

WFP PALESTINE EMERGENCY RESPONSE

Situation Report 10

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Community-cooked hot meals being prepared for distribution to IDPs. WFP/Ali Jadallah

HIGHLIGHTS

- Eight weeks into the war, there is a high risk of famine for all the people of Gaza, especially for those with chronic diseases, older persons, children, and those living with disabilities.
- During the 7-day humanitarian pause, WFP conducted wider-reaching assessments to inform our response and scaled-up its food assistance across Gaza. Our team began providing hot meals through partners and delivered in areas that had been hard to reach. WFP also used its expanded storage facilities to assist the dispatch of humanitarian cargo.
- Gaza's food system is on the brink of collapsing. Most shops are either shut down or have nearly empty shelves. Inflation is high as prices of essential food items have spiked while aid delivery has not been sufficient during the humanitarian pause to cater for the food and nutrition needs of people in Gaza.
- Humanitarian aid reaching Gaza through the Rafah border is the only lifeline, but additional crossing points are necessary to deliver at scale. WFP advocates for the safety of civilians as it impacts food security, safe and sustained humanitarian access and the resumption of commercial cargo.
- As needs are soaring, WFP requires a minimum of **USD 314 million** to sustain its emergency response for up to 1.1 million affected people until April 2024. The response is currently 30 percent funded.

IN NUMBERS



856,766

Affected people in Gaza and the West Bank received WFP assistance in November.



178 WFP Trucks

crossed into Gaza through Rafah border with 2,411 mt of life-saving food supplies.



USD 314M

WFP emergency response estimated funding needs until April 2024



1.1 million

Affected people targeted by WFP emergency assistance until December

malnutrition are increasing rapidly. People are resorting to skipping or reducing meals.

- WFP joined three inter-agency convoys during the humanitarian pause to deliver essential food assistance in areas hard to reach. People in these areas are experiencing increasingly alarming levels of hunger and deprivation as they had been cut off assistance and commercial activity for two months.

WFP Operations



General Food Assistance (GFA)

- During the 7-day pause, WFP reached an estimated **250,000 vulnerable people** with in-kind and cash-based general food assistance across Gaza.
 - Around **142,000 internally displaced people (IDPs) in designated shelters** received daily canned fava beans, high-energy biscuits, date bars and fresh bread sourced from one WFP-contracted bakery. An additional **40,000 displaced people** in host communities received food parcels to support their food needs for 15 days.

Situation Update

- Food is the top priority in Gaza, followed by water. Hunger is spreading widely as people grow increasingly desperate in their search for bread and other essential foods. Cases of dehydration and

- WFP began distributing **community-cooked hot meals to IDPs** reaching more than 8,500 people with one hot meal over 2 days.
- Around **57,000 people** redeemed their e-vouchers cash assistance across 82 shops in Gaza.
- Overall in November, **303,680 people in Gaza** redeemed their food vouchers. However, 75 percent of WFP shops closed, ran out of food stocks, or have no connectivity to operate the assistance across Gaza. WFP is increasingly shifting to in-kind food assistance as no commercial imports have entered Gaza.
- Since the beginning of the escalation on 7 October, WFP reached **799,000 displaced people** in Gaza, inside and outside UN shelters, with food and electronic food vouchers at shops. Overall, **more than 856,000 people** have been assisted in Gaza and the West Bank to date.



Supply Chain

- Currently, **146 WFP** trucks loaded with 1,800 mt of food parcels, date bars, canned fava beans and fortified biscuits are waiting to cross Rafah Border. Family food parcels contain canned beans, meat, chickpeas, halva, and date bars designed to meet 60 percent of a family's daily caloric needs for two weeks.
- In addition, WFP ships are currently arriving at Port Said with food commodities procured regionally from Egypt and Jordan, and globally to support WFP emergency response in Gaza.
- During the pause, around WFP 86 trucks with over 800 mt of food items crossed into Gaza and were immediately dispatched for distribution in coordination with cooperating partners. This brings the total number of WFP trucks to 178.

Clusters and Common Services



Logistics Cluster

- The Logistics Cluster installed three Mobile Storage Units (MSUs) at the Rafah Transshipment Base to increase the partners offloading capacity in Rafah with an additional 960 m². An additional 11 MSUs have been received in Gaza by the Logistics Cluster; and the team is assessing with partners in which key locations these should be installed.
- The Logistics Cluster launched common storage services in Port Said, Egypt, facilitating access to 800 pallets capacity to the humanitarian community. In addition, a cargo notification service in Rafah, Gaza Strip, will support partners with the reception of their cargo coming through the convoys.

- IMPACCT Working Group (hosted at the Global Logistics Cluster) held a national workshop with the aim to clarify importation- and customs procedures to enable faster delivery of humanitarian aid. The workshop brought together representatives from the Egyptian Ministry of Health, the Egyptian Customs Authorities and other relevant ministries as well as the humanitarian community.



Emergency Telecommunications Cluster ETC

- ETC urgently requires an initial USD 250,000 out of the total requested USD 800,000 in the Flash Appeal to continue ongoing activities in the Gaza response.
- ETC continues to work with partners to identify a corridor through which to import telecommunications equipment into Gaza and advocated for fuel for mobile operator sites.



Funding

- WFP urgently requires at least US\$314 million in funding to provide support for up to 1.1 million people until April 2024.
- As of now, WFP has received US\$97.9 million in confirmed contributions: USD 89.1 million from government donors (Canada, EU, France, Germany (GFFO), Luxembourg, Malta, New Zealand, Norway, UAE, United States, Slovakia, Slovenia, Sweden, Switzerland, and CERF) and USD 8.8 million from the private sector including Share The Meal and Individual Giving campaigns.



Gaza Market Monitoring

- Most of the contracted shops are experiencing shortages of essential food items, such as wheat flour, eggs, dairy products, bottled water, and canned food. Field observations indicate availability of limited amounts of vegetables in the market. No commercial cargo has entered gas except cooking gas.
- WFP field observations indicate a substantial increase in the prices of essential food items since the beginning of the crisis. Wheat flour prices have surged by approximately 184 percent, salt by 433 percent, and sugar by 75 percent. The current commercial stocks of wheat flour are available for few days.



Accountability to Affected Populations

- WFP received approximately **68,330 calls** through the Inter-Agency community feedback mechanism (CFM) hotline, which provides a direct link between WFP and the affected population. Over **75 percent** of the calls requested food or cash assistance. Some 2,237 asked for shelter support.