

WFP PALESTINE EMERGENCY RESPONSE

External Situation Report 30

07 Aug 2024

WFP staff distributing LNS to mothers and their children at a WFP distribution point WFP/Al-Jadallah

HIGHLIGHTS

- The humanitarian "safe" areas in Gaza are shrinking rapidly due to ongoing Israeli attacks, resulting in thousands of internally displaced people over the past week. Urgent measures are needed to protect civilians.
- The escalating conflict pushes Gaza's basic services to the brink of collapse. Overcrowded areas strain water systems, hospitals, markets, and shelters, severely hindering the delivery of essential humanitarian aid. Stocks of basic commodities are critically low, with only one WFP warehouse currently accessible. Respect for deconflicted sites and critical infrastructure inside and outside evacuation zones is essential.
- WFP has started to plan for winterization, including for engineering work and is mobilizing partners and authorities to secure the necessary commitments and funding.
- Despite the risks, WFP reached over 1.4 million people in July with in-kind and cash-based food assistance across Gaza and the West Bank. In Gaza, WFP reached 1.3 million people with reduced rations and in the West Bank 166,000 people were reached with cash-based transfers. WFP remains concerned over stock levels in country due to insufficient crossing points to get food in and with only WFP warehouse currently accessible.

JULY IN NUMBERS



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



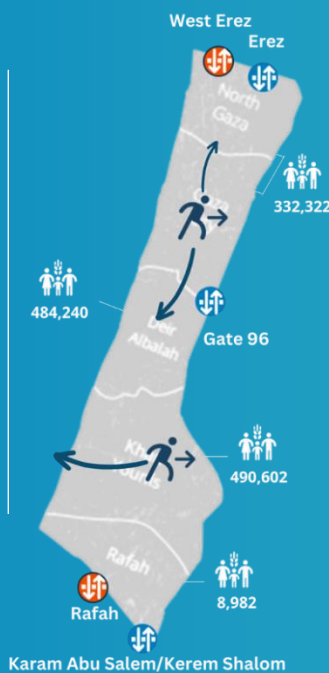
1,016 WFP Trucks
delivered 11,562 mt of food into Gaza in July, bringing the total to 7,903 WFP trucks carrying at least 127,708 mt since the start of the crisis.



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



1.4 million
affected people targeted monthly by WFP emergency assistance in Palestine.



Security update

- Major attacks in Deir Al Balah, Nuseirat, and eastern Khan Yunis - once "safe" areas - displaced hundreds of thousands.
- On 8 August, new evacuation orders resulted in around 70,000 people displaced from Khan Yunis to areas like Mawasi.
- Four kitchens in the evacuation zone are relocating, and 19 FDPs in Khan Yunis have been closed since 22 July.
- Only one WFP warehouse remains outside the evacuation zone with 2,587 mt of commodities operating with reduced staff. The other warehouse (1,401 mt) is now fully in the evacuation zone and closed.
- The Israeli army continues arrests, checkpoints, and demolitions across the West Bank amid protests, and settlers setting farmland on fire.



Crossing status (blue open, red closed) 1-31 July GFA unique beneficiaries

SITUATION UPDATE

- **The situation in Gaza continues to deteriorate**, with expanded evacuations and widespread displacements. This disrupts staff and cargo movements and hinders the capacity to provide humanitarian assistance.
- **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. Polio has been declared an epidemic and Hepatitis A is spreading.



WFP OPERATIONS

General Food Assistance (GFA)

- **In July**, WFP reached over **1.4 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 **1.3 million people** with reduced rations.

**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 **444,707 partial food parcels** enough to last for 15 days for **over 1.2 million** - displaced persons (IDPs) in UN-designated shelters, informal camps and within host communities – and over **1.8 million bread bundles (5,478 mt)** through bakeries.
- In July, WFP provided around **11.5 million hot meals** through a network of 70 community kitchens to **213,787 people**; 96 percent of which were distributed in central governorates.
- 20,831 pregnant and breastfeeding women (PBWG) and 48,601 children under five** received around 1.8 million Lipid-based nutritional supplement (LNS) packs as complementary feeding assistance to meet their increased nutritional needs.
- In the **West Bank**, in July, **166,077 people redeemed their cash-based transfers** to enable them to purchase food items from local stores.



Supply Chain

- Since the start of the crisis, WFP has delivered **7,903 WFP trucks** with at least **127,708 mt** of food into Gaza.



- In August so far, WFP has delivered **278 WFP trucks** with at least **3,847 mt** of food into Gaza.
- Due to recent evacuation orders in Deir ElBalah, only one WFP warehouse is accessible with stocks covering 3,158 mt of different commodities, insufficient to meet the August cycle requirements. Another WFP warehouse (1,401 mt) deeper within the evacuation zone, became inaccessible and has paused operations with all staff evacuated.

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.
- 80 mt of animal feed was distributed to local farmers by partners in southern and central Gaza to support local production of meat and dairy for children's nutrition.



Logistics Cluster

- The Logistics Cluster (LC) stored 38,271m³ 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.
- By 31 July, the LC delivered 3,447m³ of cargo from Jordan and Ashdod to northern warehouses. 15,258m³ of humanitarian cargo was consolidated in Amman, Jordan. Since November 2023, 75 convoys with 1,808 trucks delivered 24,808 mt of aid to Gaza. All the convoy information is available on the [interactive dashboard](#).
- An overall Concept of Operations (CONOPs) draft was developed, with the final draft to be shared with partners this week.



Emergency Telecommunications Cluster (ETC)

- Voice services are limited due to fuel, access, and spare parts shortages. Satellite phones are operational.
- Internet is limited in Rafah, Deir al Balah, North Gaza, 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 **256,064 new registrations** in July, 1,038,961 since its launch. However, only 30 percent of registered cases have received food assistance, highlighting the ongoing challenges WFP faces to deliver food to those in need.
- WFP's **inter-agency hotline** available for people to request and inquire about humanitarian assistance answered **33,432 calls in July**, with 25,284 cases logged, 64 percent of which were related to WFP food assistance.
- WFP launched a chatbot** to allow vulnerable people to quickly retrieve personalized specific information about WFP assistance. This two-way interactive dialogue aims to enhance accessibility and provide instant answers to users' questions. Pilot testing of directing hotline callers to the chatbot indicates a good response among users.