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HIGHLIGHTS

- WFP welcomes the long-overdue ceasefire as a vital first step. Following the ceasefire, <u>WFP trucks started crossing into Gaza</u> via Zikim and Kerem Shalom/Karam Abu Salem crossings, to deliver life-saving wheat flour and ready-to-eat food parcels to those in urgent need. However, much more is needed to reach the desperate and hungry families in Gaza.
- The humanitarian needs in Gaza are immense. Recovery will require a coordinated response, including with agencies like UNRWA which has been delivering lifesaving assistance to nearly two million people deprived of essential services for far too long.
- Open and reliable border crossings are essential, alongside safe and unrestricted access for humanitarian teams to deliver aid across Gaza. With these conditions in place, WFP stands ready to scale-up operations immediately. Around 30,000 mt of food supplies, currently pre-positioned near the borders and en route to Gaza, will enable WFP to support over one million people for the next three months.



SITUATION UPDATE

- Negotiations to reach a ceasefire agreement in Gaza have materialized with a phased deal to end the 15month war, marking a potential turning point in the conflict. Following the implementation of the ceasefire on 19 January, WFP trucks have started crossing from Egypt through Kerem Shalom/Karam Abu Salem and Zikim crossings into Gaza.
- The humanitarian situation in Gaza remains precarious; with over 2 million people fully dependent on food assistance, homeless, and without income.



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WFP OPERATIONS

General Food Assistance (GFA) (1-11 January)

- In January, before the ceasefire enforcement, WFP provided food and cash-based assistance to 305,129 people in Gaza and 177,265 in the West Bank*. This was only achieved by further reducing rations in Gaza to the bare minimum due to the severe shortage of supplies. **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.*
- WFP distributed around 34,683 emergency ready-to-eat rations (RTE) and 13,055 25-kg wheat flour bags reaching 151,840 displaced people. However, the RTEs provided at reduced rations, are hardly sufficient for families. Most families in Middle and South Gaza received only one wheat flour bag (barely enough to cover their needs for 10 days) due to strained supplies and insecurity at crossings.
- North Gaza bakeries remain <u>closed</u>. Gaza City has five operational bakeries, but severe daily fuel shortages significantly limit their capacity. In Middle and South Gaza, all eight bakeries have <u>shut down</u> due to flour shortages and security incidents. WFP-supported bakeries in Gaza City produced **480,873 bread bundles**.
- WFP provided 3.7 million reduced-portion hot meals to 249,217 people across the Strip, through 62 kitchens.
- A total of 24,559 pregnant and breastfeeding women and girls, along with 55,948 children under five, received 1.5 million lipid-based nutritional supplement (LNS) packs as complementary feeding assistance to meet their increased nutritional needs. Warehouses in the South and Middle areas are now completely out of stock. In North Gaza, stock levels are critically low.
- WFP launched the Cash for Work initiative, training 100 women to recycle empty WFP bags. Over three months, the project offers them sustainable income while promoting women's empowerment, environmental sustainability, and safe community collaboration in the Middle Area of Gaza.
- In the West Bank, 177,265 beneficiaries redeemed USD 2.3 million through cash-based transfers. In parallel, 5,839 people received in-kind food distributions, consisting of 3,177 rations of food commodities. Agriculture and livestock projects continue in several communities.

🔜 Supply chain

TOTAL AID DELIVERED TO THE GAZA STRIP IN JANUARY

225 WFP TRUCKS | 3,101 mt | 390 PARTNER TRUCKS | 6,769 pallets

EGYPT	JORDAN	ASHDOD
CORRIDOR	CORRIDOR	CORRIDOR
29 WFP TRUCKS	58 WFP TRUCKS	138 WFP TRUCKS
382 mt	841 mt	1,878 mt
93 PARTNER TRUCKS	128 PARTNER TRUCKS	169 PARTNER TRUCKS
1,382 pallets	2.279 pallets	3,108 pallets
Via Kerem Shalom	Via West Erez (Zikim)	Via West Erez (Zikim)
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 Since the start of the crisis, WFP has delivered 11,619 WFP trucks with some 182,431 mt of food into Gaza. Following the ceasefire, the three border crossings are operational: Zikim to handle commodities from the Jordan corridor; Erez to facilitates goods via the Ashdod corridor as well as the B2B transfers through the Jordan corridor and the West Bank; and Kerem Shalom/Karam Abu Salem to process goods via the Egypt corridor, including trucks carrying fuel and gas.

CLUSTERS AND COMMON SERVICES Food Security Sector (FSS)

- After over three months without proper assistance, 150 food parcels were delivered on 15 January to health workers, patients, and companions at the Indonesian Hospital in North Gaza, in collaboration with the Health Cluster.
- Over 210,000 mt of food, enough for 2.1 million people for six months, remains outside Gaza and must be urgently transported via open corridors to sustain food distribution.
- Partners have expanded storage and distribution capacity, and identified new partners and points in dispersed areas like Salah al-Din Road and Rafah to ensure aid reaches all in need.
- In collaboration with the Protection Cluster and the Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse Network, FSS partners are strengthening their crowd management and safeguarding protocols to ensure safe and dignified aid delivery.

Logistics Cluster

- Between 1 and 13 January, the Logistics Cluster facilitated three direct convoys from Amman to Erez West, carrying 321 mt of food, WASH, and shelter items across 27 trucks on behalf of eight partners.
- To date, the Logistics Cluster has consolidated 29,297 m³ of humanitarian cargo at the common warehouse in Amman and received 59,273 m³ for common storage inside Gaza.
- Severe restrictions at Gaza entry points, coupled with security incidents, continue to hinder logistics operations across the Strip. This is particularly evident at Kerem Shalom/Karem Abu Salem and the Kissufim platforms. Despite challenges, daily transport operations are ongoing from West Erez to partner warehouses in northern Gaza.

((p)) Emergency Telecommunications Cluster (ETC)

 Fuel restrictions and looting incidents have pushed telecommunications and internet service providers to the brink of shutdown, threatened essential services and severely impacted humanitarian assistance delivery in Gaza.

ACCOUNTABILITY TO AFFECTED

 WFP's self-registration link has facilitated over 1.8 million registrations for assistance since the start of the crisis, including over 44,407 during January 2025. WFP's interagency hotline recorded 14,894 cases, with 69 percent related to WFP assistance.

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