



World Food Programme

WFP PALESTINE EMERGENCY RESPONSE

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A Gazan navigating through rubble and destroyed roads in Khan Younis, carrying a WFP food parcel on the way to his tent ©WFP/Ali Jadallah

HIGHLIGHTS

- WFP is deeply concerned about incursion in Rafah, which will have a massive impact on the lives of over a million displaced people and could set back any improvements in access. All parties must ensure regular humanitarian access until a ceasefire is agreed.
- Each month, WFP provides lifesaving, essential food assistance to over a million people throughout the Gaza Strip. From the provision of ready-to-eat food parcels, hot meals, and specialized products combating malnutrition, to the support to bakeries with wheat flour, WFP is actively using any means possible to revitalize collapsed food systems and bringing food at scale for communities to persist.
- In April, WFP delivered around 2,640 mt of food to Northern Gaza, enough for 300,000 people for about ten days, offering a vital lifeline to prevent famine conditions and stave off malnutrition for communities.
- In late April, Gazans in Gaza City and northern areas tasted bread for the first time in over 170 days. WFP facilitated the delivery of fuel and wheat flour to sixteen bakeries in Gaza, including four newly established ones in Gaza City.

IN NUMBERS



1.8 million people

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



4,815 WFP Trucks

crossed into Gaza with 85,513 mt of life-saving food supplies.



USD 334 million

needed to support WFP's emergency response until the end of the year.



1.1 million

affected people targeted monthly by WFP emergency assistance in Gaza.

MAY 2024 UPDATE

- Following the **incursion in Rafah**, and **threats of full-scale military intervention**, WFP and partners have mobilized existing stocks in southern and central Gaza to meet the needs of an estimated **80,000 newly displaced people**. However, current WFP stocks only cover 1-3 days of needs on reduced rations.
- **On 6 May**, following evacuation orders and escalation of fighting, **WFP's warehouse in Rafah became inaccessible**.
- **Rafah and Kerem Shalom** crossings remain closed. Only limited aid has been able to enter through Erez.
- **Without additional food and fuel**, operations risk coming to a standstill.

SITUATION UPDATE – April 2024

- Seven months into the war, the food security situation in Gaza is still dire. Malnutrition among children is concerning, as one in three children below the age of two is now acutely malnourished or “wasted”.
- Over the month of April, WFP witnessed modest improvements in aid entering and in access, particularly in the north. However, to reverse six months of severe hunger conditions and preventing a famine, WFP requires consistent and reliable delivery of food supplies on a daily and weekly basis.

WFP OPERATIONS



General Food Assistance (GFA)

- In April, WFP reached an estimated **1.8 million* vulnerable people** with in-kind and cash-based general food assistance across Gaza and the West Bank. In Gaza Strip alone, WFP reached 1.6 million people.
- In the Gaza Strip, in April WFP distributed around **578,296 food parcels** enough to last for 10 days, and

**The total beneficiaries figure accounts for overlap between people receiving more than one type of assistance.*

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287,961 bags of 25kg of wheat flour for internally displaced persons (IDPs) in UN-designated shelters, informal camps and within host communities, to approximately **more than a million people**.

- **People in Gaza City and northern Gaza tasted bread for the first time in over 170 days.** WFP delivered fuel, wheat flour and other resources to sixteen bakeries, including four newly operating ones in Gaza City, to produce bread at a subsidised price to people in communities. Around **1.5 million bread parcels** were produced during the month of April.
- WFP provided **10 million hot meals** through six partners managing a network of over 100 community-kitchens across southern and central Gaza, and areas of Gaza City.
- In April, **119,729 pregnant and breastfeeding women and children under five** received complementary feeding assistance (Lipid-based nutritional supplement [LNS]) to meet their increased nutritional needs across southern and central Gaza.
- In the **West Bank**, in April, **140,561 people** redeemed their cash entitlements. This not only enabled them to meet immediate food needs but also provided them with the flexibility and dignity in their choices.



Supply Chain

- Since the onset of the crisis until the end of April, WFP has **operated 4,815 trucks, delivering approximately 85,513 mt of food** into the Gaza Strip through Egypt corridor. In April alone, WFP managed 1,391 trucks, delivering 25,807 mt of food.
- WFP delivered **140 trucks carrying around 1,800 mt** of WFP wheat flour from **Ashdod port to Gaza** directly through southern crossings.
- In April, improved security allowed WFP to send **185 trucks carrying 2,640 mt of food** to Gaza City and northern Gaza through direct entry points in the north (compared to 47 trucks in March), as well as internal roads from south to northern Gaza.
 - Through the new coordinated road and crossing into Gate 96 or Erez, WFP delivered **106 trucks carrying 1,700 mt**, enough for nearly **300,000 people** for 10 days, providing a crucial lifeline.
 - Separately, WFP shipped **79 trucks**, carrying **940 mt** of wheat flour, sugar, yeast and salt and supplied around 306,185 litres of fuel to **bakeries** in northern Gaza via internal and coastal roads.
- WFP has successfully carried out **11 airdrops** with a total of 45 mt of food into Gaza (enough to feed approximately **43,000 people**), with the support from the Jordan Royal Air Force and the German Air Force.

CLUSTERS AND COMMON SERVICES



Logistics Cluster

- In April, the Logistics Cluster received **30,445 m³** of cargo from **32 organisations** in Gaza for storage across the four common warehouses. At the Rafah Transshipment Point, the Logistics Cluster has supported 29 humanitarian organisations with cargo notification services.
- The **Jordan corridor** has dispatched **4,414 mt** in the last month. The Logistics Cluster supports humanitarian organizations with cargo consolidation services (4,670m³ cargo consolidated) in Amman and facilitated access to convoys into Gaza for a total of **41 convoys** for the month of April carrying around **13,720 mt of humanitarian cargo** on behalf of WFP and 18 partners. All the convoy information is available on the [interactive dashboard](#).
- In Egypt, the Logistics Cluster continued its support to the Egyptian Red Crescent in to account for cargo for UN and INGO trucks.



Emergency Telecommunications Cluster (ETC)

- 70 percent of telecommunications infrastructure have been destroyed in Gaza. Internet is available with intermittent connectivity with satellite phones operational. ETC is working to establish reliable communication for responders, securing approvals to activate internet on satellite phones and import essential equipment. Israeli authorities approved internet activation on 20 satellite phones and importation of additional equipment for a secure network across Gaza's sites, facilitated by UNDP.



FUNDING

- WFP's emergency response requires **USD 250 million for the next six months and USD 334 million until the end of the year** to support up to **1.4 million people** in Gaza and the West Bank **monthly**.



ACCOUNTABILITY TO AFFECTED POPULATIONS

- WFP introduced a self-registration link to improve data collection and beneficiary management, which attracted **359,127 registrations**, of which 85 percent have received WFP assistance for the first time.
- WFP's **inter-agency hotline** recorded **8,831 cases logged** in April, mainly for WFP food assistance, showing a higher trend due to the self-registration roll-out. Testing for a new telephone system also progressed.