaza Strip** alone, WFP reached **1.1 million people**.

\*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 **383,485 partial food parcels** enough to last for 15 days for **over one million** - displaced persons (IDPs) in UN-designated shelters, informal camps and within host communities – and over **1.5 million bread bundles (4,610 mt)** through bakeries.
- In July so far, WFP provided around **9.9 million hot meals** through a network of 66 community-kitchens to **201,757 people**; 95 percent of which were distributed in central governorates.
- **26,957 pregnant and breastfeeding women (PBWG) and 61,481 children under five** received around 1.9 million Lipid-based nutritional supplement (LNS) packs as complementary feeding assistance to meet their increased nutritional needs.
- In the **West Bank**, in July, **164,140 people redeemed their cash-based transfers** which enabled them to purchase food items from local stores.



### Supply Chain

- Since the start of the crisis until 29 July, WFP has delivered **7,538 WFP trucks** with at least **122,750 mt** of food into Gaza.



## CLUSTERS AND COMMON SERVICES



### Food Security Sector

- There is an urgent need for increased hot meal capacity due to multiple displacements. Many community kitchens in central and southern areas struggle due to unstable humanitarian cargo and lack of food and fuel.
- 46 mt of animal feed is being distributed to livestock-keeping households by partners in southern and central Gaza to support the local production of fresh nutritious food such as meat and dairy products,

which are key to a healthy and nutritious diet, especially for children.

- There is a significant gap in food assistance for people with celiac disease in Gaza. Efforts are underway to secure gluten-free flour.



### Logistics Cluster

- The Logistics Cluster (LC) stored 38,218m<sup>3</sup> of cargo in Gaza, transporting it from Karem Shalom/Karem Abu Salem to Deir al Balah. All food items have been delivered, with 4,200 non-food items pallets remaining.
- The LC delivered 3,419m<sup>3</sup> of cargo from Jordan and Ashdod to northern warehouses. 14,700 m<sup>3</sup> of humanitarian cargo was consolidated in Amman, Jordan. Since November 2023, 73 convoys with 1,768 trucks delivered 24,270 mt of aid to Gaza. Between 21-27 July, two convoys with 40 trucks delivered food, WASH, and shelter items. 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. Cellular coverage improved to 42 percent in Gaza City and North Gaza. Satellite phones are operational.
- Internet is limited in Rafah, Deir al Balah, Jabalia, 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 **209,172 new registrations** in July so far, 920,291 since its launch.
- WFP's **inter-agency hotline** available for people to request and inquire about humanitarian assistance answered **29,620 calls in July** so far, with 29,620 cases logged, 63 percent of which were related to WFP food assistance.