

# WFP PALESTINE EMERGENCY RESPONSE

## Situation Report 18

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Gazan in Gaza City receiving bread for the first time in months at the newly opened bakery. WFP/Ali Jadallah

## HIGHLIGHTS

- WFP is providing food to more than a million people across the Gaza Strip each month: ready-to-eat food parcels, hot meals, wheat flour and specialized products to address malnutrition and is actively working to rehabilitate collapsed food systems. In April, WFP delivered fuel and wheat flour to four bakeries in Gaza City, enabling them to begin operating for the first time in over 170 days.
- In April so far, WFP delivered around 1,346 mt of food, enough to last about ten days, for 278,000 people into Gaza City and northern Gaza.
- WFP is deeply concerned about mass displacement and the humanitarian consequences of an escalation in fighting in densely populated Rafah, home to more than 1 million Gazans. All parties must ensure regular humanitarian access until a ceasefire is agreed.
- Overall, WFP's emergency response requires USD 740 million to provide support for up to 1.1 million people monthly.

### IN NUMBERS



**1.6 million people**

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



**4,498 WFP Trucks**

crossed into Gaza with 79,811 mt of life-saving food supplies.



**USD 740 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.

improvements. But to roll back six months of near starvation conditions and avert a famine require steady flows of food supplies, every day.

## WFP Operations



### General Food Assistance (GFA)

- In April so far, WFP reached an estimated **1.6 million\* vulnerable people** with in-kind and cash-based general food assistance across Gaza and the West Bank. In Gaza Strip alone, WFP reached 1.5 million people.
  - In the Gaza Strip, WFP has distributed around **400,000 food parcels** that last for 10 days, and **85,580 bags** of 25kg of wheat flour for internally displaced persons (IDPs) in UN-designated shelters, informal camps and within host communities, to approximately one million people.
  - WFP provided **7.6 million hot meals** through six partners managing a network of over 100 community-kitchens across southern and central Gaza, including areas of Gaza City.
  - **74,654** mothers and children under five received complementary feeding assistance

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

## Situation Update

- Six months into the war, the Gaza Strip is facing unprecedented levels of hunger and displacement.
- Given the catastrophic hunger in the Strip, the UN system is working with the US government and other partners on a maritime corridor, which would be an important additional relief route, provided UN concerns over neutrality and security are addressed, and land access is also expanded.
- Our ability to get food assistance to where it's needed - including the north - has seen modest

(Lipid-based nutritional supplement [LNS]) to meet their increased nutritional needs across southern and central Gaza.

- In April only, WFP delivered enough food for 278,000 people to last about ten days through **ten food aid convoys** carrying around **1,320 mt** of canned food and wheat flour and six **airdrops of 26 mt** of canned food rations to Gaza City and northern Gaza. As of 14 April, deliveries are happening through the new coordinated route and via Erez crossing in northern Gaza.
- 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 **1.1 million bread parcels** were produced during the reporting period.
- In the West Bank, WFP expanded its assistance to an additional 100,000 vulnerable people with cash-based transfers. In April, **136,520 people** redeemed their cash entitlements.



## Supply Chain

- Since the onset of the crisis and until 22 April, WFP has **operated 4,498 trucks, delivering approximately 79,811 mt of food** into the Gaza Strip. In April so far, WFP managed 841 trucks, delivering 16,429 mt of food.
- The first delivery of WFP wheat flour from Ashdod to the Gaza Strip through Kerem Shalom began on 16 April. Since then, WFP has moved 41 trucks carrying around 1,045 mt of WFP wheat flour from Ashdod to Gaza directly through Kerem Shalom, with deliveries expected to occur every day now that Israeli custom clearance procedures have been streamlined.

## Clusters and Common Services



### Logistics Cluster

- As of 18 April 2024, the Logistics Cluster had received 13,438 m<sup>3</sup> of cargo from 27 organizations in Gaza for storage across the four common warehouses. At Rafah Transshipment Point, the Logistics Cluster has also supported 32 humanitarian organizations with cargo notification services and transport to the common warehouses.
- As part of the Jordan corridor, the Logistics Cluster supports humanitarian organizations with cargo consolidation services (4,507 m<sup>3</sup> cargo consolidated)

in Amman and facilitated access to convoys into Gaza for a total of 39 convoys to date supporting 18 partners. On 15 April, the third direct convoy with 25 trucks transported 308,3 m<sup>3</sup> of food, and from 15 to 17 April, three back-to-back convoys departed with 736 mt of food, shelter, and health items. All the convoy information is available on the [interactive dashboard](#).

- On 17 April, the Logistics Cluster team in Egypt received 4 Temperature Controlled Units (TCU) (2 for Al Arish and 2 for Gaza) and one fuel truck, as part of the continuing effort to augment the Egyptian Red Crescent (ERC) capacity in Al Arish, as well other humanitarian organisations inside Gaza.
- On 17 and 18 April, the Logistics Cluster conducted a Logistics Cluster Induction training in Cairo with the participation of 16 organizations.



### Emergency Telecommunications Cluster (ETC)

- The ETC urgently requires USD 1.8 million requested in the revised occupied Palestinian territory (oPt) Flash Appeal recently published by OCHA to address urgent and critical lifesaving efforts in Gaza until 31 December 2024.
- ETC continues to advocate for the urgently required authorizations to import critical Security Communications (SCS) equipment and telecommunications services to support humanitarian responders in the delivery of life-saving aid and services in Gaza. On 21 April, the ETC team with OCHA arranged a meeting with the Israeli Coordination of Government Activities in the Territories (COGAT) on the matter.



### Funding

- Overall, WFP's emergency response requires USD 740 million to provide support for up to 1.1 million people monthly.



### Accountability to Affected Populations

- WFP's free inter-agency hotline provides information on inter-agency assistance. In April, 30 operators have received over 20,000 calls – 74 percent were requests for food assistance.
- WFP launched a self-registration link across the Gaza Strip to enhance data collection, beneficiary management, and open an additional feedback mechanism. Since its rollout, 156,000 people have already registered using the link. Preparations are underway for WFP to establish help and registration desks at distribution points in Gaza.