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HIGHLIGHTS

- Since the beginning of the ceasefire, improved humanitarian access allowed WFP and UNRWA to deliver over 77,000 mt of food into Gaza, of which over half is WFP food. This has enabled WFP to reach 1.2 million people in Gaza with life-saving assistance, including nutrition supplements and cash to support the local economy. However, WFP is aware that the entry of humanitarian aid was halted on 2 March, following the conclusion of the first phase of the ceasefire deal. WFP continues to urge all parties to prioritize the needs of civilians and facilitate the ongoing provision of humanitarian assistance and unimpeded humanitarian access.
- The crisis in the West Bank requires urgent attention. WFP is exploring contingency plans to expand assistance, ensure food aid delivery, and address critical needs while prioritizing humanitarian access and support for displaced populations.
- WFP requires USD 265 million for the next six months and urges the restoration of commercial flows, cash liquidity in Gaza, and flexible funding to sustain operations, including rebuilding local economies and market functionality in Gaza and the West Bank.



Numbers are subject to change due to the finalization of the month's reporting figures from partners. The total beneficiaries figure accounts for overlap between people receiving more than one type of assistance (LNS figures are not included). LNS: Lipid-based Nutritional Supplements. PBW: Pregnant and breastfeeding women and girls. CU5: Children under five.

SITUATION UPDATE

- Since the conclusion of phase 1 of the ceasefire, tensions remain high. According to <u>WFP Palestine market monitor</u> for February 2025, key food prices declined compared to the previous month but many commodities were still priced 100-200 percent higher than before the conflict. Half of households interviewed reported slightly improved food access compared to January 2025, yet overall food consumption remained below pre-conflict levels.
- The West Bank faces a worsening economic crisis, driven by high unemployment, delayed government salaries, and declining purchasing power, further exacerbated by closures and movement restrictions.
- A UN, EU, and World Bank <u>report</u> estimates Gaza and the West Bank need over USD 50 billion for reconstruction.



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WFP OPERATIONS

General Food Assistance (GFA) in Gaza (Since the ceasefire 19 Jan – 22 Feb)

- Since the ceasefire, WFP provided general food assistance and cash-based transfers (CBT) to over 1.2 million* vulnerable people in Gaza. *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.
- General Food Distribution (GFD): WFP is delivering rations that cover 75 percent of monthly household needs—two ready-to-eat (RTE) food parcels and one 25kg wheat flour bag per household—this aims to stabilize food access for vulnerable families, improve dietary diversity, and offer critical relief to vulnerable families amid humanitarian challenges.
- 25 bakeries are operational across Gaza at full capacity:

 in North Gaza, 8 in Gaza City, 9 in Khan Younis, 6 in Deir al Balah, and 1 in Rafah—collectively, they produce five times more bread than pre-ceasefire levels with some distributed for free alongside hot meals. Bread is also supplied to 24 retail shops at a reduced price and sold to the public at market prices.
- WFP provides hot meals through 63 kitchens across the Strip and prioritizes hard-to-reach areas and those outside GFD coverage. Cooked meals and one-time food rations support new returnees until they receive monthly food parcels.
- WFP continued to provide lipid-based nutritional supplements (LNS) to pregnant and breastfeeding women, girls, and children under five, to strengthen their nutritional well-being amid the challenges of food insecurity, limited access to healthcare, and the impact of conflict and displacement.
- More than 24,000 households have received cash assistance, which allows those families to purchase essential food and supplies, improve their ability to meet nutritional needs and maintain some economic stability amid the ongoing crisis. This month, WFP plans to assist 30,000 households (150,000 people) in Gaza with USD 280 cash assistance per family via e-wallets.

GFA in the West Bank (1-22 February)

- WFP provided cash assistance of 50 ILS (USD 14) to over 185,000 vulnerable people, totalling USD 2.7 million.
- WFP is ready to scale up shock-responsive assistance with contingency plans, should the security and food security situation worsen. The aim is to deliver timely food assistance to ensure essential needs are met after a shock.
- Flexible funding is urgently needed for rapid response amid rising tensions and displacements.

HUMANITARIAN ACCESS AND CAPACITY

 <u>West Erez/Zikim</u>: Receives commodities from the Jordan corridor for government convoys. <u>Erez</u>: Channels goods into northern Gaza via Israel, Ashdod, the Jordan corridor, and the West Bank. <u>Kerem Shalom</u>: Handles goods from Egypt, including fuel and gas trucks.

SUPPLY CHAIN

2,123 TRUCKS 28,834 mt WFP FOOD		4,129 TRUCKS 59,821 pallets PARTNER CARGO	
EGYPT CORRIDOR	JORDAN CORRIDOR	ASHDOD CORRIDOR	WEST BANK CORRIDOR
1,030 WFP TRUCKS 14,074 mt 1,225 PARTNER TRUCKS 18,860 pallets	556 WFP TRUCKS 6,182 mt 1,956 PARTNER TRUCKS 28,168 pallets	421 WFP TRUCKS 6,832 mt 948 PARTNER TRUCKS 12,793 pallets	116 WFP TRUCKS 1,747 mt
SINCE CEAS	EFIRE TOTAL F	OOD DELIVERED as	of 27 Feb
MT WFP F	OOD		JNRWA FOOD

CLUSTERS AND COMMON SERVICES

Food Security Sector (FSS)

- Seven food distribution points reopened in North Gaza governorate contributing to over 200 points across Gaza.
- To help residents register and update their information for food assistance, partners have established one help desk in North Gaza and six in Gaza City governorates.
- Since the ceasefire, approximately 3,530 livestock holders have received 680 mt of animal feed across the Strip, with an additional 2 mt supplied to a poultry farm in Khan Younis by mid-February. This support helps sustain livestock and local production of nutritious food, essential for children's health. The sector is advocating for the entry of key supplies like seed kits, fertilizers, and greenhouse materials to support livelihoods and reduce food gaps.

Logistics Cluster

Israeli authorities have changed the requirement for trucks (from open to closed sides) entering the Erez crossing. However, the limited availability of these specialized trucks may create logistical challenges, delays in cargo movement, and disruptions in supply chains.

Cargo consolidated/stored	Amman: 40,550 m3 consolidated Gaza: 67,910 m3 stored		
From Jordan since ceasefire	From Jordan between 1-22 February		
29 convoys 686 trucks	18 convoys trucks		
5,935 5,935 partners	2,910 9 partners		
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"" Emergency Telecommunications Cluster (ETC)

• ETC is working to improve connectivity, secure fuel, and provide satellite tracking for humanitarian operations in Gaza.

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<u>></u> \	WFP INTER-AGENCY HOTLINE		WFP SELF-REGISTRATION LINK	
•	39,741 CASES RECORDED 73 percent related to WFP assistance (1-22 Feb)		2 M REGISTRATIONS TOTAL 131,200 From (1-25 Feb) 424,000 people have updated their data as they return North (28 Jan-25Feb)	

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