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UNRWA Situation Report # 1 on the situation in the Gaza Strip

7 October 2023

General area updates

- At 06:30 on the morning of 7 October 2023, Hamas launched “Operation Al-Aqsa Flood” with more than 5,000 rockets reportedly fired towards Israel from multiple locations in Gaza, as well as ground operation into Israel.
- In response to this attack, Israeli authorities declared that the country is in a state of war and called up military reservists. At 12:00 noon, the Israeli Forces launched operation ‘Iron Sword’ with strikes on the Gaza strip by air, land and sea.
- As of 21:00, the Ministry of Health in Gaza reported 232 killed and 1,697 injuries. Two boys, both UNRWA students at UNRWA schools in Khan Younis and Beit Hanoun, are confirmed to be among those killed.
- According to different sources, between 150-200 Israelis have been reportedly killed.
- By 18:00, at least 20,363 Internally Displaced People were sheltering in 44 UNRWA schools in all areas in the Gaza Strip, except Khan Younis. Of those, 28 are Designated Emergency Shelters and 16 are not.
- Three UNRWA schools were affected by collateral damages caused by Israeli Armed Forces (IAF) airstrikes.

Health services provision

- All UNRWA 22 Health Centres are closed.
- Emergency health-care services are available exclusively through the toll-free hotline (1-800-444-666).
- Primary health-care services are planned to resume with a limited number of staff as of tomorrow, 8 October.

Sanitation services provision

- All solid waste collection and transfer to landfills put on hold.
- The operation of water wells was stopped around 09:30am on 7 October.
- Water wells operations are planned to resume tomorrow in Jabalia, Khan Younis and Rafah.

Relief and Social Services

- UNRWA food distribution is on hold as of today until further notice, disrupting the third food distribution cycle. All 14 UNRWA Food Distribution Centres are closed. A total of 112,759 families (541,640 individuals) are yet to receive food assistance.
- UNRWA Relief and Social Services Helplines will be operational as of tomorrow, Sunday 8 October.

General UNRWA operations

- All staff movement is restricted.
- Food and non-food items are prepositioned in the sub-stores across the five areas in Gaza and the main warehouses.
- Information to be shared with communities on UNRWA services. Social media content put out already on the emergency health-care services through the toll-free hotline.

UNRWA Installations

- Shrapnel was found in one school in Jabalia camp in the northern area.
- Two schools, one in Jabalia camp (northern area) and one in the city of Gaza, were affected by collateral damage due to Israeli Air Force airstrikes.

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UNRWA Situation Report #2 on the situation in the Gaza Strip

8 October 2023



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Area general updates

- UNRWA is sheltering 73,538 internally displaced people (IDPs) in 64 of its schools in all areas in the Gaza Strip. Of those, 45 are Designated Emergency Shelters (DES) and 19 are not.
- An UNRWA school sheltering displaced families in the Gaza Strip was directly hit. The school sheltering more than 225 people was severely damaged. No casualties were recorded among the displaced but the school sustained significant structural damage.

Protection of Civilians

- The Ministry of Health in Gaza reported 370 killed, including at least 20 children, and 2,200 injured since 7 October. Three UNRWA students at UNRWA schools in Khan Younis and Beit Hanoun, all boys, are confirmed killed.
- According to Israeli open sources, at least 650 people were killed in Israel.

Education

- All UNRWA schools across the Gaza Strip, including the Rehabilitation Centre for Visually Impaired and the two vocational centres in Gaza and Khan Younis, are closed. More than 300,000 students are impacted.

Provision of health services

- Fifteen (15) (out of 22) UNRWA Health Centres across the Gaza Strip have resumed providing primary healthcare services from 9:00 to 12:00 to patients with urgent referred appointments received through the free-toll hotline (1-800-444-666).

- Health Centres provide treatment for non-communicable diseases and for critical outpatient cases.
- Up to 13 per cent of the total UNRWA Health staff is present.
- Provision of emergency healthcare services through the toll-free hotline (1-800-444-666) continues across all areas. Nearly 1,500 calls were received on the toll-free hotline and were provided with relevant services.

Sanitation Services provision

- All solid waste collection and transfer to landfills activities remain on hold.
- The operation of water wells in Jabalia, Khan Younis and Rafah is ongoing.
- UNRWA maintenance team carried out maintenance works for the water pump to provide availability of water at Rafah prep boys B school, which is a Designated Emergency Shelter.

Relief and Social Services

- Food operations remain on hold until further notice disrupting the third food distribution cycle. 14 Distribution Centres are closed. Some 112,759 families (541,640 individuals) are yet to receive food assistance.
- Relief and social services helplines are operational and have received 27 phone calls as of 14:00 hrs today. These were mostly requests for information related to food assistance, telemedicine and shelter support.
- Psychosocial Support and Psychological First Aid were provided remotely to nearly 80 people.
- Two thirds of Social Services staff are providing services remotely, including social intervention support, legal counselling and helpline services.
- Registration services are available.

General UNRWA operations

- Staff movements remained restricted except for staff providing services.
- Fuel was distributed to UNRWA health centres.
- UNRWA is sharing content on social media for affected communities about available healthcare services in the 15 health centres.

UNRWA Installations

- At least 14 UNRWA installations sustained damage over the past few days.

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UNRWA Situation Report #3 on the situation in the Gaza Strip

9 October 2023 (as of 16:00)



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General updates

- Mass displacement has escalated in the past 24 hours across the Gaza Strip, reaching over 187,518 (OCHA figures), and is expected to increase further. About 3,000 Palestinians in Gaza are still displaced following previous escalations.
- Nearly 137,500 internally displaced people (IDPs) are sheltering in 83 UNRWA schools in all areas of the Gaza Strip. As heavy airstrikes continue, more and more IDPs seek shelter in UNRWA's schools. Every effort is being made to provide basic services to the IDPs. However, the conditions are difficult, with some shelters overcrowded, and with limited availability of potable water. Not all 83 schools are DES (designated emergency shelters) hence not prepared to receive IDPs.
- In coordination with the World Food Programme (WFP), bread was distributed to the displaced people in the shelters.
- UNRWA Gaza Field Office, where national and international staff are present, suffered collateral damage due to airstrikes in the Rimal area in the centre of Gaza City.
- In total, 18 UNRWA installations have been affected since 7 October.

Protection of Civilians

- According to the Palestinian Ministry of Health: 560 people have been killed, including at least 90 children, and 2,900 injured. Two UNRWA staff members have been killed and five UNRWA students.
- According to Israeli sources, at least 900 people have been killed in Israel.
- Four displaced people sheltering at an UNRWA school in Gaza city were injured. In addition, an unconfirmed number of displaced sheltering at the UNRWA Rehabilitation Centre for the Visually Impaired were injured, due to airstrikes on nearby buildings.

Education

- All UNRWA schools across the Gaza Strip, including the Rehabilitation Centre for Visually Impaired and the two vocational centres in Gaza and Khan Younis, remain closed.

Provision of health services

- 15 (out of 22) UNRWA Health Centres across the Gaza Strip are providing primary healthcare services from 9:00 to 12:00 to patients with urgent referred appointments received through the free-toll hotline.
- 125 health staff (13.5 % of total health staff) are rotating at the health centers. Emergency health-care services through the toll-free hotline continue across all areas.
- As of 14:00 hrs, 1,672 callers used the toll-free hotline and were provided with services.
- The community is appealing to UNRWA to open the closed health centres due to the high demand for services.

Sanitation Services provision

- All solid waste collection and transfer to landfills activities remain on hold. Alternative arrangements are being made. The operation of water wells in Jabalia, Khan Younis and Rafah has resumed.
- Potable water was delivered by water tankers to three shelters in Khan Younis.
- Maintenance teams carried out work in six schools, including plumbing and fixing of electrical systems.

Relief and Social Services

- Nearly half a million people (112k families) have not been able to get their food rations this week since UNRWA food distribution centers are closed.
- Relief and Social Services Helplines are operational and Psychosocial Support and Psychological First Aid are being provided remotely.

General UNRWA operations

- Mobile toilets and showers are being deployed to the shelters where these are not available.
- Mattresses, mats, blankets, jerrycans and cleaning supplies were transported from the main UNRWA warehouse to the shelters. However, the quantity currently available is insufficient to cover the needs, given the increasing number of IDPs. Staff movements remains restricted except for those involved in the provision of services listed above.

UNRWA Installations

- Shrapnel was found in a health centre in the northern area.
- Shrapnel was found in two schools in Rafah and the middle areas.
- Three schools and the Rehabilitation Centre for the Visually Impaired in Gaza City sustained collateral damage.

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UNRWA Situation Report #4 on the situation in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank (including East Jerusalem)

9 October 2023 (as of 16:00)



Area general updates

- Nearly 175,500 internally displaced people are sheltering in 88 UNRWA schools across the Gaza Strip. The numbers continue to increase as airstrikes continue from the Israeli Air Forces.
- UNRWA staff are working around the clock to respond to the needs of the displaced in the shelters. However, some are overcrowded and have limited availability of food, other basic items and potable water. UNRWA has over 5,300 UNRWA workers managing shelters.
- In coordination with the World Food Programme (WFP), bread was distributed to the displaced people in the shelters.
- Two UNRWA schools were affected by airstrikes, bringing the total number of installations affected by the conflict to 20 since 7 October.
- Turmoil in major Palestinian cities has been reported and clashes between Palestinians and Israeli Forces around checkpoints and settlements across the West Bank.
- The Israeli Authorities closed all crossings from the West Bank into East Jerusalem and Israel for Palestinian ID holders, including UN and International NGOs staff. Movements between governorates and cities within the West Bank remains challenging, as ad hoc closures and restrictions are put in place by Israeli Authorities.,

- Closures of checkpoints around East Jerusalem were partially eased while flying checkpoints were set up at entrances of Palestinian neighborhoods in the city. All checkpoints isolating parts of the Israeli-controlled area of Hebron (H2) from the rest of the city were closed for the third consecutive day, impeding the movement of 7,000 Palestinian residents and restricting them from accessing basic services like health and education, and essential services.

Protection of Civilians

- According to the Palestinian Ministry of Health, 900 people were killed including 290 children. Another 4,250 were injured since 7 October in the Gaza Strip.
- Thirty (30) UNRWA students (17 girls and 13 boys) have been killed and another eight were injured (six boys and two girls).
- Nine UNRWA personnel (six staff and three contractors) were killed, while three teachers were injured.
- 16 internally displaced people sheltering at an UNRWA school were injured, including two critically, as a result of an airstrike nearby.
- In the West Bank (including East Jerusalem), 17 Palestinians were killed including four children. Of these, three were Palestine Refugees, including one child. Meanwhile, another 295 were reported injured (OCHA oPt).
- According to Israeli sources, 1,000 people were killed in Israel.

Education

- All UNRWA schools across the Gaza Strip, including the Rehabilitation Centre for Visually Impaired and the two vocational centres in Gaza and Khan Younis remain closed. Some are being considered to become shelters as the number of internally displaced continues to increase.
- In the West Bank, most UNRWA schools have remained open, operating at limited capacity, through teachers and staff living close to schools. Some of the schools in hotspot locations, including Hebron H2, remained closed, and turned to remote learning.

Provision of health services

- Only 11 (out of 22) UNRWA Health Centres across the Gaza Strip are able to provide primary healthcare services from 9:00 to 12:30 to patients with urgent referred appointments received through the free-toll hotline.
- 111 health staff (12 per cent of total health staff) are present at the health centres. Emergency health-care services through the toll-free hotline continue across all areas. With needs increasing on the ground and the conflict intensifying, UNRWA is looking into scaling up its capacity in the accessible health centers mobilizing more staff and opening for longer hours, whilst ensuring personnel security and safety.
- As of 14:00 hrs, 1,248 callers used the toll-free hotline and were provided with services.

- Medicines were delivered to the health centres from its central pharmacy. Pharmacy stocks are not affected by shortages for now. One UNRWA health centre in Jabalia (north of the Gaza Strip) is likely to run out of medicines in the next 14 days.
- Local community continues to appeal to UNRWA to open closed health centres due to high demand for health services.
- In the West Bank, most UNRWA health centres are open, also operating at limited capacity, due to movement and access restrictions.

Sanitation Services provision

- All solid waste collection and transfer to landfill activities remain on hold. Transfer of solid waste from shelters to the landfills has started.
- Water wells in Jabalia, Khan Younis and Rafah are functional with about 9,000 cubic meters pumped from nine water wells.
- Provision of potable water through tankers continues to several designated emergency shelters in the Khan Younis area.
- Emergency repair of water network at Jabalia water well was carried out.
- 40 sanitation workers are working on the operation of all sanitation activities.
- In the West Bank, sanitation labourers removed garbage in the camps. Due to limited movement, challenges were reported with moving waste from the transfer stations in the camps to the landfills.

Relief and Social Services

- Nearly half a million people (112,000 families) have not been able to get their food rations since UNRWA food distribution centres closed on 7 October.
- Helplines are operational and Psychological First Aid provided remotely. 33 social workers are available to provide psychosocial support remotely.

General UNRWA operations

- With an increased number of schools sheltering the internally displaced, additional mobile toilets and showers are being deployed.
- UNRWA distributed mattresses, mats, blankets and jerrycans in the designated emergency shelters. People with specific needs are prioritized as the quantity is insufficient to cover all needs.
- Maintenance work (with 31 staff) is carried out in 35 UNRWA emergency shelters.
- Staff movement remains restricted except for staff providing services.

UNRWA Installations

- An UNRWA school in the Middle Area was affected by collateral damage due to an airstrike that hit a building adjacent to the school. Shrapnel was also found in the schoolyard.
- UN Common Premises Compound, which hosts UNRWA Gaza Field Office, OCHA, UNDSS, UNMAS, and UNRWA GAZA HQ, sustained major damage to most structures due to nearby airstrikes. A number of UNRWA assets were destroyed, including vehicles, fuel and water stores. At least 60 UNRWA staff were on the compound at the time.

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UNRWA Situation Report #5 on the situation in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank (including East Jerusalem)

11 October 2023 16:00



Area general updates

- Nearly 218,600 internally displaced people (IDPs) are sheltering in 92 UNRWA schools in all areas in the Gaza Strip. The number of IDPs in UNRWA emergency shelters continues to increase on a daily basis as airstrikes and shelling by Israeli Forces continue across the Gaza Strip.
- In addition, many other people are displaced in government schools and other buildings. In total, at least 340,000 Palestinians have been displaced across the Gaza Strip.
- Over 5,300 UNRWA staff are responding to the emergency under extremely challenging circumstances. Many roads have been destroyed or have become inaccessible due to debris and ongoing airstrikes are limiting movements.
- Shelters are overcrowded and have limited availability of food, non-food items and potable water. A water crisis is looming in UNRWA emergency shelters and across the Gaza Strip due to damaged infrastructure, lack of electricity needed to operate pumps and desalination plants, and limited supply of water in the local market. Water supplies cannot be replenished due to the total blockade on the Gaza Strip by the Israelis authorities. Fuel cannot be brought in and Israeli water suppliers can no longer deliver water in Gaza. An Emergency Water Task Force was established to explore solutions for potable water supplies in shelters and beyond in coordination with UNICEF and OCHA.
- There is no humanitarian access for food or other essential supplies.

- In coordination with the World Food Programme (WFP), bread was distributed to the displaced people in the shelters. UNRWA is distributing other food to displaced families.
- Today, one UNRWA health centre in Gaza area was affected by airstrikes, bringing the total number of installations affected by the conflict to 21 since 7 October.
- It is still possible to communicate with UNRWA offices through internet and satellite phones.

Protection of Civilians

- According to the Ministry of Health in Gaza, 1,100 people have been killed, including 171 women and 326 children, and 5,339 injured, including 744 women and 1,217 children, since 7 October.
- According to Israeli sources, 1,200 people have been killed in Israel.
- Three UNRWA personnel were among the fatalities in the last 24 hours, bringing the total number of UNRWA staff and other personnel killed to 12 since 7 October.
- Five internally displaced people sheltering at two UNRWA schools were injured as a result of airstrikes nearby. A total of 33 IDPs sheltering at UNRWA schools have been injured.

Education

- All UNRWA schools across the Gaza Strip, including the Rehabilitation Centre for Visually Impaired and the two vocational centres in Gaza and Khan Younis, remain closed.

Provision of health services

- Only eight (out of 22) UNRWA health centres across the Gaza Strip were able to provide primary health-care services from 9:00 to 13:00 to critical outpatient cases and patients in need of treatment for non-communicable diseases.
- 1,466 patients, both refugees and non-refugees, received medical services at UNRWA health centres.
- Provision of telemedicine services through the toll-free line was suspended due to cuts in the electricity and telephone networks across the Gaza Strip.
- 67 UNRWA health staff (eight per cent of total health staff) are present at UNRWA health centres.
- UNRWA pharmacy stocks are not affected by shortages for now. However, one UNRWA health centre in Jabalia (north of the Gaza Strip) is likely to run out of medicine in the next 14 days.
- Diesel reserves to run the health centres are critically decreasing. The current stock of diesel at Shaboura Health Centre in Rafah is for one day, while in Khan Younis health centre the stock is for two days. If stocks of diesel are not replenished by tomorrow (12 October), there is a high risk that these two health centres will have to close.
- The community continues to appeal to UNRWA to open the closed health centres due to high need of health services especially as the government hospitals are overwhelmed while needs continue to grow.

- UNRWA Health Programme will cover cost of all referred C-Section and normal deliveries as well as urgent surgeries.

Sanitation

- Some solid waste collection and transfer to landfills activities have resumed for a safe environment in the camps and to reduce health-related risks. Transfer of solid waste from emergency shelters to landfills continues.
- Water wells in Jabalia, Khan Younis and Rafah are functional with about 10,000 cubic metres pumped from nine water wells.
- Provision of potable water through tankers continues to several designated emergency shelters in the Khan Younis area.

Relief and Social Services

- Nearly half a million people (112,000 families) have not been able to receive their quarterly food rations since UNRWA food distribution centers closed on 7 October.

General UNRWA operations

- With an increased number of schools sheltering IDPs, mobile toilets and showers are being deployed where these are not available.
- UNRWA distributed mattresses, mats, blankets and jerrycans in the designated emergency shelters. People with specific needs are prioritized as the quantity is insufficient to cover all needs.
- Maintenance work continues to be carried out in UNRWA emergency shelters.
- Staff movement remains restricted except for staff providing services.
- The UNRWA stocks of diesel will last for 13 days from today. Unless supplies start coming in as soon as possible, UNRWA operations will be heavily impacted.

UNRWA Installations

- An UNRWA health centre in Gaza City as well as three trucks parked outside the centre were affected by collateral damage due to an airstrike targeting a building nearby.

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UNRWA Situation Report #6 on the situation in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank (including East Jerusalem)

15 October 2023 as of 20:00



Palestine Refugees seeking shelter in the UNRWA Rafah Log Base following evacuation orders. © 2023 UNRWA Photo by Hector Sharp

Area general updates

- Heavy Israeli Forces' bombardments of the Gaza Strip have continued, from the air, sea and land.
- Civilians continue to flee to the southern areas following the Israeli Authorities' warning to evacuate northern areas.
- Advocacy continues at the highest levels for humanitarian access for pre-positioned critical supplies to cross into Gaza through Rafah, including food, water, medical supplies, fuel and non-food items.
- UNRWA continues to advocate for international humanitarian law and the protection of civilians to be respected.
- According to Palestinian Ministry of Health and open sources, in nine days, **2,329 Palestinians have been killed in Gaza** (an average of 259 per day, or 11 every hour). The number of people killed in Israel has reached 1,300 and at least 3,621 wounded.
- The above numbers are for background only. UNRWA has not been able to verify.
- **14 UNRWA staff members have been killed.** These are confirmed reports, but the number is likely higher.
- **23 confirmed reports of UNRWA installations** across the Gaza Strip have been impacted as a result of airstrikes but the total number is likely to be higher.
- Over one million people – almost half the total population of Gaza - have been displaced. Some **600,000 Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs)** are in the Middle Area, Khan Yunis and Rafah, of those, nearly **400,000** are in UNRWA facilities - much exceeding our capacity to assist in any meaningful way, including with space in our shelters, food, water or psychological support.

- Despite the Israeli Forces' evacuation order, an **unknown number of IDPs remain in UNRWA schools in Gaza city and the North. UNRWA is no longer able to assist or protect them.** Over 160,000 IDPs were sheltering in 57 UNRWA premises, including—but not only—Designated Emergency Shelters in these areas at the time of the Israeli evacuation order.
- The number of killed is increasing. There are not enough body-bags for the dead in Gaza.
- UNRWA in Gaza found some water in local shops, but rations are still down to one litre of water per person per day for the UNRWA teams in the Rafah logistics base (to cover drinking and all other needs).
- People across Gaza have severely limited access to clean drinking water. As a last resort, people are consuming brackish water from agricultural wells, triggering serious concerns over the spread of waterborne diseases.
- For the fifth consecutive day, Gaza has had no electricity, pushing vital services, including health, water and sanitation to the brink of collapse, and worsening food insecurity.
- UNRWA has sent an **advance team** to Egypt to prepare for the possible opening of a humanitarian corridor to bring humanitarian aid supplies into the Strip.
- As of 15 October, eight **UNRWA health centres** were operational across Gaza providing primary health-care services, with estimated supplies of less than one month.
- According to the health cluster, there are a total of 3,500 hospital beds in Gaza. Evacuation orders apply to 23 hospitals in Gaza and north Gaza, with capacity of 2,000 beds.

The West Bank (including East Jerusalem)

- As of Sunday, the Palestinian Ministry of Health reported 54 people killed in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem and more than 1,100 injured, since Saturday 7 October. This number is the highest recorded number of Palestinians killed in a single one week since 2017. Most of those were killed on Friday, 13 October when Palestinian factions called for a day of protests.
- UNRWA continues to run its operations in the West Bank, including schools and health centres, and waste collection in refugee camps.
- UNRWA staff continue to face severe access and movement restrictions, due to closures, checkpoints and road blockages by the Israeli Forces.
- UNRWA staff are unable to travel to their place of work, unless it is in the immediate vicinity.

Other

- The UNRWA Commissioner-General gave a press conference in East Jerusalem. His remarks are in [this link](#).

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UNRWA Situation Report #7 on the situation in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank (including East Jerusalem)

16 October 2023 as of 18:00



Area general updates

- Heavy Israeli Forces' bombardments, from the air, sea and land, have continued.
- Israeli Air Forces continued to strike also in Khan Younis and other southern areas despite the directive for people in Gaza to move south.
- Water remains a key issue as people will start dying without water.
- Concerns over dehydration and waterborne diseases are high given the collapse of water and sanitation services, including today's shutdown of Gaza's last functioning seawater desalination plant.
- One line of water was opened today for three hours only in the South of the Gaza Strip, feeding limited water to only half of the population of Khan Yunis (nearly 100,000 people). This does not solve the urgent water needs in other parts of Khan Yunis, the Middle Area and Rafah. Only 14 per cent of the population in the Strip benefited from this three-hour opening of the water line.
- 600,000 litres of fuel are needed in Gaza per day to operate water and desalinization plants. UNRWA moved (on 16 October) some of its existing -but very limited- fuel supplies that it already had inside Gaza.
- Fuel reserves at all hospitals across Gaza are expected to last for an additional 24 hours only. The shutdown of backup generators would place the lives of thousands of patients at serious risk.
- In nine days of conflict, according to the Palestinian Ministry of Health, **2,670 Palestinians have been killed in Gaza** (an average of 267 per day, or 11 every hour) and **9,600 are injured**.
- In Israel, 1,300 people were killed and at least 4,121 were injured according to different sources.
- **14 UNRWA staff members have sadly been killed since 7 October**. These are confirmed reports, but the number is likely to be higher.

- **24 confirmed reports of UNRWA installations** across the Gaza Strip impacted as a result of airstrikes and bombardment. The actual number is likely to be higher.
- Estimates that 1 million people have been displaced across the Gaza Strip. Some **600,000** in the Middle Area, Khan Yunis and Rafah, of those nearly 400,000 are in UNRWA installations.
- **UNRWA Rafah Logistics Base** is now hosting nearly **8,000 people** and the numbers continue to increase. Tensions there are very high.
- Despite the Israeli Forces' evacuation order, **an unknown number of internally displaced remain in UNRWA schools in the north. UNRWA is no longer able to assist or protect the displaced in those areas and does not have information on their needs and conditions.**
- UNRWA is running eight Primary Health Clinics in the middle and southern areas.
- UNRWA is likely to run out of medicines in its health clinics in the coming month. In some clinics, supplies are likely to run out sooner, due to difficulties with transporting supplies from one location to another.

The West Bank (including East Jerusalem)

- In the West Bank, significant access and movements restrictions and increasing **settler violence continue**. According to OCHA, 58 Palestinians have been killed and 1,176 injured since 7 October.

Other

- Intensive high-level advocacy efforts are being made by UNRWA and the UN to allow critical humanitarian supplies into the Gaza Strip.

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UNRWA Situation Report #8 on the situation in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank (including East Jerusalem)

17 October 2023 as of 18:30



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Area general updates

- On the afternoon of 17 October (local time), [an UNRWA school](#) in Al Maghazi refugee camp in the middle area of Gaza, sheltering some 4,000 displaced people, was hit. As a result, eight people were killed and 40 injured, including three UNRWA staff.
- A few hours later, the Al-Ahli Anglican Episcopal Hospital in Gaza City was hit. At least 500 people were reported killed. The hospital was operational, with patients, health and caregivers, and internally displaced people sheltering there.
- The UN Secretary-General condemned the strike on the hospital and the school in a [statement](#).
- The siege on the Gaza Strip has continued since 7 October. UNRWA and other humanitarian actors have not been able to bring any humanitarian supplies into the Gaza Strip since that date.

Overall situation

- According to the Ministry of Health in Gaza, 3,000 people have been killed since 7 October and a further 12,500 injured.
- In the West Bank, including East Jerusalem, at least 61 Palestinians have been killed since 7 October and at least 1,230 are injured. (OCHA).
- The number of people killed in Israel is 1,300, with at least 4,229 wounded. (Source: OCHA)
- The number of internally displaced people across the Gaza Strip is estimated at around one million, including approximately 513,507¹ internally displaced persons (IDPs) taking shelter at UNRWA facilities across the Gaza Strip.

¹ Rafah: 113,769 in 32 schools; Khan Younis: 111,220 in 31 schools; the Middle Area: 128,550 in 28 schools; North: 112,367 in 25 schools; Gaza City: 47,601 in 32 schools.

Humanitarian access & protection of civilians

- At least 14 UNRWA staff and personnel have been killed since 7 October and nine staff have been injured. The actual number is likely to be much higher. These figures include only those that the Agency has been able to confirm.
- Since the beginning of the war, nearly 100 IDPs sheltering at UNRWA facilities have been injured and eight killed.
- There have been 32 confirmed reports of UNRWA installations across the Gaza Strip impacted by the Israeli Security Forces strikes.
- In the West Bank (including in East Jerusalem), UNRWA staff continue to face severe access and movement restrictions, due to closures, checkpoints and roadblocks by the Israeli Security Forces.

UNRWA response

In the Gaza Strip

- Many UNRWA staff have been displaced, impacting the Agency's ability to provide assistance to those who need it most in all the shelters.
- UNRWA shelters are overcrowded and have very limited supplies of food, hygiene and cleaning supplies and potable water. The dire conditions, compounded by trauma due to the war, have started to fuel tensions among the IDPs in the shelters.
- The water crisis continues due to the inability to bring in much needed fuel, which is needed to operate water pumps and desalination plants. It is further compounded by the very limited supply of water on the market. Many UNRWA shelters have no water supplies. Health-related risks due to the lack of water and poor sanitation are growing, including water-borne and other diseases.
- Only eight (out of 22) UNRWA health centres in three areas (Rafah, Khan Younis and the Middle Areas) were able to provide primary health-care services to critical outpatient cases and patients in need of treatment for non-communicable diseases.
- Today, over 3,500 patients received medical services at UNRWA health centres. 52 mobile medical teams and 60 mobile medical points have been established to provide primary health care to IDPs in shelters.
- Advocacy efforts continue at the highest levels to ensure safe humanitarian access to deliver critical supplies into the Gaza Strip including fuel, food, water, medical supplies and other basic items.
- UNRWA continues to advocate for international humanitarian law and the protection of civilians to be respected.

In the West Bank

- UNRWA suspended its operations in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem, on 18 October, due to the security situation and operational constraints.

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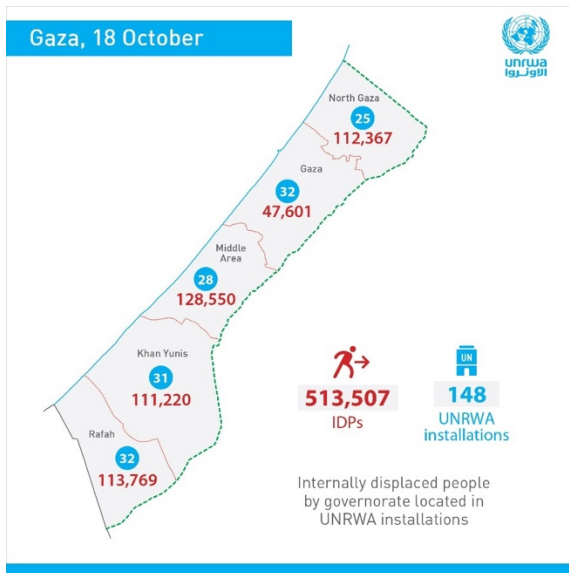
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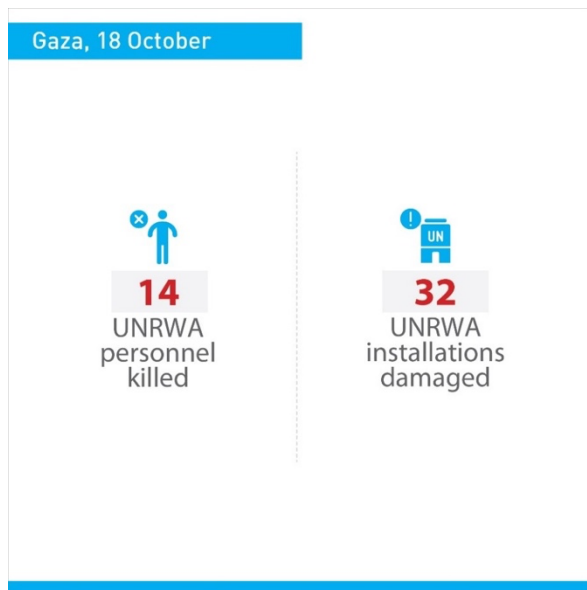
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Source: UNRWA. Data for the middle area, Khan Yunis and Rafah is as of 18 October 2023. Figures for Gaza and North Gaza governorates, i.e. above the evacuation line are from 12 October, 2023. Large numbers of IDPs remain in shelters in these areas but UNRWA has not been able to verify precise populations.

Confirmed number of UNRWA personnel killed & UNRWA installations damaged since 7 October



Source: UNRWA. Data since 7 October 2023.



UNRWA Situation Report #9 on the situation in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank (including East Jerusalem)

All information valid as of 19 October 2023 at 20:00

13 days into the War



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General updates

- Two more UNRWA colleagues were confirmed killed in the Gaza Strip bringing the total number to 16 since the war began.
- UNRWA continues to advocate at the highest levels for sustained and unhindered humanitarian access for much needed supplies, including fuel, food, water and medicines, into Gaza.
- UNRWA also continues to advocate for adherence to international humanitarian law and the protection of civilians, civilian infrastructure and UN facilities.
- UNRWA shelters, housing over half a million people, are overcrowded, especially in southern Gaza; some of the displaced have reportedly started returning to other areas.
- In the West Bank, at least ten Palestinians have been killed by Israeli forces in Nur Shams refugee camp in Tulkarem, according to the Palestinian Ministry of Health.
- Israeli Security Forces continue arrest and search campaigns in the West Bank, including of Palestinians labourers from Gaza, who were deported to the West Bank by Israeli forces. Over 60 labourers from Gaza were arrested yesterday in Bethlehem alone.

Overall situation

- According to the Ministry of Health in Gaza, **3,785 people have been killed** since 7 October, and another 12,493 injured, including 3,983 children and 3,300 women.
- In the West Bank, including East Jerusalem, at least 64 Palestinians have been killed and at least 1,230 injured since 7 October (OCHA).
- The number of people killed in Israel is 1,300, with at least 4,562 wounded (OCHA).
- The number of internally displaced people (IDPs) across the Gaza Strip is estimated at around one million, more than **half of whom are sheltering in UNRWA installations in the five governorates.**

Humanitarian access & protection of civilians

- At least 16 UNRWA colleagues have been killed since 7 October and another ten staff have been injured. The actual number is likely to be much higher - these figures include only those that the Agency has been able to confirm.
- Since the beginning of the war, nearly 100 IDPs sheltering at UNRWA facilities have been injured and eight killed.
- There have been 33 confirmed reports of UNRWA installations across the Gaza Strip impacted since 7 October.
- An UNRWA school in Nuseirat Camp, in the Middle Area, was affected by collateral damage due to a nearby strike. Three internally displaced persons sheltering at the school were injured.
- In the West Bank (including in East Jerusalem), UNRWA staff continue to face severe access and movement restrictions, due to closures, checkpoints and roadblocks by the Israeli Security Forces.
- At least 10 Palestinians were reported killed in Nur Shams camp, including two children, by Israeli forces. Roads in the camp have been bulldozed and a large number of camp residents were detained and interrogated on site. Explosions were reported and houses inside the refugee camp were raided; some were taken over by Israeli Forces. Water and electricity were cut during the operation.
- In the last 24 hours, a 17-year-old Palestinian boy in Dheisheh refugee camp in Bethlehem and a 16-year-old Palestinian boy in Tulkarem were also killed.
- Since 7 October, at least 74 Palestinian households, comprising 545 people, have been displaced from 13 herding/Bedouin communities in Area C of the West Bank. Israel retains near exclusive control in these areas, including over law enforcement, access and movement, and planning and construction. This displacement has come amid intensified settler violence and access restrictions. Half of those displaced are children.

UNRWA response

In the Gaza Strip

Shelter

- UNRWA shelters are severely impacted by the water crisis due to the dwindling and, in many cases, lack of availability of fuel supplies. Fuel is needed to operate water pumps and desalination plants. Many UNRWA shelters do not have any water supply. The potential public health risks due to lack of water and poor sanitation are high and rising.
- The 4,000 IDPs who were sheltering in the UNRWA school in Maghazi which was directly hit on 17 October were evacuated to other nearby schools, resulting in those shelters becoming more overcrowded.
- 17,000 IDPs are sheltering at the UNRWA Khan Younis Training Centre, where living conditions are dire, with very overcrowded rooms and very limited water and sanitation facilities. Over 8,000 IDPs are also sheltering at UNRWA logistics base in Rafah, including many UNRWA staff who were evacuated from North and Gaza areas.
- Approximately 367,600 IDPs are sheltering in 90 UNRWA shelters in Middle, Khan Younis and Rafah areas.
- Nearly 160,000 IDPs were sheltering in 57 UNRWA schools in the North and Gaza areas as of 12 October 2023, before the evacuation order. UNRWA is no longer able to assist or protect the displaced in those areas and does not have information on their needs and conditions.
- UNRWA is working with WFP to ensure that bread continues to be distributed to the displaced people in shelters in middle and southern Gaza.

WASH

- Some solid waste collection from the camps and from emergency shelters and transfer to landfills continued in Middle, Khan Younis and Rafah areas. The scarcity of fuel and staff is impacting solid waste management activities.
- Water wells in Jabalia, Khan Younis and Rafah are functional.

Health

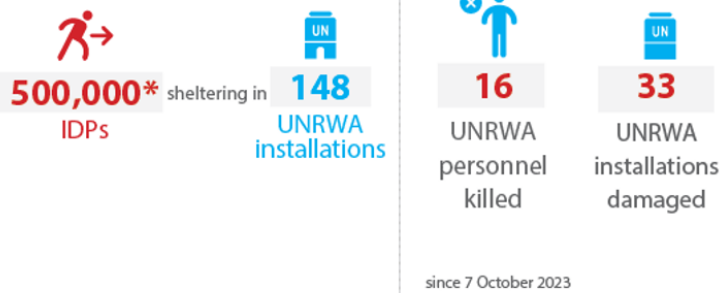
- Only eight (out of 22) of UNRWA health centres in Middle, Khan Younis and Rafah are providing primary health-care services to critical outpatient cases and patients in need of treatment for non-communicable diseases.
- On 18 October, over 3,900 patients received medical services at UNRWA health centres and through 69 mobile medical teams. 73 mobile medical points are fully operational to provide primary health care to those displaced in shelters. 9,000 people at shelters received health care in the last 24 hours.
- Initial health assessments conducted by the mobile medical teams reveal that, among IDPs, there are over 13,600 persons with non-communicable diseases (NCC) and over 3,100 pregnant women, requiring medical attention.
- 195 health staff (21 per cent of total health staff) are present at the health centres.
- Stocks of medicines are very depleted, with around 15 days' supply remaining overall and one week's supply of insulin. Some items may run out sooner based on needs at shelters.
- Fuel stocks in the functional health centres are also depleted, hampering the provision of primary health care in UNRWA's health centres.

In the West Bank

- UNRWA resumed its operations in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem, on 19 October, after one day of closure due to the security situation and operational constraints.
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- Schools were opened in most locations in the West Bank, except for Tulkarem and Nur Shams refugee camps, due to the large-scale Israeli Forces' operations. At least six schools and 1,875 students were affected. Schools in Jiftlik and Hebron remained closed and continued with remote learning.
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- Attendance rates in other refugee camps in the West Bank ranged between nearly 37 per cent (in the south) and nearly 86 per cent in the north.
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- Most UNRWA health centres and health points operated, except for those in Nur Shams and Tulkarem refugee camps, Azzun, Jerusalem Old City, Hebron and Budrus.
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- Solid waste continues to be removed from refugee camps. Through some coordination and protective presence, some compactors have managed to reach dumping sites.

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Gaza, 19 October 2023



*Nearly 160,000 IDPs were sheltered in 57 schools in the North and Gaza area as of 12 October 2023. After the evacuation order, UNRWA is no longer able to assist or protect the displaced in those areas and does not have information on their needs and conditions.

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UNRWA SITUATION REPORT #10 ON THE GAZA STRIP AND THE WEST BANK (INCLUDING EAST JERUSALEM)

Saturday, October 21, 2023

All information valid as of 20 October 2023 at 23:00

Day 14 of the War

Focus on shelter

- Nearly 384,200 internally displaced people (IDPs) are sheltering in 90 UNRWA shelters in the Middle, Khan Younis and Rafah areas of the Gaza Strip. Due to continued bombardments in the southwest of Gaza area, in the last 24 hours the number of IDPs in the southern areas has increased by 16,000, with more than half of this increase in Rafah.
- On 12 October 2023, before the evacuation order from the Israeli Authorities, nearly 160,000 IDPs were sheltering in 57 UNRWA schools in the northern and Gaza City governorates. UNRWA is no longer able to assist or protect the displaced in those areas and does not have information on their needs and conditions.
- In an effort to improve conditions and reduce overcrowding at the Khan Younis Training Centre, where 17,000 IDPs are sheltering, UNRWA distributed 80 tents. UNRWA has not established any new camps in the Gaza Strip. The total number of Palestine Refugee camps in the Gaza Strip remains eight.
- Living conditions in shelters are dire, with up to 70 people per classroom. Overcrowding, lack of privacy, limited availability of water and sanitation facilities are causing increased psychological distress. Anxiety, fear and grief are rising due to relentless Israeli Forces airstrikes, bombardments and the loss of family members, loved ones and people's homes. Tensions amongst IDPs are increasing, including reports of violent disputes in UNRWA shelters.
- To provide a safer environment, women and children are accommodated in classrooms at night while men and adolescent boys stay outdoors in the schoolyards. UNRWA has some counsellors and social workers in the shelters. They provide psychological first aid and other specialized protection services. In all shelters, displaced persons established committees to help with their management.



In cooperation with the World Food Programme, (WFP) bread continues to be distributed in Gaza and the West Bank, where increasing numbers of people are on food banks. Bakers are overwhelmed and do not have the capacity to produce sufficient bread. In coordination with other UN agencies, UNRWA is providing logistics support to provide health care and potable water to shelters.

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Area general updates

- One more UNRWA colleague was confirmed killed in the Gaza Strip, bringing the total number to 17 since the war began.
- In Gaza, two UNRWA schools sheltering IDPs in the Middle Area and Khan Younis and one health centre were impacted.
- UNRWA is conducting a Rapid Gender Analysis to better respond to the impact of the current conflict.
- UNRWA and UN partners are prepositioning supplies at Al Arish ahead of a potential opening of the Rafah crossing. The Agency is ready to support distribution of supplies able to enter the Gaza Strip to populations in need.
- In the West Bank, there was an Israeli incursion into Nur Shams refugee camp, near Tulkarem. 13 Palestinians were killed and roads, electricity and water networks damaged.

Protection of Civilians

- According to the Ministry of Health in Gaza, 4,137 people have been killed since 7 October, including 1,661 children, and 13,162 injured, including 4,232 children.
- According to the same source, an additional 1,400 people are missing under the rubble of destroyed buildings, including 720 children.
- One UNRWA staff who was critically injured earlier in the conflict died. The total number of UNRWA colleagues confirmed killed since 7 October is 17.
- Five UNRWA personnel have been injured, one of them critically. All were injured while on duty. Since 7 October, 15 UNRWA personnel have been injured.
- An UNRWA school in Khan Younis was hit. Three IDPs sheltering at the school were killed and 55 were injured. The school sustained minor damage.
- An UNRWA school in Nuseirat Camp, in the Middle Area, was affected by collateral damage due to a nearby strike. Eight IDPs and two UNRWA personnel were injured, while one person was killed. Since the beginning of the war, over 160 IDPs sheltering at UNRWA schools have been injured while 12 have been killed.



An UNRWA health centre in Nuseirat Camp in the Middle Area, was also

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the West Bank, including East Jerusalem, since 7 October, 82

Palestinians have been killed and 1,425 injured (OCHA).

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The situation in the West Bank is increasingly tense. There was a major Israeli incursion into Nur Shams, from 19 – 20 October, which resulted in the deaths of 13 Palestinians, including 11 from inside the camps.

Streets were damaged and electricity and water lines cut. The UNRWA health centre sustained minor damages; no other damages to UNRWA installations were reported. The Agency is assessing the situation.

- In Israel, 1,400 people have been killed and another 4,629 injured according to Israeli sources.

Health

- UNRWA is providing health care in 90 shelters through 77 mobile medical teams and 80 mobile medical points.
- According to UNRWA, initial health assessments, among the IDPs there are nearly 13,400 persons with non-communicable diseases, over 3,200 pregnant women and over 200 post-natal cases requiring medical attention.
- UNRWA stocks of medicines continue to decrease, with around 15 days' supply remaining overall and one week's supply of insulin. Some items may run out sooner based on needs at shelters.
- Fuel stocks in the functional health centres are running extremely low, thus hampering the provision of primary health care in UNRWA health centres.
- Since 7 October UNRWA has provided 3,000 individuals with psychosocial services.

Sanitation Services

- Some solid waste collection from the camps and emergency shelters and transfer to landfills continue in Middle, Khan Younis and Rafah areas. The scarcity of fuel and staff is negatively impacting solid waste management activities.
- The number of available water trucks is insufficient to provide water to all shelters and water tanks can be refilled only once a day. Considering the number of people in the shelters, the water provided is barely or not enough to cover the needs of the internally displaced people in UNRWA shelters.



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At least 36 UNRWA installations in Gaza have been impacted since the start of the conflict. **DONATE**
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Gaza, 20 October 2023



*Nearly 160,000 IDPs were sheltered in 57 schools in the North and Gaza area as of 12 October 2023.
After the evacuation order, UNRWA is no longer able to assist or protect the displaced in those areas and does not have information on their needs and conditions.

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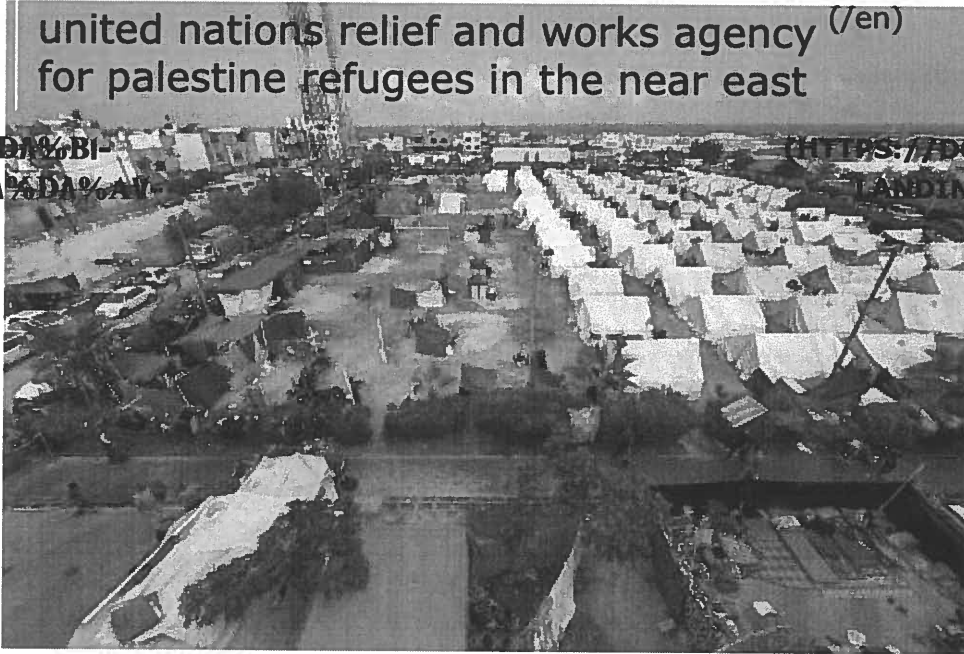
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UNRWA Situation Report #11 on the situation in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank (including East Jerusalem)

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Day 15 of the War



1. Key points

Gaza

- A further 13 UNRWA staff have been confirmed killed, bringing the total to **29 staff killed since 7 October**.
- At least 20 IDPs were injured when a strike hit a building adjacent to an UNRWA school where about 5,000 IDPs were sheltering. **Since the beginning of the conflict, nearly 180 IDPs sheltering at UNRWA schools have been injured and 12 killed.**
- On 21 October, the Rafah crossing with Egypt opened for the first time since 8 October, allowing the entry of 20 trucks carrying food, water and medical supplies. **UNRWA continues to call for a safe, unconditional and unimpeded humanitarian corridor to bring critical aid to the people of Gaza.**

2. Overall situation

Gaza

- According to the Ministry of Health in Gaza, 4,385 people have been killed since 7 October, including 1,756 children and 967 women; a further 13,561 persons were injured.
- Overall, about 1,400 Israelis and foreign nationals have been killed in Israel, according to the Israeli authorities, the vast majority on 7 October (OCHA).
- Nearly **406,000 IDPs are sheltering in 91 UNRWA installations in Middle, Khan Younis and Rafah areas**. This represents an increase of 22,000 IDPs over the past 24 hours¹.
- UNRWA shelters were designed to host 1,500-2,000 IDPs per shelter, however, the average number of IDPs per shelter is 4,400, reaching 19,600 in the most crowded shelter. The overcrowding rate for UNRWA

shelters based on the average number of IDPs per shelter is approximately 251.43 per cent. **This means that, on average, the shelters are hosting about 2.51 times the designed capacity.**

- In the most crowded shelter, in the most severe level of overcrowding, with **more than 11 times the designed capacity.**

West Bank

- The situation in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem, is increasingly tense. The number of Palestinians killed by Israeli forces or settlers since 7 October has reached 84, including 27 children (OCHA).

3. Humanitarian access & protection of civilians

Gaza

- Among those killed are **29 UNRWA employees, while a further 17 have been injured** since 7 October.
- In the afternoon of 21 October, due to a strike hitting a building adjacent to an UNRWA school in Khan Yunis, where about 3,600 IDPs were sheltering, at **least 20 IDPs were injured**. Since the beginning of the conflict, nearly **180 IDPs sheltering at UNRWA schools have been injured and 12 have been killed**.
- In the same incident, the UNRWA school in Khan Yunis sustained severe collateral damage due to a strike nearby. 38 UNRWA installations have been impacted by strikes since 7 October.

West Bank (including East Jerusalem)

- **Movements of Palestinians in the West Bank, including Palestine refugees and UNRWA staff, continue to be significantly limited**, due to movement restrictions imposed by the Israeli Authorities. Access routes to major cities have been obstructed for vehicular movement, and Palestinians also face restrictions on using main roads.
- **UNRWA continues to provide services**, supported by staff living in close proximity to UNRWA premises and installations.

4. UNRWA response

The Gaza Strip

Shelter

- Living conditions in the UNRWA schools used as shelters are dire. Up to 70 people share space in one classroom. To ensure a safer environment, at night women and children are accommodated in classrooms while men and adolescent boys remain outdoors in the schoolyard.
- **UNRWA has counsellors and social workers in the shelters, who are able to provide psychological first aid and other specialized protection services.** Since the beginning of the crisis, 3,850 individuals have been provided with psychosocial support and social work intervention services by UNRWA social workers. An assessment of the specific needs of persons with disabilities and other vulnerable people is ongoing.

Health

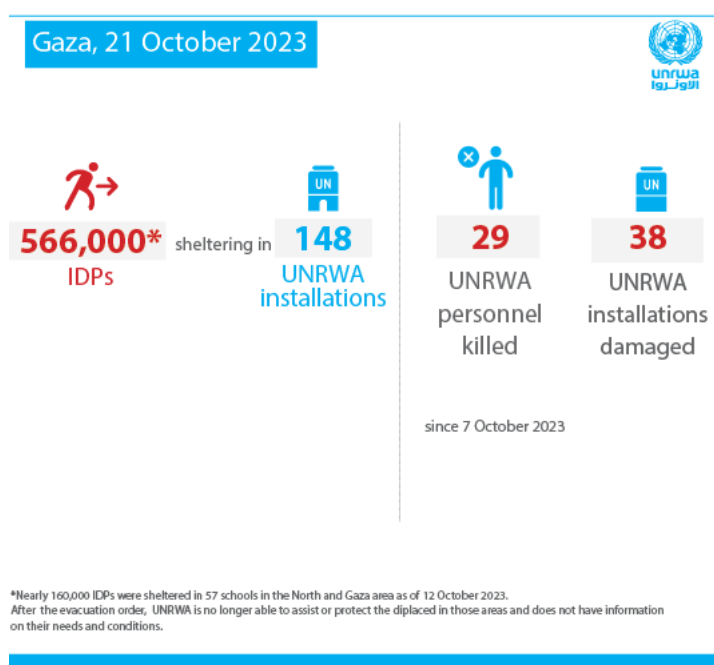
- Health care continued to be provided in the shelters through mobile medical teams and mobile medical points. These are meant to provide special assistance to thousands of people including those with non-communicable diseases (NCDs), pregnant women and post-natal cases.
- Stocks of fuel and medicines continue to be at risk of depletion halting UNRWA operations at the health centres.

¹ Nearly 160,000 IDPs were sheltering in 57 UNRWA schools in the North and Gaza areas as of 12 October 2023, before the evacuation order. UNRWA is not able to assist those persons at this time and does not have information on their needs and conditions.

Sanitation services/WASH

- Water wells in Jabalia, Khan Younis and Rafah are functional.
- Some solid waste collection from the camps and from emergency shelters and transfer to landfills continues in Middle, Khan Younis and Rafah areas. The scarcity of fuel and staff is negatively impacting solid waste management activities.
- Water wells in Jabalia, Khan Younis and Rafah are functional, with about 10,000 cubic metres pumped from nine water wells daily.
- Despite the limited availability of fuel, desalination plants continue to operate in the shelters for provision of drinkable water.
- Water trucking operations to the shelters in Rafah and Khan Younis areas also continue. However, the number of available water trucks is not sufficient to provide water to all shelters and water tanks can be refilled only once a day. Considering the number of people in the shelters, the water provided is insufficient to meet the needs of the IDPs in UNRWA's shelters.
- UNRWA teams are conducting continuous maintenance and rehabilitation works at tens of shelters. These include plumbing, electrical, metal, carpentry works to repair damages and upgrades to support increasing numbers of IDPs.

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Day 16 of Hostilities



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1. Key points

The Gaza Strip

- Another six UNRWA staff have been confirmed killed, bringing the total to **35 staff killed since 7 October**.
- **Across the Gaza Strip, nearly 600,000 internally displaced people are sheltering in 150 UNRWA facilities¹.**
- **Nearly 420,000 IDPs are sheltering in 93 UNRWA shelters in Middle, Khan Younis and Rafah areas.** This represents an increase of 14,000 (3.5 per cent) IDPs in the past 24 hours.
- A total of 40 UNRWA installations have been damaged since 7 October, including **two in the last 24 hours**.

¹ Nearly 160,000 IDPs were sheltering in 57 UNRWA schools in the North and Gaza areas as of 12 October 2023, before the evacuation order. UNRWA is no longer able to provide services to the IDPs in those areas due to the ongoing hostilities and does not have accurate information on their needs and conditions.

The West Bank

- On 22 October 2023, **an Israeli Forces airstrike hit al-Ansar Mosque in Jenin Refugee Camp**. The mosque is located within the boundaries of the camp. The Palestinian Red Crescent Society (PRCS) reported that two Palestinians were killed in the airstrike, and another three injured.
- **UNRWA staff reported that many families left the Jenin camp, seeking shelter with friends and relatives.**
- UNRWA sanitation services in Jenin Camp were more limited on 22 October. The four UNRWA schools in Jenin (1,700 students) shifted to online learning modality.

2. Overall situation

The Gaza Strip

- According to the Ministry of Health in Gaza, 4,651 people have been killed since 7 October of those 40 per cent are children, 22 per cent are women and 4 per cent are elderly. Another 14,245 Palestinians were injured.
- Overall, nearly 1,400 Israelis and foreign nationals have been killed in Israel, according to the Israeli authorities, the vast majority on 7 October (OCHA).
- **On average, the shelters are hosting about 2.57 times their designed capacity.** The most crowded shelter, at its most severe level of overcrowding, was hosting **11 times more people than its designed capacity.**

The West Bank

- According to OCHA 91 Palestinians have been killed in the West Bank and 1,734 injured since 7 October. Of these, 31 are Palestine Refugees according to UNRWA.

3. Humanitarian access & protection of civilians

The Gaza Strip

- Among those killed are **35 UNRWA colleagues, while another 18 have been injured** since 7 October.
- Shrapnel was found in two UNRWA facilities, including one in the Bureij camp and another in Nuseirat in the Middle area. These fragments resulted from airstrikes on areas in close proximity to UNRWA installations on 22 October.
- In total, 40 UNRWA installations have been damaged since 7 October.

The West Bank (including East Jerusalem)

- **Movements of Palestinians in the West Bank, including Palestine Refugees and UNRWA staff, continue to be significantly limited**, due to movement restrictions imposed by the Israeli Authorities. Access routes to major cities have been obstructed for vehicles.

- **UNRWA continues to provide services**, supported by staff living in close proximity to UNRWA premises and installations.

4. UNRWA response

The Gaza Strip

Shelters

- An assessment of the **specific needs of persons with disabilities** and other vulnerable people in UNRWA shelters is ongoing in cooperation with the INGO Humanity and Inclusion. Since the beginning of the hostilities, about 900 persons with disabilities and other persons with specific needs have been provided with specialized support including dignity kits and assistance devices.
- To support displaced families and address the problem of bread shortages, UNRWA is supplying local bakeries with flour, to give bread to families at a subsidized rate. UNRWA continues to provide bread provided to the displaced across the UNRWA shelters.

Health

- Out of the 22 UNRWA health centres, eight are operational, offering primary healthcare services to refugees. These centres recorded a **total of 4,062 visits on 22 October**, for refugees and non-refugees. This is around one-third of average daily patient visits before 7 October.
- Telemedicine services remain unavailable due to communication network issues across the Gaza Strip.
- Healthcare services were maintained within the shelters, with the **support of 89 mobile medical units and medical teams, which attended a total of 9,068 cases at shelters.**
- According to initial health assessments that the UNRWA mobile medical teams conducted with the IDPs in UNRWA shelter, there are **over 18,000 persons with non-communicable diseases (NCDs), nearly 3,200 pregnant women and around 320 post-natal cases requiring medical attention.**
- The UNRWA stocks of medicines are critically decreasing with different medicines available for between five to fifteen days.

Sanitation services/WASH

- **Some solid waste collection from the camps and emergency shelters and transfer to landfills continues in Middle, Khan Younis and Rafah areas.** The scarcity of fuel and staff is impacting solid waste management activities.
- Water wells in Jabalia, Khan Younis and Rafah are functional, with about 11,000 cubic metres pumped from nine water wells daily.
- Water trucking operations to the shelters in Rafah and Khan Younis areas continue, but the availability is not enough to meet the needs of the displaced in UNRWA shelters.
- UNRWA teams are conducting maintenance and rehabilitation at dozens of shelters. These include plumbing, electrical, metal, carpentry works to repair damages and upgrades to support increasing numbers of IDPs.

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Gaza, 22 October 2023



~600,000*
IDPs

sheltering in



150

UNRWA
installations



35

UNRWA
personnel
killed



40

UNRWA
installations
damaged

since 7 October 2023

*Nearly 160,000 IDPs were sheltered in 57 schools in the North and Gaza area as of 12 October 2023. After the evacuation order, UNRWA is no longer able to provide services to the IDPs in those areas due to the ongoing hostilities and does not have accurate information on their needs and conditions.

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UNRWA Situation Report

UNRWA Situation Report #13 on the Gaza Strip and the West Bank, including East Jerusalem

All information valid as of 23 October 2023 at 6 p.m.
Day 17 of the War

1. Key Points

The Gaza Strip

- Nearly 600,000 internally displaced people are sheltering in 150 UNRWA facilities.
- Only in the Middle areas, Khan Younis and Rafah, nearly 430,000 IDPs are in 93 UNRWA shelters. This is an increase of 10,000 people only in the past 24 hours.
- Since Saturday 21 October, three humanitarian convoys reached Gaza with a total of 54 trucks. UNRWA teams receive those shipments on the Gaza side and help with the storage and distribution in cooperation with other UN agencies. The convoys included some food, drinking water and medicines.
- These convoys did not include much-needed fuel. UNRWA will run out of fuel within the next two days, putting at risk the delivery of humanitarian aid to people in need.

The West Bank, including East Jerusalem

- On 23 October, the Israeli Security Forces (ISF) conducted a search and arrest operation in Jalazone refugee camp, near Ramallah, carrying out widespread arrests and killing two Palestine Refugees.

2. Overall Situation

The Gaza Strip

- According to the Ministry of Health in Gaza, 5,087 people have been killed since 7 October, including 2,055 children, 1,119 women, and 217 elderly. Another 15,273 have been injured. An additional 1,500 persons are reported missing, including 830 children.
- Overall, nearly 1,400 Israelis and foreign nationals have been killed in Israel, according to the Israeli authorities, the vast majority on 7 October (OCHA).
- Shelters are operating beyond their capacities and many new IDPs are sleeping in the streets as current facilities are overwhelmed. The number of IDPs in UNRWA shelters is four times more than what UNRWA had originally planned for.

The West Bank, including East Jerusalem

- According to OCHA, 93 Palestinians have been killed in the West Bank since 7 October.

3. Humanitarian Access, Protection of Civilians

Gaza

- In total, 35 UNRWA colleagues have been killed, while another 18 have been injured.
- At least 40 UNRWA installations have been impacted since 7 October.

The West Bank, including East Jerusalem

- Movements of Palestinians in the West Bank, including Palestine Refugees and UNRWA staff, continue to be significantly limited, due to Israeli Authorities' restrictions.
- UNRWA continues to provide services, supported by staff living in close proximity to the Agency's premises and installations.

4. UNRWA Response

Gaza

UNRWA Shelters

- On average, **the shelters are about 2.7 times their designed capacity**. The most crowded shelter, at its most severe level of overcrowding, was hosting 12 times more people than its designed capacity.
- Overcrowding conditions are severely constraining access to basic assistance and essential services while increasing health and protection risks, and negatively impacting on mental health.
- At the Rafah logistics base, 400 people are sharing one toilet.
- UNRWA is distributing family hygiene kits to pregnant women and baby kits for newborns in the shelters.

Health

- Only one-third of UNRWA clinics in the South and Middle Areas are operational. They are offering essential primary health-care services to refugees. These centres recorded **a total of 4,198 visits on 23 October**, for refugees and non-refugees.
- Health-care services were maintained within the UNRWA shelters, with the support of **92 mobile medical units and medical teams, serving nearly 9,900 cases at shelters**.
- According to initial health assessments from the mobile medical teams, there are over 37,000 persons with non-communicable diseases (NCDs), over 4,600 pregnant women and around 380 post-natal cases requiring medical attention among the IDPs. In addition, **medical teams are increasingly identifying cases of acute respiratory and diarrhea among children under five years old**.
- UNRWA's stocks of medicines are critically decreasing, with availability from five-15 days. Available insulin stocks will last for only one week.

- Fuel stocks in the functional UNRWA primary health-care centres are about to run out.

Psychosocial Support

- UNRWA has counsellors and social workers in the shelters, who provide psychological first aid and other specialized protection services. Since the beginning of the crisis, UNRWA social workers provided 4,700 people with psychosocial support and social work services. These include cases that are referred for medication and other specialized mental health and psychosocial support interventions.

Food Security

- To support displaced families and address bread shortages, UNRWA continued to provide bakeries with flour. **This has allowed 30 bakeries to give bread to families at half the cost.** This is in addition to the distribution of bread in UNRWA shelters.

Water and Sanitation Services (WASH)

- Some solid waste collection from the camps and from emergency shelters and transfer to landfills continues in Middle, Khan Younis and Rafah areas with difficulties due to the scarcity of fuel and staff.
- Water wells in Jabalia, Khan Younis and Rafah are functional with about 10,000 m³ being pumped from nine water wells.
- Despite the limited availability of fuel, desalination plants continue to operate in the shelters for the provision of potable water.
- Water trucking operations to the shelters in Rafah and Khan Younis areas also continue. Given the high number of people hosted in the shelters, the water provided is barely enough to cover the needs.

The West Bank

Education

- On 23 October, due to the Israeli Security Forces' search and arrest operation in Jalazone refugee camp, and the volatile situation in the camp, the three UNRWA schools in the camp serving over 1,700 school children, were closed.

Health

- Most UNRWA health clinics around the West Bank were open.
- UNRWA protection team visited the UNRWA Health Centre in Jerusalem Old City and provided protection¹ at the site. The health centre had been closed since 7 October and was reopened on 23 October.

¹ The presence of UNRWA staff at sensitive locations/sites can contribute to promote the protection of Palestine refugees.

WASH

- Waste collection services continue in 19 refugee camps.
- On 23 October, UNRWA managed to successfully transfer the waste from Arroub and Fawwar camp to the dumping site. Compactors' movements had been restricted in past days due to the closures and movement restrictions across the West Bank. UNRWA Protection team facilitated and coordinated the movements by also providing protective presence².

Protection / Crisis Intervention Unit (CIU)

- UNRWA conducted assessments across three refugee camps, including Nour Shams, Jenin, and Aqbat Jaber, that have experienced ISF operations. Significant damage to private infrastructure continues to be reported in these locations, which have been subjected to repeated intense incursions and rounds of violence.
- UNRWA is coordinating with humanitarian partners, including from the West Bank Protection Consortium, to provide assistance to 41 Palestine refugee families displaced due to Israeli settlers' violence in Area C.



UNRWA situation and response to the escalation in the Gaza Strip

IDPs in UNRWA installations



~600,000*
IDPs²

sheltering in



150
UNRWA
installations

270% overcrowding rate at shelters

UNRWA fatalities and damage to installations

Confirmed numbers, since 7 October



35 UNRWA staff and personnel killed



18 UNRWA staff injured



40 UNRWA installations have been damaged

UNRWA presence



13K UNRWA staff in Gaza; ~5K still working to deliver assistance to those sheltered in UNRWA's installations

UNRWA response – Health



8 (out of 22) UNRWA health centres still operating in Middle Area, Khan Yunis and Rafah;

>4K patients receive basic medical services every day;

UNRWA set up 92 mobile medical units and medical teams attending >9K cases at shelters.

UNRWA response – Psychosocial support



4,700 individuals have been provided with psychosocial support and social work intervention services by UNRWA social workers.

UNRWA response – Humanitarian access



Limited life-saving supplies received and distributed in cooperation with other UN Agencies.

* IDPs in the North and Gaza areas as of 12 October. UNRWA's ability to provide humanitarian support in the North and Gaza city has since been compromised and access to information including updates on IDPs numbers has since been hindered.

² Ibid.



UNRWA Situation Report #14 on the situation in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank (including East Jerusalem)

All information valid as of 24 October 2023 at 18:00 (local time)

Day 17 of hostilities



1. Key points

- More than **613,000 internally displaced people (IDPs)** are sheltering in **150 UNRWA facilities across the Gaza Strip**.
- **In the last 24 hours, another three UNRWA staff members have been killed, bringing the total to 38 staff killed since 7 October.** Two have been injured, one of whom is in a critical condition.
- One school in Rafah, sheltering 4,600 IDPs, sustained severe collateral damage due to a close proximity strike. One IDP was killed and 44 more were injured, including nine children.
- Fuel is urgently needed to continue the UNRWA lifesaving humanitarian operations. If fuel is not received into Gaza, UNRWA will be forced to significantly reduce and in some cases bring its humanitarian operations across the Gaza Strip to a halt. The coming 24 hours are very critical.

2. Overall situation

The Gaza Strip

- According to the Ministry of Health in Gaza, 5,791 people have been killed since 7 October, including 2,360 children, 1,292 women, 295 elderly, and 16,298 were injured. This is in addition to the 1,550 reported missing, presumably under the rubble of destroyed buildings, including 870 children.
- Overall, nearly 1,400 Israelis and foreign nationals have been killed in Israel, according to the Israeli authorities, the vast majority on 7 October (OCHA).
- In the West Bank, 95 people have been killed and nearly 1,900 injured since 7 October.
- Overcrowding conditions in UNRWA shelters remain a serious concern, as the current facilities can no longer provide dignified living conditions. Some shelters are currently hosting 10 to 12 times more people than their designed capacity.

3. Humanitarian access & protection of civilians

The Gaza Strip

- Since 7 October, 38 UNRWA colleagues were killed and 20 have been injured, with one in critical condition.
- At least 42 UNRWA installations have been impacted since 7 October.

4. UNRWA response

The Gaza Strip

UNRWA Shelters

- The average number of **IDPs per shelter has reached 2.7 times capacity**, with some shelters reaching 12 times intended occupancy. In the Middle Area, one school is hosting up to 13,300 IDPs, while another facility in Khan Younis is hosting 21,000 persons.
- UNRWA continues to distribute assistance in shelters; however current conditions severely constrain access to essential services and represent a health and protection risk for IDPs.

Health

- The eight UNRWA health centres that remain operational in the South (out of 22) recorded 4,200 visits on 24 October for refugees and non-refugees. **In addition to essential primary healthcare, post-natal and high-risk pregnancy care services resumed on 24 October with 40 displaced women receiving this service.** Healthcare support for non-communicable diseases (NCDs) patients continued.
- Healthcare services were maintained within the UNRWA shelters, with the support of 93 mobile medical units and medical teams, serving around 10,000 cases at shelters.
- According to initial health assessments from the mobile medical teams there are over **37,500 persons with NCDs, over 4,660 pregnant women and around 390 post-natal cases requiring medical attention among the IDPs.** In addition, medical teams are increasingly identifying cases of acute respiratory and diarrhea among children under five years old.
- UNRWA's stocks of medicines are critically decreasing with availability for a few more days only.
- UNRWA primary health centres are running out of fuel, threatening the provision of essential healthcare services.

Psychosocial Support

- UNRWA has counsellors and social workers in the shelters, who provide psychological first aid and other specialized protection services. **Since the beginning of the crisis, UNRWA social workers provided 8,900 people with psychosocial support and social work services.** These include cases that are referred for medication and other specialized mental health and psychosocial support interventions.

Protection / Crisis Intervention Unit (CIU)

- UNRWA conducted a [Rapid Gender Analysis](#) (RGA) to identify the different impacts of the war on women, man, girls and boys and better understand their different needs and coping strategies. The RGA highlighted the following:

- There is a shortage of feminine hygiene supplies and very few toilets. This results in increased challenges for females to maintain menstrual hygiene.
- Overcrowding and limited privacy increase familial tensions (which can increase the risk of GBV) and broader tensions between males.
- There are critical gaps in access to health services that particularly affect women and adolescent girls, including access to comprehensive emergency obstetric care, newborn care and sexual and reproductive health services.

Water and Sanitation Services (WASH)

- Some solid waste collection from the camps and from emergency shelters and transfer to landfills continues in Middle, Khan Younis and Rafah areas with difficulties due to the scarcity of fuel and staff.
- Water wells in Jabalia, Khan Younis and Rafah are functional with about 11,000 m³ being pumped from nine water wells.
- Despite the limited availability of fuel, desalination plants continue to operate in the shelters for the provision of potable water. Water trucking operations in shelters in Rafah and Khan Younis also continue; however, the potable water provided is not enough to meet all needs.
- Maintenance and rehabilitation work at shelters continue on a daily basis. This includes essential repairs and upgrading of shelters to accommodate additional IDPs when possible, as well as the installation of mobile showers and toilet units.

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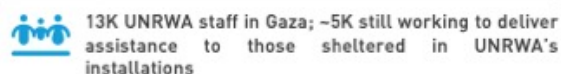


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IDPs in UNRWA installations

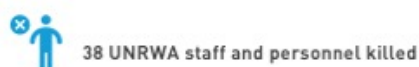


UNRWA presence



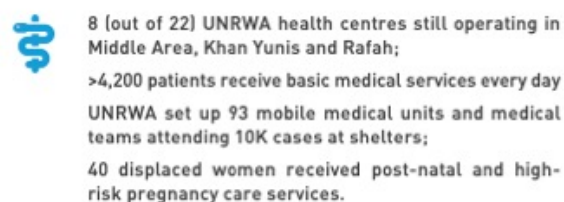
UNRWA fatalities and damage to installations

Confirmed numbers, since 7 October

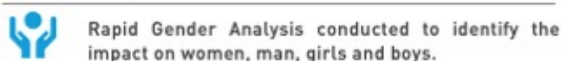


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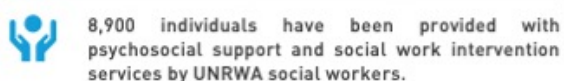
UNRWA response – Health



UNRWA response – Protection



UNRWA response – Psychosocial support



Humanitarian access



Fuel is urgently needed to continue life-saving humanitarian operations.

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UNRWA Situation Report #15 on the situation in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank (including East Jerusalem)

All information valid as of 25 October 2023 at 18:00 (local time)

Day 19 of hostilities



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1. Key points

The Gaza Strip The West Bank, including East Jerusalem

- Some **629,000 internally displaced people (IDPs)** are sheltering in **150 UNRWA installations across the Gaza Strip**.
- Another UNRWA staff member has been killed, bringing the total to **39 staff killed since 7 October**.
- In the last 24 hours, **three schools sustained collateral damage due to nearby strikes**. **One IDP was killed** in one of the impacted schools, while 15 suffered minor injuries in another.
- Fuel continues to be urgently needed to maintain vital humanitarian operations. Current stocks are almost completely exhausted, forcing life-saving services to come to a halt. This includes the supply of piped water as well as fuel for the health sector, bakeries, and generators.

The West Bank, including East Jerusalem

- On 25 October, three Palestine Refugees were killed, and 21 additional people injured by an alleged Israeli Security Forces (ISF) airstrike in Jenin refugee camp. The strike occurred in the proximity of an UNRWA school. No damage was reported to the installation.

2. Overall situation

The Gaza Strip

- According to the Ministry of Health in Gaza, more than 6,546 people have been killed since 7 October, including 2,704 children, 1,584 women and 364 elderly persons. A further 17,439 people have been injured. This is in addition to 1,600 reported missing, presumably under the rubble of destroyed buildings, including 900 children.
- Overall, nearly 1,400 Israelis and foreign nationals have been killed in Israel, according to the Israeli authorities, the vast majority on 7 October (OCHA).
- Nearly **469,000 persons are sheltering in 93 UNRWA premises** in Middle, Khan Younis and Rafah areas, an **increase of almost 16,000 IDPs over the past 24 hours**. While the number of IDPs continues to increase, the availability of vital assistance remains severely constrained and inadequate to meet the mounting needs.

The West Bank, including East Jerusalem

- **Seventeen persons were detained during an ISF search** and arrest operation in Kalandia refugee camp, north of Jerusalem. **A 16-year-old boy was also reportedly killed during the same operation.**
- The total number of **Palestinians from Gaza** previously working/located in Israel, and currently relocated to the West Bank has now risen to over **5,300 individuals who are facing food security, shelter, and cash assistance needs.**

3. Humanitarian access & protection of civilians

The Gaza Strip

- Since 7 October, **39 UNRWA staff and personnel have been killed.**
- In the Middle area, two schools were impacted by collateral damage due to nearby strikes. One fatality was reported in one of the schools that is currently hosting 12,500 IDPs. In Rafah, 15 IDPs suffered minor injuries as a consequence of collateral damage impacting the school where they were sheltering. The injured were treated by UNRWA medical teams onsite.
- **42 UNRWA installations have been impacted since 7 October.**

The West Bank, including East Jerusalem

- Movements of Palestinians in the West Bank, including Palestine Refugees and UNRWA staff, continue to be significantly limited, due to movement restrictions imposed by the Israeli Authorities. Access routes to major cities have been obstructed for vehicles.
- UNRWA continues to provide services, supported by staff living in close proximity to its installations.

4. UNRWA response

The Gaza Strip

UNRWA Shelters

- The average number of IDPs per shelter has almost reached three times their intended capacity. UNRWA continues to distribute assistance in shelters; however, the current overcrowding conditions remain of concern and represent a health and protection risk for IDPs.

Health

- Eight UNRWA health centres continued to operate in the South (out of 22) recording over 3,800 patient visits on 25 October, including refugees and non-refugees.
- Health-care services were maintained in the UNRWA shelters, with the support of 93 mobile medical units and medical teams, serving 10,300 cases at shelters.
- According to initial health assessments from the mobile medical teams there are over 37,900 persons with non-communicable diseases (NCDs), over 4,750 pregnant women and around 390 post-natal cases requiring medical attention among the IDPs. In addition, medical teams are increasingly identifying cases of acute respiratory and diarrhea among children under five years old.
- Medicines and fuel stocks are critically decreasing putting at risk the continuity of essential healthcare services.

Psychosocial Support

- UNRWA has counsellors and social workers in the shelters, who provide psychological first aid and other specialized protection services. Since the beginning of the crisis, **UNRWA social workers provided 10,200 people with psychosocial support and social work services.** These include cases that are referred for medication and other specialized mental health and psychosocial support interventions.

The West Bank, including East Jerusalem

Education

- Most of UNRWA's 96 schools in the West Bank continue to operate, with six schools in East Jerusalem and Hebron Boys' School implementing remote learning.
- On 25 October, UNRWA four schools in Kalandia refugee camp were closed due to the search and arrest operation conducted by ISF and the volatile security situation. The closure affected 1,200 students.

Psychosocial support

- UNRWA provided psychosocial support services to 155 Gazan workers in Hebron, Ramallah and Tulkarem as well as to 240 students at Nur Shams Boys' schools.

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UNRWA situation and response to the escalation in the Gaza Strip

IDPs in UNRWA installations



The average number of IDPs per shelter has almost reached three times their intended capacity.

UNRWA fatalities and damage to installations

Confirmed numbers, since 7 October

 39 UNRWA staff and personnel killed

 42 UNRWA installations have been damaged

UNRWA presence

 13K UNRWA staff in Gaza; ~5K still working to deliver assistance to those sheltered in UNRWA's installations

UNRWA response – Health

 8 (out of 22) UNRWA health centres still operating in Middle Area, Khan Yunis and Rafah;
3,800 patients receive basic medical services on 25 Oct.
UNRWA set up 93 mobile medical units and medical teams attending 10,300 cases at shelters;

UNRWA response – Psychosocial support

 10,200 individuals have been provided with psychosocial support and social work intervention services by UNRWA social workers.

Humanitarian access

 Fuel is urgently needed to continue life-saving humanitarian operations.

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UNRWA Situation Report #16 on the situation in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank (including East Jerusalem)

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Day 20 of hostilities



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1. Key points

The Gaza Strip

- In the last 24 hours **14 additional UNRWA staff were killed**, bringing **the total to 53 staff killed** since 7 October.
- Almost **640,000 Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) are sheltering in 150 UNRWA installations** across the Gaza Strip. Overcrowding conditions and limited availability of assistance are contributing to rising tensions among IDPs, exacerbating protection and health risks.
- UNRWA teams continue to help with the reception, storage and distribution of the extremely limited quantities of aid arriving through the Rafah crossing, in cooperation with other UN agencies.
- Fuel remains one of the most urgent needs as current stocks are running out, forcing vital humanitarian services to a halt.

The West Bank, including East Jerusalem

- A **17-year-old boy was killed by live ammunition** fired by the Israeli Security Forces during clashes in proximity to an UNRWA school in Jalazone refugee camp, north of Ramallah.

2. Overall situation

The Gaza Strip

- According to the Ministry of Health in Gaza, 7,028 people have been killed since 7 October, including 2,913 children, 1,709 women, and 397 elderly. A further 18,484 have been injured. This is in addition to 1,650 reported missing, presumably under the rubble of destroyed buildings, including 940 children.
- Overall, nearly 1,400 Israelis and foreign nationals have been killed in Israel, according to the Israeli authorities, the vast majority on 7 October (OCHA).
- Nearly **480,000 IDPs are sheltering in 91 shelters** in Middle, Khan Younis and Rafah areas¹. This represents an increase of around **11,000 IDPs in the last 24 hours**. As living conditions in shelter continue to deteriorate, tensions are rising among IDPs. Two UNRWA staff were injured during two reported break-ins into UNRWA premises.

The West Bank, including East Jerusalem

- A child who was seriously injured during an Israeli Security Forces' airstrike in Jenin refugee camp on 25 October died from his injuries, bringing the total number of Palestinian fatalities from that incident to four Palestinians.
- According to OCHA, **103 Palestinians have been killed in the West Bank** since 7 October, including 32 children.
- On 26 October settlers attacked a Bedouin community in Area B/C near Taybeh (East of Ramallah), damaging property and stealing items, reportedly including livestock. The increased levels of settler violence have resulted in the **forced displacement of 82 households, comprising 607 people, including 211 children**, since 7 October (OCHA).

3. Humanitarian access & protection of civilians

The Gaza Strip

- In the last 24 hours, 14 additional UNRWA staff have been killed and two have been injured. Among them is a staff member who was severely injured while on duty at an UNRWA school that was impacted by collateral damage in Nuseirat camp. Thirteen other UNRWA staff were killed in their homes with their family members during strikes.
- Since 7 October, **53 UNRWA personnel have been killed and at least 22 injured**.
- A child was killed and another sustained minor injuries due to a strike near an UNRWA school in Rafah. The injured child was treated at the medical point on site. The impacted school is currently hosting 7,500 IDPs.
- Since 7 October, **18 IDPs sheltering at UNRWA schools have been killed and 282 have been injured**.

¹ The number of UNRWA shelters was incorrectly reported as 93 in the Sit Rep of 26 October. The actual number was 91.

4. UNRWA response

The Gaza Strip

UNRWA Shelters

- New IDPs continue to approach UNRWA shelters, but current facilities are operating way beyond their designed capacities. Many IDPs have to sleep in the streets as current infrastructure is overwhelmed.

Health

- On 26 October, the eight UNRWA health centres still operational in the South recorded **3,950 patient visits**, including refugees and non-refugees.
- Health-care services were maintained in the UNRWA shelters, with the support of **95 mobile medical units** and medical teams, serving **9,900 cases in shelters**.
- Medicines and fuel stocks are critically decreasing putting at risk the continuity of essential healthcare services.

Psychosocial Support

- UNRWA has counsellors and social workers in the shelters, who provide psychological first aid and other specialized protection services. Since the beginning of the crisis, UNRWA social workers provided **10,900 people with psychosocial support and social work services**. These include cases that are referred for medication and other specialized mental health and psychosocial support interventions.

Water and Sanitation Services (WASH)

Education

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- Water wells in Jabalia, Khan Younis and Rafah are functional with about 11,000 m3 being pumped from nine water wells.
- Despite the limited availability of fuel, desalination plants continue to operate in the shelters for the provision of potable water. Water trucking operations in shelters in Rafah and Khan Younis also continue; however, the potable water provided is not enough to meet all needs.

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UNRWA situation and response to the escalation in the Gaza Strip

IDPs in UNRWA installations



Overcrowding conditions and limited availability of assistance are contributing to rising tensions among IDPs, exacerbating protection and health risks.

UNRWA fatalities and damage to installations

Confirmed numbers, since 7 October



UNRWA presence



13K UNRWA staff in Gaza; ~5K still working to deliver assistance to those sheltered in UNRWA's installations

UNRWA response – Health



8 (out of 22) UNRWA health centres still operating in Middle Area, Khan Yunis and Rafah;

3,950 patients receive basic medical services on 26 Oct.

UNRWA set up 95 mobile medical units and medical teams attending 9,900 cases in shelters;

UNRWA response – Psychosocial support



10,900 individuals have been provided with psychosocial support and social work intervention services by UNRWA social workers.

Humanitarian access



Fuel is urgently needed to continue life-saving humanitarian operations.

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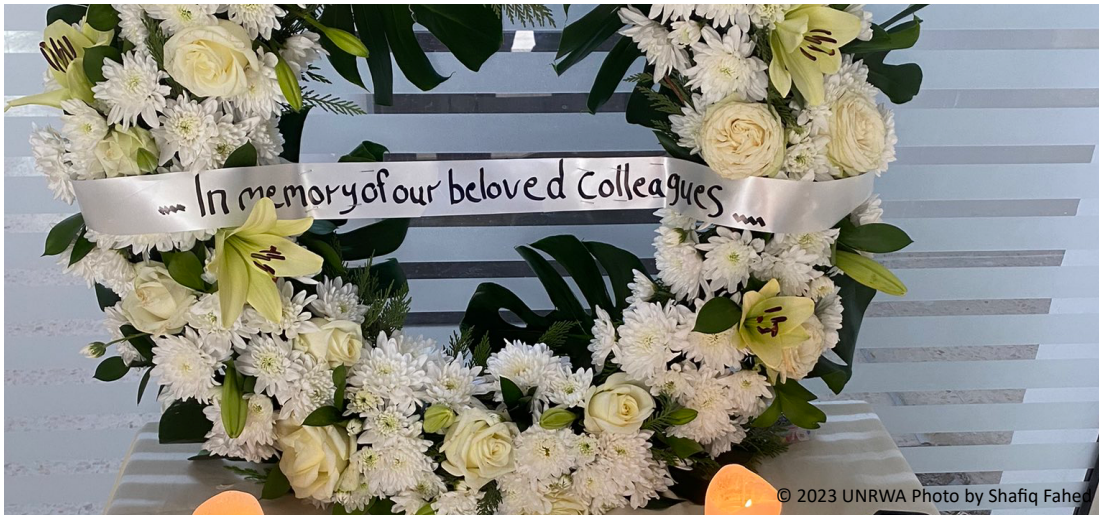
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UNRWA Situation Report #17 on the situation in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank (including East Jerusalem)

Information covers the period 27-29 October 2023
and is valid as of 29 October at 18:00 (local time)
Day 23 of hostilities



1. Key points

The Gaza Strip

- In the last 72 hours, **another 10 UNRWA staff have been killed, bringing the total to 63 UNRWA colleagues killed** since 7 October.
- Nearly **672,000 Internally Displaced People (IDPs)** are sheltering in **149 UNRWA installations** across the Gaza Strip, facing increasingly desperate conditions. The ability to provide lifesaving assistance has been further hindered by the **36-hour disruption in communications that affected the whole Gaza Strip**, including humanitarian organizations, between 27 and the early hours of 29 October.
- With very limited assistance available, and shelters overwhelmed, mounting tensions are reported among the displaced communities. Several break-ins into UNRWA warehouses and distribution centres were reported, with food and non-food items taken.

The West Bank, including East Jerusalem

- Israeli Security Forces (ISF) operations, involving Palestinian fatalities, have been reported in Jenin and Qalqilya refugee camps on 27 October.
- According to OCHA, **115 Palestinians have been killed in the West Bank** since 7 October, **including 33 children**.

- Several incidents of settler violence were also reported between 26 and 28 October, targeting Palestinians harvesting olives. One Palestinian fatality was reported in a village near Nablus during an attack of armed settlers on 28 October.

2. Overall situation

The Gaza Strip

- According to the Ministry of Health in Gaza, **8,005 people have been killed since 7 October, including 3,324 children, 2,062 women and 460 elderly persons, and 20,242 injured.** This is in addition to **1,650 reported missing**, presumably under the rubble of destroyed buildings, including 940 children.
- Overall, nearly 1,400 Israelis and foreign nationals have been killed in Israel, according to the Israeli authorities, the vast majority on 7 October (OCHA).
- Of the total displaced in UNRWA shelters, over 511,000 persons are sheltering in 92 shelters in Middle, Khan Younis and Rafah areas, an increase of around 13,000 IDPs since the last update. More IDPs keep approaching UNRWA premises to seek a safe haven. The shelters, however, have no further capacity nor space to host new IDPs, forcing many people to sleep on the streets.
- The total number of IDPs across the Gaza Strip is estimated at around 1.4 million. On top of the IDPs hosted in UNRWA shelters, according to the Ministry of Social Development in Gaza, approximately 121,000 IDPs are in public institutions, primarily hospitals. Among them, up to 60,000 people are currently seeking shelter at the al-Shifa Hospital in Gaza. Some 79,000 IDPs are in government schools and about 550,000 are taking shelter in host communities.
- Assistance currently available is not enough to cover the most basic needs of IDPs and host communities alike.

The West Bank, including East Jerusalem

- On 27 October, three Palestinians were killed, and 12 were injured during an ISF operation in Jenin refugee camp and surrounding areas that included exchange of live fire with Palestinian armed actors. Roads and civilian infrastructure, as well as public and private property, were damaged during the operation.
- One Palestinian was killed during an ISF search and arrest operation in Qalqilya that included an exchange of fire with Palestinian armed actors.
- One Palestinian died from injuries sustained after being run over by Palestinian Security Forces on 17 October while dispersing crowds during demonstrations in Ramallah.

3. Humanitarian access & protection of civilians

The Gaza Strip

- Since 7 October, 63 UNRWA staff colleagues have been killed and at least 22 injured.
- Several incidents of collateral damage to UNRWA premises were reported in the past 72 hours, resulting in a total of one person killed and 28 injured among IDPs.

- Due to a strike near an UNRWA school in Khan Younis, sheltering over 4,800 IDPs, two women (one of them pregnant) and one boy were injured and transferred to a hospital. The school sustained moderate collateral damage.
- Shrapnel fell inside another school in Khan Younis due to a strike nearby. The school is sheltering over 4,000 IDPs. No injuries among the IDPs were reported.
- A school in the Middle Area was impacted by collateral damage caused by a strike on a nearby building. One IDP was killed and 25 were injured. The school is sheltering nearly 14,400 IDPs.
- Since 7 October, 19 IDPs sheltering in UNRWA premises have been killed and 310 have been injured.
- In total, 44 UNRWA installations have been damaged since 7 October.

The West Bank, including East Jerusalem

- The Israeli authorities continue to impose severe movement and access restrictions across the West Bank, cutting off entire Palestinian towns and communities from the main roads. Since 7 October, four refugee communities have been under full lockdown and curfew, with limited to no access to basic services. These includes: (i) Wadi Alhussen, in Hebron H2, affecting 40 refugee households; (ii) Jabir neighbourhood also in Hebron H2; (iii) Wadi Foquin, affecting 30 refugee households; (iv) Al-Walajah, affecting 25 refugee households.
- During an ISF operation in Jalazone refugee camp and surrounding areas, several Palestinians from the refugee camp were detained, including a child. A tear gas canister fired by the ISF landed inside the grounds of an UNRWA office.
- Reportedly, 12 persons from the Bedouin community of Zanuta in Hebron governorate, including five children under 10, were displaced due to the coercive environment that they face, including exposure to settler violence. This is in addition to more than 450 people displaced in Area C of the West Bank since 7 October.

4. UNRWA response

The Gaza Strip

UNRWA Shelters

- Overcrowding continues to create severe health and protection concerns for IDPs, and is also taking a heavy toll on their mental health. **The average number of IDPs per shelter has almost reached four times their intended capacity.** The Khan Younis Training Centre (KYTC) is currently hosting 22,100 IDPs, while two schools in Maghazi camp, Middle area, are sheltering nearly 29,800 people. Some 12,800 additional IDPs are currently hosted in the Rafah Logistic Base.

Health

- Nine UNRWA health centres (out of 22) are still operational in the Middle and South areas, recording 4,400 patients' visits on Saturday 28 October, including refugees and non-refugees.

- Health-care services were maintained in the UNRWA shelters, with the support of 96 mobile medical units and medical teams, serving 18,200 cases at shelters for the period 27-28 October.
- In the past 72 hours, UNRWA received a one-month supply of insulin through the World Health Organization (WHO). The stocks of several other medicines are critically decreasing with remaining availability only for a few more days.
- The very low availability of fuel is putting at risk the continued provision of health services.

Food Security

- UNRWA continued to cooperate with local bakeries and supply them with flour. This is allowing dozens of bakeries to offer bread to families at half the cost. However, the limited availability of fuel is hindering the capacity of bakeries to produce enough bread to meet the needs.
- Whenever possible, UNRWA distributes hot meals to IDPs in shelters thanks to donations received from host communities. While limited, this assistance plays an important support role, given the limited access to the local market and the inability of many IDPs to prepare hot meals at their shelters.

Psychosocial Support

- UNRWA has counsellors and social workers in the shelters. They provide psychological first aid and other specialized protection services. Since the beginning of the hostilities, UNRWA social workers have provided 12,520 people with psychosocial support and social work services. These include cases that are referred for medication and other specialized mental health and psychosocial support.

The West Bank, including East Jerusalem

Education

- UNRWA continues to provide education services, while operating with a limited number of education staff due to movement restrictions and road closures imposed by the Israeli authorities. Out of six schools in East Jerusalem previously operating on remote learning, four have re-opened for in person attendance over the past two days. Two schools remain closed and continue to provide remote learning.
- The UNRWA Boys' School in Hebron H2 remains closed due to access and movement restrictions and significant risks due to settler violence.

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UNRWA situation and response to the escalation in the Gaza Strip

IDPs in UNRWA installations



The average number of IDPs per shelter has almost reached **four times** their intended capacity.

UNRWA fatalities and damage to installations

Confirmed numbers, since 7 October

 63 UNRWA staff and personnel killed

 44 UNRWA installations have been damaged

* IDPs in the North and Gaza areas as of 12 October. UNRWA's ability to provide humanitarian support in the North and Gaza city has since been compromised and access to information including updates on IDPs numbers has since been hindered.

Humanitarian response

 UNRWA operations have been hindered by a 36-hour disruption in communications in the whole Gaza Strip, between 27 and the early hours of 29 October.

UNRWA response – Health

 9 (out of 22) UNRWA health centres still operating in Middle Area, Khan Yunis and Rafah;
4,400 patients received basic medical services on 28 Oct.

UNRWA set up 96 mobile medical units and medical teams attending 18,200 cases at shelters on 27-28 Oct

UNRWA response – Psychosocial support

 12,520 individuals have been provided with psychosocial support and social work intervention services by UNRWA social workers since 7 Oct.

UNRWA response – Humanitarian Access

 The limited available assistance is not enough to cover the most basic needs of IDPs and host communities.

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UNRWA Situation Report #18 on the situation in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank, including East Jerusalem

Information is valid as of 30 October at 18:00 (local time)
Day 23 of hostilities



1. Key points

The Gaza Strip

- In the last 24 hours, **three UNRWA staff have been killed** in ongoing strikes, while in their houses with their families, bringing the total to **67 UNRWA colleagues killed** since 7 October.
- The situation in shelters remains critical, with **very limited assistance available and no additional space to accommodate the increasing number of Internally Displaced People (IDPs)**. More **than 670,000 people are sheltering in nearly 150 UNRWA installations** across the Gaza Strip, facing deteriorating humanitarian conditions and health and protection risks.

The West Bank, including East Jerusalem

- **Israeli Security Forces (ISF) operations, involving Palestinian fatalities**, were reported in Askar, Dheisheh, and Jenin refugee camps on 29 and 30 October. **Several other Palestinians were injured during these operations, and damage to civilian infrastructure was also reported.**
- According to OCHA, **121 Palestinians have been killed in the West Bank** since 7 October.

2. Overall situation

The Gaza Strip

- According to the Ministry of Health in Gaza, **8,306 people have been killed** since 7 October, including **3,457 children, 2,136 women and 480 elderly, and a further 21,048 injured**.
- Overall, nearly 1,400 Israelis and foreign nationals have been killed in Israel, according to the Israeli authorities, the vast majority on 7 October (OCHA).
- Humanitarian needs remain dire and the assistance currently available is not enough to cover the most basic requirements of the affected population.

The West Bank, including East Jerusalem

- On 29 October, ISF conducted an operation in Askar refugee camp, Nablus, during which fire was exchanged with Palestinian armed actors. A Palestinian man from the neighbouring Balata refugee camp was reported killed during the clashes. Roads and civilian infrastructure were also damaged in the operation. One tear gas canister was found in the grounds of an UNRWA school in the camp.
- On the same day, the ISF launched a large-scale operation in Dheisheh refugee camp, Bethlehem. One person was killed and three injured were reported.
- On 30 October, the ISF conducted a search and arrest operation in Jenin refugee camp, involving an exchange of fire with Palestinian armed actors. Four Palestinians were reported killed and five injured. The operation resulted in substantial damage to civilian infrastructure in the camp and surrounding areas, which adds to the damage and destruction caused by previous ISF operations in the camp.
- Several other ISF operations were conducted in Jalazone (Ramallah) and Dheisheh (Bethlehem) refugee camps. Five Palestinians were injured by live ammunition and camp residents were exposed to tear gas.
- A Palestinian man was shot and killed after reportedly stabbing and severely injuring an Israeli police officer near a tram station in East Jerusalem.

3. Humanitarian access & protection of civilians

The Gaza Strip

- Since 7 October, **67 UNRWA colleagues have been killed and at least 22 injured**.
- In total, **44 UNRWA installations have been damaged** since 7 October.
- On 30 October, **a total of 26 trucks of humanitarian supplies entered Gaza** through the Rafah crossing with Egypt. UNRWA teams received those shipments on the Gaza side and help with the storage and distribution in cooperation with other UN agencies. The convoys included some medical supplies, food, and water, but none of these are UNRWA's. To date, 143 trucks entered Gaza since 21 October in total, following two weeks of tight siege (OCHA).

4. UNRWA response

The Gaza Strip

UNRWA Shelters

- Overcrowding in shelters continues to cause severe health and protection impact for IDPs and is leaving a heavy toll on their mental health. The average number of IDPs per shelter is close to four times their intended capacity.

Health

- **Nine UNRWA health centres are still operational** in the Middle and South areas, recording **4,282 patient visits** on 30 October, including refugees and non-refugees.
- Health-care services were maintained in the 92 UNRWA shelters in the Middle and Southern areas, with the support of mobile medical units and medical teams, serving 9,100 persons on 30 October.
- Fuel stocks for health facilities will be completely exhausted in five days, putting at risk the provision of essential health services.

Psychosocial Support

- In cooperation with Humanity and Inclusion, 2,600 persons with disabilities, injured persons, children and elderly were provided with hygiene kits, assistive devices, eyeglasses, first aid kits and baby kits.
- UNRWA has counsellors and social workers in the shelters, who provide psychological first aid and other specialized protection services. Since the beginning of the crisis, UNRWA social workers provided 15,500 people with psychosocial support and social work services.

Water and Sanitation Services (WASH)

- UNRWA distributed 990 hygiene kits to pregnant women and women who have given birth in UNRWA shelters.

The West Bank, including East Jerusalem

Education

- On 30 October, due to the on-going ISF operations and the security situation, students did not attend school in the Bethlehem Governorate, Silwad, Battir, Aida refugee camp, Beit Jala, Dheisheh refugee camp, and in Jenin refugee camp.

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UNRWA situation and response to the escalation in the Gaza Strip

IDPs in UNRWA installations



Overcrowding in shelters is creating severe health and protection concerns for IDPs.

UNRWA fatalities and damage to installations

Confirmed numbers, since 7 October



* IDPs in the North and Gaza areas as of 12 October. UNRWA's ability to provide humanitarian support in the North and Gaza City has since been compromised and access to information including updates on IDPs numbers has since been hindered.

UNRWA response – Psychosocial support

 15,500 individuals have been provided with psychosocial support by UNRWA social workers since 7 Oct.

2,600 persons with disabilities, injured persons, children and elderly were provided with hygiene kits, assistive devices, eyeglasses, first aid kits and baby kits, in partnership with Humanity and Inclusion.

UNRWA response – Health

 9 (out of 22) UNRWA health centres still operating in Middle Area, Khan Yunis and Rafah;
4,282 patients received basic medical services on 30 Oct.

UNRWA set up 92 mobile medical units and medical teams attending 9,100 cases at shelters on 30 Oct.

UNRWA response - WASH

 990 hygiene kits were distributed to pregnant women and women who have given birth in UNRWA shelters.

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UNRWA Situation Report #19 on the situation in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank, including East Jerusalem

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Day 25 of hostilities



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1. Key points

The Gaza Strip

- After 25 days of intense hostilities, civilians in the Gaza Strip face desperate conditions. Loss of life, internal displacement, widespread destruction of homes and civilian infrastructure, collapse of the health system, lack of fuel and limited availability of basic assistance are some of the enormous challenges people face amid the intensifying conflict.
- In the last 24 hours, **three additional UNRWA staff have been killed**, bringing **the total to 70 UNRWA colleagues killed** since 7 October.
- Some **690,000 Internally Displaced People (IDPs) are sheltering in 149 installations** across the Gaza Strip. An estimated 160,000 are housed in 57 shelters in the north and in Gaza City. UNRWA, however, is no longer able to provide services to the displaced persons in those areas. The Agency does not have accurate information on their needs and conditions since the evacuation order from the Israeli Authorities on 13 October.
- On 31 October, **59 trucks carrying humanitarian supplies**, including medical supplies, food and drinking water, entered the Gaza Strip through Rafah. **Seven of them were UNRWA trucks**. However, available aid remains insufficient to cover the basic needs of the affected population.
- Providing humanitarian assistance is extremely challenging due to lack of fuel, ongoing bombardment and destruction of infrastructure.



2. Overall situation

The Gaza Strip

- According to the Ministry of Health in Gaza, **8,525 people have been killed** since 7 October, including **3,542 children and 2,197 women, and 21,543 injured**. This is in addition to the **2,000 reported missing**, presumably under the rubble of destroyed buildings, including 1,100 children.
- Overall, nearly 1,400 Israelis and foreign nationals have been killed in Israel, according to the Israeli authorities, the vast majority on 7 October (OCHA).
- Over 529,000 persons are sheltering in 92 UNRWA facilities in the Middle, Khan Younis and Rafah areas. This represents an increase of around 18,000 IDPs in the last 24 hours. Shelters have reached their limit to accommodate new arrivals, and many IDPs are sleeping in the streets close to UNRWA premises.
- It is estimated that **1.4 million people are currently displaced in the Gaza Strip**. In addition to those currently in UNRWA shelters, many others have sought refuge with host families, or in hospitals, government schools and other public facilities.

The West Bank, including East Jerusalem

- According to OCHA, **the total number of Palestinians killed by Israeli Security Forces or settlers since 7 October has increased to 123, including 34 children**. Of these, 115, including 33 children, were killed by Israeli forces; and eight, including one child, by Israeli settlers. One Israeli soldier has been killed by Palestinians.

3. Humanitarian access & protection of civilians

The Gaza Strip

- Since 7 October, **70 UNRWA colleagues have been killed and at least 22 injured**. This is the highest number of UN aid workers killed in a conflict in such a short time. Despite the tragic losses, UNRWA staff in the Gaza Strip remain utterly committed to their communities, working around the clock to provide humanitarian assistance.
- The health-care system has been severely impacted by the ongoing hostilities. According to the Ministry of Health in Gaza, since 7 October, **130 health workers have been killed and 57 health-care facilities hit**. In total, **15 hospitals and 32 primary health-care centres are out of service** due to conflict or the lack of fuel.
- On 31 October, 59 trucks (seven of them UNRWA trucks) carrying humanitarian supplies entered the Gaza Strip through Rafah. UNRWA teams received those shipments in Gaza and helped with storage and distribution, in cooperation with other UN agencies. The convoys included medical supplies, food and water. No fuel was on the trucks. To date, a total of 217 trucks have entered Gaza since 21 October, following two weeks of tight siege (OCHA). This is a drop in the ocean of needs for the over 2 million people trapped in Gaza.
- The available assistance remains insufficient to cover people's basic needs. UNRWA has only 2,000 metric tonnes of wheat remaining. **That amounts to just five or six days before supplies are depleted.**

4. UNRWA response

The Gaza Strip

UNRWA Shelters

- Overcrowded conditions continue to create severe health and protection concerns for IDPs, taking a heavy toll on their mental health. The average number of IDPs per shelter has reached almost four times their intended capacity. This means that, in some shelters, up to 240 people are living in a classroom of about 40 to 60 square metres.

Health

- **Nine UNRWA health centres** are still operational in the South and recorded **4,400 patient visits on 31 October**, including refugees and non-refugees. Our staff are working tirelessly to reach as many civilians as possible with primary health care. But needs continue to increase, while the lack of a ceasefire and safe, unimpeded and continuous humanitarian access across the Gaza Strip, hinder operations on the ground.
- Health-care services in UNRWA shelters were maintained with the support of **92 mobile medical units and medical teams, serving 9,800 cases at shelters** on 31 October.
- Fuel stocks for the health facilities will be completely exhausted in a few days, putting at risk the provision of essential health services. UNRWA has rationed its use of fuel to maximize its remaining supply, which is **forecast to last for between 1-2 days**.

Psychosocial Support

- UNRWA has counsellors and social workers in the shelters, who provide psychological first aid and other specialized protection services. Since the beginning of the crisis, **UNRWA social workers provided 18,640 people with psychosocial support and social work services.**

Water and Sanitation Services (WASH)

- Some solid waste collection from the camps and from emergency shelters and transfer to landfills continues in Middle, Khan Younis and Rafah areas, but with difficulty due to the scarcity of fuel and staff.
- Water wells in Jabalia, Khan Younis and Rafah are functional with about 10,000 m3 pumped from nine water wells.
- Despite the limited availability of fuel, desalination plants continue to operate in the shelters for the provision of potable water. Water trucking operations in shelters in Rafah and Khan Younis also continue. However, the amount of water provided is not sufficient to meet all needs.

Quote from UNRWA staff in Gaza

“When night comes my children get closer to me, trying to be safer. Although we know, there is no safe place in Gaza.”

- Inas, UNRWA Staff

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UNRWA situation and response to the escalation in the Gaza Strip

IDPs in UNRWA installations



Overcrowding in shelters is creating severe health and protection concerns for IDPs.

UNRWA fatalities and damage to installations

Confirmed numbers, since 7 October



* IDPs in the North and Gaza areas as of 12 October. UNRWA's ability to provide humanitarian support in the North and Gaza City has since been compromised and access to information including updates on IDPs numbers has since been hindered.

UNRWA response – Psychosocial support

 15,500 individuals have been provided with psychosocial support by UNRWA social workers since 7 Oct.

2,600 persons with disabilities, injured persons, children and elderly were provided with hygiene kits, assistive devices, eyeglasses, first aid kits and baby kits, in partnership with Humanity and Inclusion.

UNRWA response – Health

 9 (out of 22) UNRWA health centres still operating in Middle Area, Khan Yunis and Rafah;
4,282 patients received basic medical services on 30 Oct.

UNRWA set up 92 mobile medical units and medical teams attending 9,100 cases at shelters on 30 Oct.

UNRWA response - WASH

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UNRWA Situation Report #20 on the situation in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank, including East Jerusalem

Information is valid as of 1 November at 18:00 (local time)
Day 26 of hostilities



1. Key points

The Gaza Strip

- In the last 24 hours, **two additional UNRWA staff have been killed**, bringing the **total to 72 UNRWA colleagues killed since 7 October**.
- Some **690,000 Internally Displaced People (IDPs) are sheltering in 149 installations** across the Gaza Strip.
- On 1 November, **51 trucks carrying humanitarian supplies entered the Gaza Strip** through Rafah. This included 20 trucks for UNRWA carrying food and medical supplies.
- However, the available assistance remains insufficient to cover the basic needs of the affected population.
- A number of injured and foreign passport holders were able to leave Gaza via the Rafah crossing on 1 November.
- Providing humanitarian aid is extremely challenging due to lack of fuel, ongoing bombardments, destruction of infrastructure and disruptions to communication networks.



2. Overall situation

The Gaza Strip

- According to the Ministry of Health in Gaza, **8,720 people have been killed** since 7 October of them **73 per cent are women, children, and older persons. Over 22,000 people have been injured.** This is in addition to the 2,000 reported missing, presumably under the rubble of destroyed buildings, including 1,100 children.
- Overall, nearly 1,400 Israelis and foreign nationals have been killed in Israel, according to the Israeli authorities, the vast majority on 7 October (OCHA).
- Over 530,000 people are sheltering in 92 UNRWA facilities in the Middle, Khan Younis and Rafah areas. Shelters have reached their limit and are unable to accommodate new arrivals, and many IDPs are sleeping in the streets close to UNRWA premises seeking safety.
- Across Gaza, **625,000 students have no access to education**, and **over 40 per cent of Gaza's education facilities have been damaged during the hostilities.**
- The health system is collapsing due to a lack of fuel, medicines and supplies, damage to health facilities and hospitals and to roads and infrastructure, which makes transporting the injured to the hospitals almost impossible.

The West Bank, including East Jerusalem

- Two Israeli Security Forces (ISF) operations were conducted in and around Jenin refugee camp overnight between 31 October and 1 November, both involving exchange of fire. UNRWA Protection teams visited the camp and identified **damage to an Agency health centre** in the camp caused by the military operations.

3. Humanitarian access & protection of civilians

The Gaza Strip

- Since 7 October, **72 UNRWA colleagues have been killed and at least 22 were injured. At least 44 installations have been damaged.** [Overnight, we lost Mai](#), a bright software developer in her mid-20s with physical disabilities. She was displaced from her home and killed in the Jabalia refugee camp with members of her family.
- On 1 November, 51 trucks carrying humanitarian supplies, including medical supplies, food and drinking water, entered the Gaza Strip through Rafah, bringing the total number of trucks to 268. **Twenty of the 51 trucks which entered on 1 November were UNRWA trucks.** UNRWA teams received the convoys in Gaza and helped with storage and distribution, in cooperation with other UN agencies. This is a drop in the ocean compared to the overwhelming needs of over 2 million people trapped in Gaza. No fuel has come for nearly one month and this is having a devastating impact on hospitals, bakeries, water plants, and our operations.

The West Bank, including East Jerusalem

- The continued movement restrictions imposed on Palestinians from the West Bank to access Jerusalem and Israel, including for work reasons, are having an impact on the Palestinian economy. Prior to 7 October an estimated 230,000 Palestinians had work permits to access the Israeli labour market. These workers represented a significant contribution to the overall economy of the West Bank particularly due to the relatively high salaries from Israeli businesses. It is expected that this will result in an economic downturn – and increased pressure on UNRWA services, as more people become reliant on the essential services provided by the Agency.

4. UNRWA response

The Gaza Strip

UNRWA Shelters

- Overcrowding conditions continue to create severe health and protection concerns for IDPs, taking a heavy toll on their mental health. Damage to water and sanitation infrastructure and the limited availability of fuel to pump water create additional public health risks. Several cases of acute respiratory infections, diarrhea and chicken pox have already been reported among the population taking refuge in UNRWA shelters.

Health

- On 1 November, the nine operational health centres in the South recorded a total of **3,500 patient visits, including refugees and non-refugees.**
- On the same day, health-care services in UNRWA shelters were maintained with the support of **92 mobile medical units and medical teams, serving 10,000 cases at shelters.**

- Several patients in need of specialized health care have been identified at UNRWA shelters, including newborns and injured; however, the ability to provide the required specialized assistance inside and outside the shelters is limited.
- Fuel stocks for the health facilities will be completely exhausted in a few days, putting at risk the provision of critical health services.

Food Security

- Current food stocks in Gaza are estimated to last for one week; however, many shops may run out of supplies in the next five days. The only operative mill cannot grind wheat due to electricity outages. **Currently, the average waiting time to receive bread is four to six hours.**

Psychosocial Support

- The provision of mental health and psychosocial support services has resumed at the nine operational health centres in the South and Middle areas through the availability of psychosocial counsellors. In addition, two psychiatrists are working in the Middle and Khan Younis areas to assist cases referred from the health centres and the mobile teams visiting the shelters. This is in addition to the psychological first aid that UNRWA social workers provide in the shelters.

Water and Sanitation Services (WASH)

- Most of Gaza's **65 sewage pumping systems are not operational**. The main water pipeline operating between Rafah and Khan Younis is severely damaged and none of the three water pipelines previously operated by Israel are functioning.
- About **130,000 m3 of untreated wastewater flows** on a daily basis to the sea as the six treatment plants in the Gaza Strip are currently not operational.

Quote from UNRWA Commissioner-General Philippe Lazzarini

"I have just returned from the Gaza Strip. [...] It was heart-wrenching. Above all, people were asking for a ceasefire. They want this tragedy to end. It was one of the saddest days in my humanitarian work."

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UNRWA situation and response to the escalation in the Gaza Strip

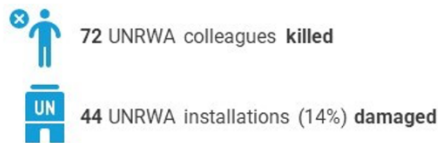
IDPs in UNRWA installations



 Several cases of acute respiratory infections, diarrhea and chicken pox reported among IDPs in UNRWA shelters.

UNRWA fatalities and damage to installations

Confirmed numbers, since 7 October



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UNRWA response – Health

 9 (out of 22) UNRWA health centres still operating in Middle Area, Khan Yunis and Rafah.

3,500 patients, both refugees and non refugees, received basic medical services in the operational health centres in the South on 1 Nov.

UNRWA set up 92 mobile medical units and medical teams attending 10,000 cases at shelters on 1 Nov.

UNRWA response – Psychosocial support

 The provision of mental health and psychosocial support services has resumed at the nine operational health centres in the South and Middle areas.

Two psychiatrists are working in the Middle and Khan Yunis areas to assist cases referred from the health centres and the mobile teams visiting the shelters.

Humanitarian Access

 51 trucks of humanitarian supplies, of which 20 from UNRWA, entered Gaza through Rafah on 1 Nov. However, the available assistance remains insufficient to cover the basic needs of the affected population.

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UNRWA Situation Report #21 on the situation in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank, including East Jerusalem

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Day 27 of hostilities



1. Key points

The Gaza Strip

- **Seventy-two UNRWA personnel have been killed** since 7 October. This is the highest number of UN aid workers killed in a conflict in such a short time. UNRWA grieves this huge loss. No words can do justice to thousands of UNRWA staff who continue to work tirelessly to support Palestinian communities in need in Gaza.
- **Two internally displaced persons (IDPs) were killed and 31 injured, including 15 children,** due to collateral damage **caused by a strike close to two UNRWA schools** in the Middle area.
- **Some 695,000 IDPs are sheltering in 149 installations** across the Gaza Strip.
- The provision of humanitarian relief remains extremely challenging due to lack of essential supplies, shortage of fuel, ongoing bombardments, destruction of infrastructure, and disruptions to communication networks.

The West Bank, including East Jerusalem

- Several operations were conducted by the Israeli Security Forces (ISF) in different Palestine refugee camps across the West Bank, **resulting in three Palestinian fatalities** (including one 14-year-old boy) and five injuries.

2. Overall situation

The Gaza Strip

- According to the Ministry of Health in Gaza, **9,061 people have been killed since 7 October, of whom 73 per cent are women, children and older persons.** Over **22,240 people have been injured.** This is in addition to the 2,000 reported missing, presumably under the rubble of destroyed buildings, including 1,100 children.
- Overall, nearly 1,400 Israelis and foreign nationals have been killed in Israel, according to the Israeli authorities, the vast majority on 7 October (OCHA).
- Over 535,000 persons are sheltering in 92 UNRWA facilities in the Middle, Khan Younis and Rafah areas. Shelters have reached their limit and are unable to accommodate new arrivals, and many IDPs are sleeping on the streets in the vicinity of UNRWA premises. More than one million people, almost half the population of Gaza, have been pushed from the north of Gaza southward. Many – including pregnant women, people with disabilities, the sick and the wounded – are not able to move.

The West Bank, including East Jerusalem

- Overnight between 1 and 2 November, the ISF conducted several search and arrest operations with clashes erupting in different locations across the West Bank, including Jalazone, Ein Sultan, Aqbat Jaber, Dheisheh and Arroub refugee camps.
- On 2 November, the IF conducted an operation in Qalqilya, in the northern West Bank, involving an exchange of fire with Palestinian armed groups. One 19-year-old Palestinian was killed and two others (including one minor) were injured with live ammunition. Several cases of tear gas inhalation were also reported.
- Palestinians opened fire on a settler's vehicle on Road 60, Beit Leed, Tulkarem governorate, and one Israeli soldier was killed. Following the incident, Israeli settlers gathered, protested, attacked and threw stones at Palestinian vehicles. In addition, a group of settlers attacked the village of Deir Sharaf and set fire to Palestinian property.
- During an ISF search operation in Al Bireh, close to Ramallah, the IF opened fire during clashes with Palestinians, killing two persons, including one 14-year-old Palestinian Refugee child. Another **three Palestinians were injured with live ammunition**, including a minor.
- On 2 November, **12 Palestinians from Gaza were reportedly detained** by the ISF while getting medical services at Al Maqassed Hospital, in East Jerusalem.

3. Humanitarian access & protection of civilians

The Gaza Strip

- Since 7 October, **72 UNRWA personnel have been killed and at least 23 have been injured**, including one who was severely injured while traveling in a UN vehicle that was damaged by a nearby strike.
- **Two IDPs were killed and 31 (including 15 children) were injured due to collateral damage caused by a strike near two UNRWA schools in Bureij camp**, in the Middle Area. The two schools, which are located next to each other, are sheltering a total of 15,200 IDPs.

- According to reports received by UNRWA, a school in Jabalia Camp (North Gaza) was severely impacted, resulting in several people killed and injured among the IDPs sheltering in the school. UNRWA is verifying the information to establish the actual number of casualties and the impact on the school. The last reported number of IDPs sheltering in this school was 3,600 on 12 October.
- Since 7 October, in total 23 IDPs sheltering in UNRWA installations have been killed and 340 injured.
- In total, 47 UNRWA installations have been damaged since 7 October.
- The health-care system has been severely impacted by the hostilities. According to the Ministry of Health in Gaza, since 7 October, 135 health workers have been killed and 58 health care facilities hit. In total, **16 hospitals and 51 primary health-care centres are out of service** due to conflict or the lack of fuel.

4. UNRWA response

The Gaza Strip



[Adam was born](#) this week in Gaza. UNRWA medical staff worked tirelessly to provide medical assistance before delivery at a nearby hospital. They continue to provide post-natal care. He is currently sheltering at the UNRWA Khan Younis Training Centre Shelter. © 2023 UNRWA Photo

UNRWA Shelters

- Overcrowding conditions continue to create severe health and protection risks for IDPs, while also taking a heavy toll on their mental health. Damage to water and sanitation infrastructure and the limited availability of fuel to pump water creates additional public health risks. Several cases of acute respiratory infections, diarrhea and chicken pox have already been reported among the population taking refuge at UNRWA shelters.

Health

- On 2 November, the nine operational health centres in the south recorded a total **of 5,600 patient visits, including refugees and non-refugees.**
- Health services in UNRWA shelters were maintained with the support **of 92 mobile medical units and medical teams, serving 9,566 cases.**
- Fuel stocks for the health facilities will be completely exhausted in a few days, putting at risk the provision of essential health services.

Relief and social services/ Psychosocial Support

- UNRWA has counsellors and social workers in the shelters, who provide psychological first aid and other specialized protection services. Since the beginning of the crisis, UNRWA social workers provided **20,910 people with psychosocial support and social work services.**
- UNRWA continues to coordinate with the organization “Humanity and Inclusion” to identify persons with disabilities in the shelters to support them with specialized assistance and devices.
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Quote from UNRWA Commissioner-General Phillipe Lazzarini

"Across the Gaza Strip, these shelters should be a safe haven, under the flag of the United Nations."

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UNRWA situation and response to the escalation in the Gaza Strip

IDPs in UNRWA installations



UNRWA response – Health



9 (out of 22) UNRWA health centres still operating in Middle Area, Khan Yunis and Rafah.

5,600 patients, both refugees and non refugees, received basic medical services in the operational health centres in the South on 2 Nov.

UNRWA set up 92 mobile medical units and medical teams attending 9,566 cases at shelters on 2 Nov.

UNRWA fatalities and damage to installations

Confirmed numbers, since 7 October



72 UNRWA colleagues killed



47 UNRWA installations damaged

UNRWA response – Psychosocial support



20,910 people were provided with psychosocial support and social work services.

UNRWA continues to coordinate with Humanity and Inclusion to support persons with disabilities in the shelters with specialized assistance and devices.

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UNRWA Situation Report #22 on the situation in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank, including East Jerusalem

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1.1 Key points

The Gaza Strip

- !! In the last 48 hours, five additional UNRWA colleagues were killed. UNRWA also received confirmation of the death of two staff members who were killed on 24 October. **In total 79 colleagues have been killed and at least 24 injured since 7 October.** Like most Gazans, our staff have also lost relatives, friends, neighbors and are themselves displaced with their families. And yet, they continue to work tirelessly to provide humanitarian assistance.
- !! On 4 November, one UNRWA school in Jabalia camp, north of Gaza, was directly hit by strikes, which resulted in 15 people killed and 70 injured among the internally displaced persons (IDPs) sheltering in the school.
- !! On the same day, due to strikes near an UNRWA school in Nuseirat camp in the Middle area, 10 IDPs sheltering in the school were injured.
- !! The total number of UNRWA installations damaged since 7 October is 48.
- !! Nearly 1.5 million people have been displaced across the Gaza Strip since 7 October. Nearly half of them (710,000) are sheltering in 149 UNRWA installations across all five governorates of Gaza.
- !! Over 550,000 IDPs are sheltering in 92 facilities in the Middle, Khan Younis and Rafah areas. Nearly 160,000 IDPs were sheltering in 57 UNRWA schools in the North and Gaza areas as of 12 October 2023, before the evacuation order was issued by the Israeli Authorities. UNRWA is not able to access these shelters to assist or protect the IDPs and as such does not have information on their needs and conditions.

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The Gaza Strip

- !! Overnight on 3 November, a large-scale operation was conducted by the Israeli Security Forces (ISF) in Jenin refugee camp and Jenin city, resulting in five Palestinian deaths. Substantial damage to road, electricity and water networks were recorded in the refugee camp. For the third time, ISF were observed destroying memorial sites and cultural symbols in the camp and the surrounding city.
- !! On the same day, ISF operations were conducted in Kalandia refugee camp where one Palestinian was killed and two were injured with live ammunition, and in Fawwar refugee camp, in which two Palestinians were killed.

2. Overall situation

The Gaza Strip

- ! According to the Ministry of Health in Gaza, 9,488 people have been killed since 7 October, of whom 70 per cent are women, children and older persons. Over 24,158 people have been injured. This is in addition to 2,000 people reported missing, presumably under the rubble of destroyed buildings, including 1,250 children.
- ! On average, a child is killed and two are injured every ten minutes during the war.
- ! Overall, nearly 1,400 Israelis and foreign nationals have been killed in Israel, according to the Israeli authorities, the vast majority on 7 October (OCHA).
- ! The health system in Gaza is collapsing due to a lack of fuel, medicines and supplies, damage to health facilities and hospitals and to roads and infrastructure, which makes transporting the injured to the hospitals almost impossible.

The West Bank, including East Jerusalem

- ! According to OCHA, **since 7 October, 136 Palestinians, including 43 children**, have been killed by Israeli forces; and eight, including one child, by Israeli settlers.

3. Humanitarian access & protection of civilians

The Gaza Strip

- !! In the last 48 hours, **five UNRWA colleagues were killed**. UNRWA received confirmation that two colleagues were killed on 24 October in Gaza City and in the Middle Area. In **total 79 colleagues have been killed and at least 24 injured since 7 October**. One UNRWA staff member was injured in the Middle area.
- !! Due to strikes that hit an UNRWA school in Jabalia camp, in the north of Gaza, on 4 November, 15 IDPs were killed and 70 were injured. According to the latest data available, 16,000 IDPs were reportedly sheltering at the school as of 12 October.
- !! On the same day, 11 IDPs were injured due to strikes near an UNRWA school in Nuseirat camp, in the Middle Area. The school is sheltering over 8,300 IDPs.

- !! After conducting further verification, UNRWA was able to establish that due to a strike near an UNRWA school in Jabalia camp, reported on 2 November, 27 people were killed and 50 injured. According to the latest information available to UNRWA, as of 12 October, 3,600 IDPs were sheltering in the school.
- !! 50 IDPs sheltering in UNRWA premises have been killed and 461 injured since 7 October.
- !! At least 48 UNRWA installations have been impacted since the beginning of the hostilities.
- !! On 3 and 4 November, a total of **77 trucks carrying humanitarian supplies, including medical supplies, food and drinking water, entered the Gaza Strip through Rafah**, bringing the total number of trucks to 451. Twelve of the trucks which entered on 3 and 4 November were UNRWA trucks. UNRWA teams received the convoys in Gaza and helped with storage and distribution, in cooperation with other UN agencies. This is a drop in the ocean compared to the overwhelming needs of over two million people trapped in Gaza. No fuel has come for nearly one month, with devastating impacts on hospitals, bakeries, water plants and UNRWA operations.

4. UNRWA response

The Gaza Strip

UNRWA Shelters

- ! UNRWA shelters in Middle and South Areas are severely overcrowded. This overcrowding places huge pressure on infrastructure and the Agency's ability to meet the minimum needs of people for food, water and accommodation.
- ! The risk of a public health crisis continues to grow, in a setting of mass displacement, overcrowding of shelters and damage to the water and sanitation infrastructure. Decomposition of bodies under collapsed buildings amid limited rescue efforts continues to raise humanitarian and environmental concerns.
- ! UNRWA shelters have reported thousands of cases of acute respiratory, skin infections and diarrhea as well as cases of chicken pox.

Health

- ! On Friday, 3 November 2023, UNRWA continued to provide health care to IDPs at shelters through 92 mobile medical points and attended to a total of almost 7,260 cases.
- ! The shelters are hosting newborns, injuries and other cases that are in need of special health-care assistance. They are deprived of adequate health care inside and outside the shelters.
- ! Stocks of medicines are critically decreasing with availability down to a few days. In addition, fuel is running severely low, making the delivery of primary health care at UNRWA health centres very challenging.

Relief and social services/ Psychosocial Support

- ! UNRWA has counsellors and social workers in the shelters to provide psychosocial first aid and other specialized protection services. Since 7 October, **UNRWA has provided 25,490 people with psychosocial support**.
- ! Most shelters are not equipped to meet the specific needs of persons with disabilities; in cooperation with the organization "Humanity & Inclusion", UNRWA is conducting an assessment of persons with disabilities in its shelters to be able to better respond to their needs.

Water and Sanitation Services (WASH)

- ! Some solid waste collection from the camps and shelters is being transferred to landfills in the Middle, Khan Younis and Rafah areas. However, the scarcity of fuel and staff is negatively impacting solid waste management activities.
- ! Water wells in Jabalia, Khan Younis and Rafah are functional with about 11,000 m³ being pumped from nine water wells.
- ! Water trucking operations to the shelters in Rafah and Khan Younis areas continue. The number of water trucks is insufficient to provide water to all shelters and water tanks can be refilled only once a day. Given the number of people in the shelters, there is insufficient water to cover the needs of people in the UNRWA shelters.
- ! UNRWA teams have been handling maintenance and rehabilitation works at dozens of shelters. Works include plumbing, electrical, metal and carpentry works to repair damage and to upgrade the capacity of shelters to accommodate more people.

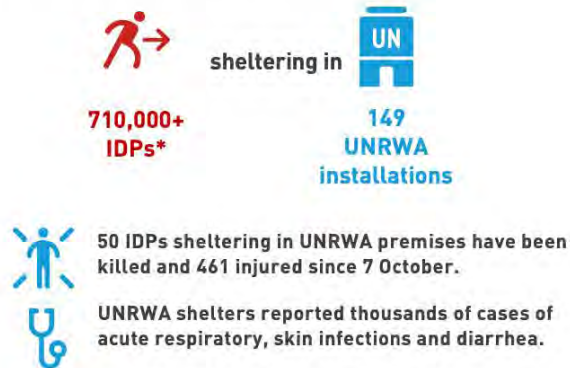
Quote from UNRWA Commissioner-General Phillipe Lazzarini

“The day I spent with the UNRWA team on the ground was one of the saddest of my entire 30-year humanitarian career. [...] Everyone was asking for water and food. Instead of being at school to learn, children were asking for a sip of water and a loaf of bread. It was heartbreaking.”

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UNRWA situation and response to the escalation in the Gaza Strip

IDPs in UNRWA installations



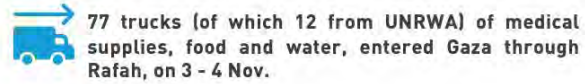
UNRWA fatalities and damage to installations

Confirmed numbers, since 7 October

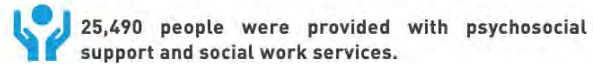


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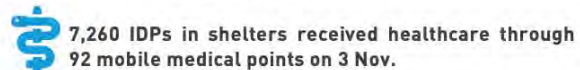
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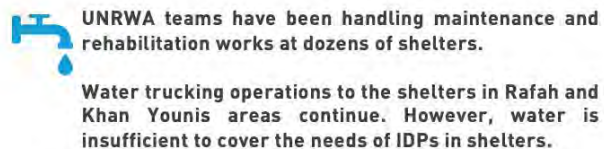
UNRWA response – Psychosocial support



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UNRWA Situation Report #23 on the situation in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank, including East Jerusalem

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1. Key points

The Gaza Strip

- In the last 24 hours, five UNRWA colleagues were killed due to strikes in the North, Middle and South areas of the Gaza Strip. UNRWA received confirmation that another four colleagues were killed in strikes earlier in late October. This brings **the total number of confirmed UNRWA colleagues killed to 88 and at least another 25 injured since the hostilities began**. One UNRWA colleague sustained serious injuries due to a strike that hit her home; her husband and three children were killed.
- The confirmed number of UNRWA installations damaged since 7 October is 48.
- Almost 1.5 million people have been displaced across the Gaza Strip since 7 October. **Nearly half (717,000) are sheltering in 149 UNRWA installations across all five governorates of Gaza, including in the north.**
- **Over 557,000 IDPs are sheltering in 92 facilities in the Middle, Khan Younis and Rafah areas. Nearly 160,000 IDPs were sheltering in 57 UNRWA schools** in the north and Gaza areas as of 12 October 2023, before the evacuation order was issued by the Israeli Authorities. UNRWA is not able to access these shelters to assist or protect the IDPs and does not have information on their needs and conditions.

The West Bank, including East Jerusalem

- **The Israeli Security Forces (ISF) conducted operations in Jenin, Tulkarem and Jalazone refugee camps in the early morning of 5 November.**
- The operation in Jenin refugee camp resulted in extensive damage to critical infrastructure in the camp for the third time in 10 days, including in locations adjacent to UNRWA installations. One Palestinian was seriously injured in the operation and nine Palestinians were detained.
- A large scale ISF operation and demolition operation took place in the town of Abu Dis, southeast of Jerusalem. Two Palestinians were reportedly killed, and six were injured with live ammunition. The use of a shoulder-fired missile was reported. One female ISF officer was reportedly injured.

2. Overall situation

The Gaza Strip

- According to the Ministry of Health (MoH) in Gaza, **9,770 people have been killed since 7 October, of whom 70 per cent are women, children, and older persons. Over 24,158 people have been injured.** This is in addition to the 2,260 people reported missing, presumably under the rubble of destroyed buildings, including 1,270 children. On average, 134 children have been reported killed across the Gaza Strip every day since the war began based on the MoH figures.
- Overall, nearly 1,400 Israelis and foreign nationals have been killed in Israel, according to the Israeli authorities, the vast majority on 7 October (OCHA).

The West Bank, including East Jerusalem

- According to OCHA, since 7 October, **141 Palestinians, including 43 children, have been killed by Israeli forces;** and eight, including one child, by Israeli settlers.

3. Humanitarian access & protection of civilians

The Gaza Strip

- In the last 48 hours, five UNRWA colleagues were killed and four were confirmed killed. In total 88 colleagues have been killed and at least 24 injured since 7 October.
- At least 48 UNRWA installations have been impacted since the beginning of the hostilities.
- On 5 November, a total of 25 trucks carrying humanitarian supplies, including medical supplies, food and drinking water, entered the Gaza Strip through Rafah, bringing the total number of trucks to 476. **Eight of the trucks which entered on 5 November were UNRWA trucks.** UNRWA teams received the convoys in Gaza and helped with storage and distribution, in cooperation with other UN agencies. This is a drop in the ocean compared to the overwhelming needs of over two million people trapped in Gaza.
- No fuel has entered Gaza for nearly one month now, with huge impact on hospitals, bakeries, water plants and UNRWA operations.

The West Bank, including East Jerusalem

- The start of the UNRWA school day was delayed in Jenin, Tulkarem and Jalazone refugee camps due to the ISF operations.

4. UNRWA response

The Gaza Strip

UNRWA Shelters

- UNRWA shelters in the Middle and southern Areas are severely overcrowded with huge pressure on infrastructure and the Agency's ability to meet the minimum needs of people for food, water and accommodation.
- The risk of a public health crisis continues to grow, in a setting of mass displacement, overcrowding in shelters and damage to the water and sanitation infrastructure.
- The decomposition of bodies under collapsed buildings amid limited rescue efforts continues to raise humanitarian and environmental concerns.
- UNRWA shelters have reported thousands of cases of acute respiratory, skin infections, diarrhea and chicken pox.
- The UNRWA Khan Younis Training Centre (KYTC) is currently hosting more than 22,000 internally displaced people. Conditions in the shelters are inhumane and continue to deteriorate as days go by. In the KYTC, the space per person is less than two square metres, at least 600 people are sharing one toilet. The worsening sanitary conditions, along with the lack of privacy and space, pose immense risks to the health and safety of people sheltering.

Health

- Nine (out of 22) UNRWA health centres are still operational in the Middle and South areas, recording 5,937 patient visits on 5 November, including Palestine Refugees and non-refugees.
- Midwives are providing medical care for post-natal and high-risk pregnant women at the nine operational health centres. A total number of 119 high risk pregnancies and 693 post-natal mothers were attended to on 5 November.
- Seven out of the nine active health centres resumed vaccination services in line with the national vaccination programme, and provided dental services for emergency cases (bleeding, swelling, trauma and extraction).
- On 5 November 2023, UNRWA continued to provide health care to IDPs at shelters through 92 mobile medical points and 257 staff who attended a total of 10,190 cases.
- Fuel is running severely low, making the delivery of primary health care at UNRWA health centres very challenging.

Relief and social services/ Psychosocial Support

- UNRWA has counsellors and social workers in the shelters to provide psychosocial first aid and other specialized protection services. Since 7 October, UNRWA has provided 27,603 people with psychosocial support.

Water and Sanitation Services (WASH)

- A severe shortage of adequate and sufficient sanitation facilities, including toilets and showers, continued to pose a severe challenge in the shelters which resulted in long queues at the facilities, with wait times sometimes stretching to one or two hours.

Food Security

- Access to bread in the south is challenging. The only operative mill in Gaza remains unable to grind wheat due to a lack of electricity and fuel.
- **Eleven bakeries have been hit and destroyed since 7 October.** Only one of the WFP-contracted bakeries, along with eight others in the southern and Middle areas, are able to provide bread to shelters while working intermittently, depending on the availability of flour and fuel. People queue for long hours in bakeries, where they are exposed as bombardments and airstrikes continue.
- Hot meals and other food items like fresh food (vegetables) were provided to IDPs in some of the shelters. UNRWA staff are helping with the distribution, but food is not enough to cover the basic needs of thousands of IDPs.

Quote from UNRWA staff who asked that their name is not shared

“In Gaza, one has to stand in line for hours to get anything... water, the toilet, bread. Even entering the shelter. Everything except death. No line is needed for that.”

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UNRWA situation and response to the escalation in the Gaza Strip

IDPs in UNRWA installations



The UNRWA Khan Younis Training Centre is currently hosting 22,000+ IDPs.



The risk of a public health crisis continues to grow, in a setting of mass displacement, overcrowding in shelters and damage to WASH infrastructure.

UNRWA fatalities and damage to installations

Confirmed numbers, since 7 October



88 UNRWA colleagues killed



48 UNRWA installations damaged

* IDPs in the North and Gaza areas as of 12 October. UNRWA's ability to provide humanitarian support in the North and Gaza City has since been compromised and access to information including updates on IDPs numbers has since been hindered.

Humanitarian access



25 trucks (of which 8 from UNRWA) of medical supplies, food and water, entered Gaza through Rafah, on 5 Nov.

UNRWA response – Psychosocial support



27,603 people were provided with psychosocial support and social work services.

UNRWA response – Health



7,260 IDPs in shelters received healthcare through 92 mobile medical points on 3 Nov.

5,937 visits were recorded in the nine (out of 22) UNRWA health centres which are still operational in the Middle and South areas, on 5 Nov.

119 high risk pregnancies and 693 post-natal mothers were attended to on 5 November.

10,190 IDPs received health care at shelters through 92 mobile medical points and 257 staff, on 5 Nov.

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UNRWA Situation Report #24 on the situation in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank, including East Jerusalem

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1. Key points

The Gaza Strip

- In the last 24 hours, one additional UNRWA colleague was killed, and another seriously injured. **89 UNRWA colleagues have been killed and at least 26 injured since the start of hostilities.** This is the highest number of United Nations aid workers killed in a conflict in the history of the United Nations.
- One UNRWA school in the north of Gaza was directly hit by strikes, which resulted in one person killed and nine injured among the Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) sheltering in the school.
- Almost 1.5 million people have been displaced across the Gaza Strip since 7 October. **Nearly 725,000 are sheltering in 149 UNRWA installations across all five governorates of Gaza, including in the north.**
- **Over 565,000 IDPs are sheltering in 92 facilities in the Middle, Khan Younis and Rafah areas. Nearly 160,000 IDPs were sheltering in 57 UNRWA schools** in the northern and Gaza areas as of 12 October 2023, before the evacuation order was issued by the Israeli Authorities. UNRWA is not able to access these shelters to assist or protect the IDPs and does not have information on their needs and conditions.

The West Bank, including East Jerusalem

- The Israeli Security Forces (ISF) **under-cover unit fired live ammunition** at a vehicle in front of Tulkarem refugee camp in the afternoon of 6 November, **killing four Palestinians, including two Palestine Refugees.**

- Clashes at Al Amari refugee camp between ISF and Palestinians during a search operation led to one Palestinian reportedly injured by live ammunition. The clashes took place near UNRWA schools in the camp, with 1,300 students remaining inside during the clashes.
- In the early morning, the **ISF shot and killed a Palestinian child near Herod's Gate** in the Old City of Jerusalem, allegedly for stabbing and injuring two Israeli soldiers. Staff and patients at the UNRWA health centre were inside at the time.



The outside of the morgue of Al Aqsa Martyrs' Hospital, Gaza on 6 November 2023. © 2023 UNRWA Photo by Ashraf Amra

2. Overall situation

The Gaza Strip

- According to the Ministry of Health (MoH) in Gaza, over **10,000 people, including 2,550 women, 4,104 children and 596 older people have been killed in Gaza** since 7 October; over 25,400 have been injured. This is in addition to the 2,260 people reported missing, presumably under the rubble of destroyed buildings, including 1,270 children.
- Overall, nearly 1,400 Israelis and foreign nationals have been killed in Israel, according to the Israeli Authorities, the vast majority on 7 October (OCHA).

The West Bank, including East Jerusalem

- According to OCHA, since 7 October, 147 Palestinians, including 44 children, have been killed by Israeli forces, and eight, including one child, by Israeli settlers.

3. Humanitarian access & protection of civilians

The Gaza Strip

- In the last 24 hours, one UNRWA colleague was killed with her children. Another was severely injured in the northern area by shrapnel that hit his leg. **89 UNRWA colleagues have been killed and at least 26 injured since the beginning of the war.**

- **Due to strikes that directly hit an UNRWA school in the northern area, one internally displaced person was killed and nine were injured.** According to the latest data, 5,500 internally displaced persons were reported to be sheltering at the school as of 12 October.
- Following further verification, UNRWA was able to confirm the number of IDPs killed and injured due to a strike that hit an UNRWA school in the north. Fifteen people were killed and 70 injured in the school, which was sheltering 16,000 internally displaced people according to information available on 12 October.
- **To date, 540 IDPs sheltering in UNRWA facilities have been injured and 66 killed since 7 October.**
- **At least 50 UNRWA installations have been impacted since the beginning of the war.**
- On 6 November, a total of 93 trucks carrying humanitarian supplies, including medical supplies, food and drinking water, entered the Gaza Strip through Rafah, bringing the total number of trucks to 569 since 21 October when the first convoy was allowed to enter. Four of the trucks which entered on 6 November were UNRWA trucks. UNRWA teams received all trucks on the convoys in Gaza and helped with storage and distribution, in cooperation with other UN agencies. This is far below the quantities needed to meet the needs of over two million people trapped in Gaza.
- UNRWA is conducting a child protection rapid assessment in a sample of shelters in the Middle and southern areas to provide a snapshot of the impact of the crisis on girls and boys and to identify urgent child protection related risks and needs.

The West Bank, including East Jerusalem

- UNRWA staff continue to face challenges with movement and access between Nablus and Tulkarem. Due to road closures, medical supplies could not be transported from the UNRWA Nablus warehouse to Qalqilya and Tulkarem.
- Access to Jericho remains an issue; teachers are unable to reach UNRWA schools in Aqbet Jaber, Ein Sultan and Al Auja, requiring alternative learning modalities for approximately 3,000 students.
- Four trucks with medical supplies were successfully transported to Doura and Dheisheh refugee camps. Arroub and Fawwar refugee camp residents and staff continue to suffer from movement and access restrictions as they have no access to Road 60 and can only move through bypass roads.

4. UNRWA response

The Gaza Strip

UNRWA Shelters

- While the number of displaced people continues to increase, UNRWA shelters in the Middle and South areas are severely overcrowded and are unable to accommodate new arrivals. One school in Maghazi camp, in the Middle area, is now hosting more than 22,800 IDPs, while another school nearby currently has over 19,200 IDPs. 16,700 IDPs are now sheltering at the logistics base in Rafah. **These installations are not designed to host such a huge number of people and do not have adequate facilities to provide safe and dignified living conditions.**
- **Persons with specific needs, such as persons with disabilities, pregnant women, older people, cancer and other chronic disease, are particularly affected by the harsh living conditions in the shelters which are not equipped to provide specialized services needed by these vulnerable**

groups. According to initial findings of a rapid UNRWA assessment, conducted in cooperation with the organization "Humanity and Inclusion", there are nearly 2,000 persons with disabilities in UNRWA shelters in the Middle and Southern areas. The results of this assessment will inform the UNRWA response for the provision of specialized services including assistive devices and others.

Health

- Nine (out of 22) UNRWA health centres are still operational in the Middle and South areas, recording **6,415 patient visits on 6 November**, including Palestine Refugees and non-refugees.
- Midwives are providing medical care for post-natal and high-risk pregnant women at the nine operational health centres. **A total of 145 high risk pregnancies and 699 post-natal mothers have been attended to since the beginning of October.**
- Seven out of the nine active health centres resumed vaccination services in line with the national vaccination programme, a total of 650 children were vaccinated.
- Dental services for emergency cases (bleeding, swelling, trauma, and extraction) were provided to 181 people in seven health centres.
- On 6 November 2023, **UNRWA continued to provide health care to IDPs at shelters through 92 mobile medical points and 264 staff who attended a total of 10,083 cases.**
- Since 7 October, **UNRWA staff have provided nearly 98,000 patient visits at the UNRWA health centres and have attended to over 200,000 cases through mobile medical points.**
- UNRWA received five trucks of medicines through Rafah crossing. However only eight out of 35 critically needed medicines were received. Additional medical supplies and medicines are urgently needed to continue providing health services in health centres, at the medical points in shelters and in contracted hospitals.
- Fuel is running severely low, making the delivery of primary health care at UNRWA health centres very challenging.

Relief and social services/ Psychosocial Support

- UNRWA has counsellors and social workers in the shelters to provide psychosocial first aid and other specialized protection services. **Since the beginning of the crisis, 27,717 people (10,381 males, 17,336 females) received psychosocial support including family support and recreational activities.**

Water and Sanitation Services (WASH)

- UNRWA continues to operate water wells in Khan Younis and Rafah for the provision of potable and domestic water supply. Potable water trucking operations to the shelters in Rafah and Khan Younis areas also continue.
- Since 7 October, UNRWA has distributed more than half a million bottles of water. However, **given the high number of people in the shelters, the water provided is not enough to meet personal water consumption needs as per WHO standards.**
- Solid waste collection from the camps and emergency shelters and transfer to landfills continues in Middle, Khan Younis and Rafah areas. However, **the scarcity of fuel and shortage of trucks are hampering solid waste management activities.**

- **On a daily basis, UNRWA teams handle maintenance and rehabilitation works in several shelters** including plumbing, repairing of water and sewage networks, electrical fixings, to ensure that facilities at the shelters are operational as much as possible.

Food security

- Since 7 October, UNRWA has distributed 4,304 tons of flour, of which 362 tons went to bakeries to whom UNRWA also distributes fuel to enable them to function and serve the local community.
- Over the past month, UNRWA has provided civilians in Gaza with 200,000 units of High-Energy Biscuits.
- Eleven bakeries have been hit and destroyed since 7 October. Only one of the WFP-contracted bakeries, along with eight others in the southern and Middle areas, are able to provide bread to shelters while working intermittently, depending on the availability of flour and fuel. People queue for long hours outside bakeries, where they are exposed as bombardments and strikes continue.

Quote from UNRWA staff displaced in an UNRWA shelter and working as part of the Shelter Management Team:

“After the building near the school was hit, everyone was in shock, my child too. Now he keeps asking me: Mum, am I going to die? When am I going to die?”

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UNRWA situation and response to the escalation in the Gaza Strip

IDPs in UNRWA installations

 sheltering in 
725,000 IDPs* **149** UNRWA installations

 2,000 persons with different disabilities are hosted in UNRWA shelters in the Middle and South areas.

 10,083 medical visits were conducted to IDPs at shelters through 92 mobile medical points and 264 staff.

UNRWA fatalities and damage to installations

Confirmed numbers, since 7 October

 89 UNRWA colleagues killed

 50 UNRWA installations damaged

* IDPs in the North and Gaza areas as of 12 October. UNRWA's ability to provide humanitarian support in the North and Gaza City has since been compromised and access to information including updates on IDPs numbers has since been hindered.

Humanitarian access

 93 trucks of humanitarian aid (of which 4 from UNRWA), including medical supplies, food and water, entered Gaza through Rafah, on 6 November.

UNRWA response – Health

 7,260 IDPs in shelters received healthcare through 92 mobile medical points on 3 November.

6,415 patients received healthcare in nine (out of 22) UNRWA health centres still operational in the Middle and South areas on 6 November.

UNRWA response – Food assistance

 4,304 tons of flour distributed by UNRWA, 362 of which went to local bakeries since 7 October.

UNRWA response – Psychosocial support

 27,717 people were provided with psychosocial support and social work services since the beginning of the crisis.

UNRWA is conducting a child protection rapid assessment to identify child protection risks and needs.

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1. Key points

The Gaza Strip

- In the last 24 hours, two additional UNRWA colleagues were killed. UNRWA also received confirmation that one colleague was killed on 3 November. **92 UNRWA colleagues have been killed and at least 26 injured since the start of hostilities.** This is the highest number of United Nations aid workers killed in a conflict in the history of the United Nations.
- Sharpnel fell into the school yard of an UNRWA school in Khan Younis due to a strike that hit a nearby building, injuring 15 people. Some 5,000 IDPs are sheltering in the school.
- Since 5 November, Israel has opened a humanitarian "corridor" along the main North–South Road in the Gaza Strip from 10 am to 2 pm. As a result, **at least 40,000 people - mostly walking - have traveled from north to south.** UN monitors and NGOs are supporting through monitoring and providing water and biscuits just south of the Wadi Gaza point.
- Almost 1.5 million people have been displaced across the Gaza Strip since 7 October. Two additional shelters were opened in the Middle area. **Nearly 730,000 internally displaced persons (IDPs) are now sheltering in 151 UNRWA installations across all five governorates of the Gaza Strip, including in the north.**
- **Over 570,000 IDPs are sheltering in 94 facilities in the Middle, Khan Younis and Rafah areas. Nearly 160,000 IDPs were sheltering in 57 UNRWA schools in the northern and Gaza areas** as of 12 October 2023, before the evacuation order was issued by the Israeli Authorities. UNRWA is not able to access these shelters to assist or protect the IDPs and does not have information on their needs and conditions.

The West Bank, including East Jerusalem

- **The Israeli Security Forces (ISF) launched a large-scale operation in Tulkarem refugee camp in the early morning of 7 November, lasting around five hours.**
- During the operation, streets were damaged by ISF bulldozers, including the entrance of the camp where UNRWA girls' schools are located; some shops and houses were damaged. Improvised Explosive Devices were detonated by armed actors, and heavy exchanges of fire took place. No fatalities were reported; however at least five persons were wounded by live ammunition or shrapnel.
- The operation in Tulkarem refugee camp disrupted electricity, water and sewage services. The UNRWA Health Centre was damaged due to fire from a nearby electricity transformer; however, the damage was contained. Damage to the external wall to the UNRWA girls' schools was observed; Agency services in the camp were suspended, including schools for over 1,300 students.
- ISF conducted an operation in Jenin refugee camp in the early morning, with UNRWA schools evacuated for children's safety, impacting 1,700 students.
- The Palestinian Security Forces (PSF) launched a large-scale operation in Jalazone refugee camp around midday, to detain people for alleged criminal activity. During the operation, clashes started including the use of tear gas and exchange of live ammunition between PSF and armed individuals in the camp. Several PSF officers were injured; one individual was killed, and a number injured. 1,600 students took cover in UNRWA school premises for several hours until the operation had concluded.



An UNRWA school in Deir al-Balah, Gaza, 7 November 2023. © 2023 UNRWA Photo by Ashraf Amra

2. Overall situation

The Gaza Strip

- According to the Ministry of Health (MoH) in Gaza, **over 10,328 people, including 2,550 women, 4,237 children and 631 older people have been killed** in the Gaza Strip since 7 October; over 25,956 have been injured. This is in addition to the 2,260 people reported missing, presumably under the rubble of destroyed buildings, including 1,270 children.

- Overall, nearly 1,400 Israelis and foreign nationals have been killed in Israel, according to the Israeli Authorities, the vast majority on 7 October (OCHA).

The West Bank, including East Jerusalem

- According to OCHA, since 7 October, **150 Palestinians, including 44 children, have been killed by ISF**, and eight, including one child, by Israeli settlers.

3. Humanitarian access & protection of civilians

The Gaza Strip

- In the last 24 hours, two additional colleagues were killed. UNRWA confirmed that one colleague was killed on 3 November. **92 UNRWA colleagues have been killed and at least 26 injured since the start of hostilities.**
- **One third of the UNRWA colleagues who were killed were below the Wadi Gaza line**, in the southern and middle areas of the Gaza Strip.
- To date, **555 IDPs sheltering in UNRWA facilities have been injured and 66 killed since 7 October.** Of those, 23 of the IDPs killed and the majority of the IDPs injured (at least 400) were in installations south of Wadi Gaza.
- **At least 51 UNRWA installations have been impacted since the beginning of the war. At least 70 per cent of them are south of Wadi Gaza, in the middle and southern areas.**
- On 7 November, **a total of 81 trucks carrying humanitarian supplies**, including medical supplies, food and drinking water, entered the Gaza Strip through Rafah, **bringing the total number of trucks to 650 since 21 October when the first convoy was allowed to enter.** Four of the trucks which entered on 7 November were UNRWA trucks. UNRWA teams received all trucks in the convoys inside Gaza and helped with storage and distribution, in cooperation with other UN agencies.
- This is far below the quantities needed to meet the needs of over two million people trapped in Gaza. Before the war, around 500 trucks, including of humanitarian assistance but predominantly commercial supplies, entered Gaza every day.
- **No fuel has been allowed into the Gaza Strip since 7 October.** Fuel is critical to continue lifesaving humanitarian operations in Gaza.

The West Bank, including East Jerusalem

- In Tulkarem refugee camp some UNRWA installations were damaged, including the UNRWA Health Centre, due to a fire at a nearby electricity transformer. The damage was contained. An external wall of the UNRWA Girls' School and the transfer station sustained some damage. UNRWA operations in the camp were suspended, including schools affecting over 1,340 students.

4. UNRWA response

The Gaza Strip

UNRWA Shelters

- The number of displaced people continues to increase. UNRWA shelters in the Middle and South areas are severely overcrowded and are unable to accommodate new arrivals.

- One school in Maghazi camp, in the Middle areas, is now hosting more than 23,800 IDPs, while another school nearby currently has over 19,900 IDPs. More than 21,700 IDPs are sheltering at UNRWA Khan Younis Training Centre (KYTC), and 16,700 IDPs are sheltering at the logistics base in Rafah. **These installations are accommodating nine times their intended capacity. They are not designed to host such a huge number of people and do not have adequate facilities to provide safe and dignified living conditions.**
- The number of toilets differs from one shelter to another. In general, there are 30 to 50 toilets in a school (including those for persons with disabilities). **On average, 160 people sheltering in UNRWA schools facilities share a single toilet.**
- On average, there is one shower unit for every **700 people in UNRWA shelters.**
- People inside shelters continue to suffer from **lack of food, non-food items, low hygiene levels and increased mental health issues.**

Health

- Nine (out of 22) UNRWA health centres are still operational in the middle and southern areas, recording **5,850 patient visits on 7 November**, including Palestine Refugees and non-refugees.
- Midwives are providing medical care for post-natal and high-risk pregnant women at the nine operational health centres. **A total of 180 post-natal and high-risk pregnancy cases have been attended to at the health centres and a total 708 of post-natal mothers have been attended to in the shelters since the beginning of October.**
- Seven out of the nine active health centres resumed vaccination services in line with the national vaccination programme, a total of 810 children were vaccinated.
- Dental services for emergency cases (bleeding, swelling, trauma, and extraction) were provided to 165 people in seven health centres.
- On 7 November 2023, **UNRWA continued to provide health care to IDPs at shelters through 92 mobile medical points and 264 health workers who attended a total of 9,928 cases.**
- Fuel and medicine are running severely low, making the delivery of primary health care at UNRWA health centres very challenging.

Relief and social services/ Psychosocial Support

- UNRWA has counsellors and social workers in the shelters to provide psychosocial first aid and other specialized protection services. **Since 7 October, 28,100 individuals (over 60 per cent of whom are females) received psychosocial support including family support and recreational activities.**

Water and Sanitation Services (WASH)

- With the little fuel it has remaining, UNRWA continues to operate water wells in Khan Younis and Rafah for the provision of potable and domestic water supply. Potable water trucking operations to the shelters in Rafah and Khan Younis areas also continue. However, given the high number of people in the shelters, **the water provided is not enough to meet personal water consumption needs** as per WHO standards.
- UNRWA has been providing **about 1.5 litres of potable water and between 3-4 litres of non-potable water per person per day** in all shelters. The provision of water, either through desalination plants or water trucking, requires fuel, which is running severely low.

- In one of the most crowded shelters, KYTC, which now hosts more than 21,700 IDPs, UNRWA in partnership with UNICEF **has installed a desalination plant to provide potable water** to IDPs at the shelter.
- Solid waste collection from the camps and from emergency shelters and transfer to landfills also continues in the Middle, Khan Younis and Rafah areas. However, the scarcity of fuel and shortage of trucks are hampering solid waste management activities.
- On a daily basis, UNRWA teams handle maintenance and rehabilitation works at several shelters including plumbing, repairing of water and sewage networks, electrical fixings, to ensure that facilities at the shelters are as operational as possible.

Food security

- **Eleven bakeries have been hit and destroyed since 7 October.** Only one of the WFP-contracted bakeries, along with eight others in the southern and Middle areas, are able to provide bread to shelters while working intermittently, depending on the availability of flour and fuel. People queue for long hours outside bakeries, where they are exposed to bombardments and strikes.

Quote from UNRWA staff who asked that their name is not shared:

"A Gazan child told me: I don't want to die now, I don't want to make my mother sad."

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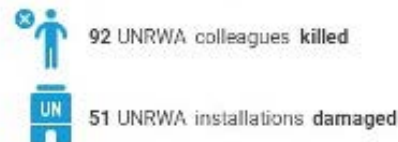
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IDPs in UNRWA installations



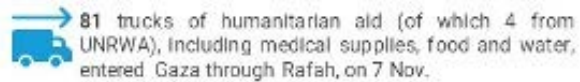
UNRWA fatalities and damage to installations

Confirmed numbers, since 7 October



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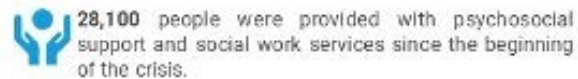
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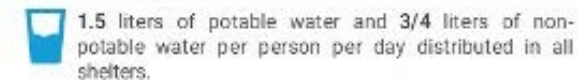
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1. Key points

The Gaza Strip

- In the last 24 hours, UNRWA received confirmation that seven additional colleagues were killed. **99 UNRWA colleagues have been killed and at least 26 injured since the start of hostilities.** This is the highest number of United Nations aid workers killed in a conflict in the history of the United Nations.
- Since 4 November, Israel has opened a humanitarian "corridor" along the main North–South Road in the Gaza Strip from 10 am to 2 pm. As a result, **at least 70,000 people - mostly walking - have traveled from north to south.** The UN and NGOs are supporting through monitoring and providing water and some food just south of Wadi Gaza.
- Almost 1.6 million people have been displaced across the Gaza Strip since 7 October. Two additional shelters were opened in the Middle area. **Nearly 742,000 internally displaced persons (IDPs) are now sheltering in 151 UNRWA installations across all five governorates of the Gaza Strip, including in the north.**
- **Over 582,000 IDPs are sheltering in 94 facilities in the Middle, Khan Younis and Rafah areas. Nearly 160,000 IDPs were sheltering in 57 UNRWA schools in the northern and Gaza areas** as of 12 October 2023, before the evacuation order was issued by the Israeli Authorities. UNRWA is not able to access these shelters to assist or protect the IDPs and does not have information on their needs and conditions.

The West Bank, including East Jerusalem

- A demolition by the Israeli Security Forces (ISF) took place in Shufat refugee camp, in the early morning of 8 November, which lasted five hours. The demolition, using explosives, targeted the home of a 13-year-old, who stabbed an ISF officer at the checkpoint in February.
- **Several ISF personnel forced their way into an UNRWA installation during the operation**, under protest by Agency staff. All UNRWA operations in the camp were suspended, including education services, affecting over 630 students.
- The ISF launched a large-scale operation in Qalqiliya city (north of the West Bank) in the morning of 8 November, which included exchanges of fire with armed Palestinians. Multiple arrests and live ammunition injuries were reported. **UNRWA schools suspended in-person classes, and transitioned to online learning, impacting over 1,400 students.**
- An ISF operation took place in Bethlehem in the afternoon and evening. The Palestinian Red Crescent reported 61 injuries, including seven from live ammunition.



Palestinians leaving the northern part of the Gaza Strip, 8 November 2023. © 2023 UNRWA Photo by Ashraf Amra

2. Overall situation

The Gaza Strip

- According to the Ministry of Health (MoH) in Gaza, **over 10,569 people have been killed in the Gaza Strip since 7 October. 67 per cent of them are believed to be children and women.**
- Over 26,475 people have been injured. Around 2,450 others, including 1,350 children, have been reported missing and may be trapped or dead under the rubble, awaiting rescue or recovery.
- Overall, nearly 1,400 Israelis and foreign nationals have been killed in Israel, according to the Israeli Authorities, the vast majority on 7 October (OCHA).

The West Bank, including East Jerusalem

- According to OCHA, since 7 October, 150 Palestinians, including 44 children, have been killed by ISF, and eight, including one child, by Israeli settlers.

3. Humanitarian access & protection of civilians

The Gaza Strip

- In the last 24 hours, UNRWA was able to verify and confirm that seven additional staff members were killed due to strikes across all five areas of the Gaza strip in the last few weeks. **99 UNRWA staff colleagues been killed and at least 26 injured since the beginning of the war.**
- **One third of the UNRWA colleagues who were killed were below the Wadi Gaza line,** in the southern and middle areas of the Gaza Strip.
- **One UNRWA school in Gaza was directly hit by a strike,** resulting in many injuries among the internally displaced persons sheltering in the school. UNRWA is still trying to verify the number of casualties since access to the school is currently not possible due to ongoing military operations in the Gaza area. According to the latest available data, at least 200 internally displaced people were sheltering in the school as of 12 October.
- Due to strikes on buildings near an UNRWA school in Nuseirat Camp, in the Middle area, shrapnel fell inside the school injuring one person. The school is sheltering 6,700 internally displaced people. An unexploded ordnance reportedly fell on the street in front of the school, approx. 15m away from the school's wall.
- UNRWA's Sanitation Office in Deir El-Balah, in the Middle area, sustained damage when a strike hit the antenna tower of an adjacent building. The antenna fell between the building and the UNRWA office causing collateral damage.
- To date, **556 IDPs sheltering in UNRWA facilities have been injured and 66 killed since 7 October.** Of those, 23 of the IDPs killed and the majority of the IDPs injured (at least 400) were in installations south of Wadi Gaza.
- **At least 54 UNRWA installations have been impacted since the beginning of the war. At least 70 per cent of them are south of Wadi Gaza, in the middle and southern areas.**
- On 8 November, **a total of 106 trucks carrying humanitarian supplies,** including medical supplies, food and drinking water, entered the Gaza Strip through Rafah, **bringing the total number of trucks to 756 since 21 October when the first convoy was allowed to enter. Four of the trucks which entered on 8 November were UNRWA trucks.** UNRWA teams received all trucks in the convoys inside Gaza and helped with storage and distribution, in cooperation with other UN agencies.
- This is far below the quantities needed to meet the needs of over two million people trapped in Gaza. Before the war, around 500 trucks, including humanitarian assistance but predominantly commercial supplies, entered Gaza every day.
- **No fuel has been allowed into the Gaza Strip since 7 October.** Fuel is critical to continue lifesaving humanitarian operations in Gaza.

The West Bank, including East Jerusalem

- Due to access restrictions, UNRWA staff in the West Bank have been unable to reach the Field Office in Jerusalem since 7 October.
- Although access restrictions are in place in the West Bank, UNRWA has been able to keep its operations running, except in Hebron.

4. UNRWA response

The Gaza Strip

UNRWA Shelters

- **The number of displaced people continues to increase.** UNRWA shelters in the Middle and South areas are severely overcrowded and are unable to accommodate new arrivals.
- One school in **Maghazi camp, in the Middle area, is now hosting more than 25,700 IDPs, while another school nearby currently has over 19,900 IDPs.** More than 21,700 IDPs are sheltering at UNRWA Khan Younis Training Centre (KYTC), and 16,700 IDPs are sheltering at the logistics base in Rafah.
- **These installations are accommodating nine times their intended capacity.** They are not designed to host such a large number of people and do not have adequate facilities to provide safe and dignified living conditions.
- The number of toilets differs from one shelter to another. In general, there are 30 to 50 toilets in a school (including those for persons with disabilities). **On average, 160 people sheltering in UNRWA schools share a single toilet.**
- On average, there is one shower unit for every **700 people in UNRWA shelters.**
- People inside shelters continue to suffer from **lack of food, basic survival items, low hygiene levels and increased mental health issues.**

Health

- Nine (out of 22) UNRWA health centres are still operational in the middle and southern areas, recording **6,530 patient visits on 8 November**, including Palestine Refugees and non-refugees.
- Midwives are providing medical care for post-natal and high-risk pregnant women at the nine operational health centres. There are an estimated 50,000 pregnant women in Gaza, with more than 180 giving birth every day. **A total of 202 post-natal and high-risk pregnancy cases have been attended to at the health centres and a total 718 of post-natal mothers have been attended to in the shelters since the beginning of October.**
- Seven out of the nine active health centres resumed vaccination services in line with the national vaccination programme, a total of **953 children were vaccinated** since the reactivation of the service.
- Dental services for emergency cases (bleeding, swelling, trauma, and extraction) were provided to 187 people in seven health centres since the reactivation of the service.
- On 8 November 2023, **UNRWA continued to provide health care to IDPs at shelters through 92 mobile medical points and 267 health workers attended a total of 9,794 cases.**
- Fuel and medicine are running severely low, making the delivery of primary health care at UNRWA health centres very challenging.

- On 7 November, **UNRWA has facilitated the delivery of WHO's much needed emergency medical supplies and medicines to Al-Shifa hospital in Gaza City**, north of the Gaza Strip, despite huge risks to our staff and health partners due to relentless bombardments.
- **The quantities delivered are far from sufficient to respond to the immense needs in the Gaza Strip.** The medical conditions at Al-Shifa are disastrous. **There are currently almost two patients for every bed available.**
- **The number of wounded continue to increase while patients are undergoing immense pain as medicines and anaesthetics are running out.** In addition, tens of thousands of displaced people have sought shelter in the hospital's parking lots and yards.

Relief and Social Services/Psychosocial support (PSS)

- UNRWA has counsellors and social workers in the shelters to provide psychosocial first aid and other specialized protection services. **Since 7 October, 30,400 individuals (over 60 per cent of whom are females) received psychosocial support including family support and recreational activities.**
- In cooperation with the organization "Humanity and Inclusion" and other partners, over 4,950 persons with disabilities, injuries, children, elderly, post-natal and pregnant women received hygiene kits, assistive devices, dressings for wounds, kitchen kits, eyeglasses and first-aid kits, since the beginning of the hostilities.

Water and Sanitation Services (WASH)

- With the little fuel it has remaining, UNRWA continues to operate water wells in Khan Younis and Rafah for the provision of potable and domestic water supply. Potable water trucking operations to the shelters in Rafah and Khan Younis areas also continue. However, given the high number of people in the shelters, **the water provided is not enough to meet personal water consumption needs** as per WHO standards.
- UNRWA has been providing **about 1.5 litres of potable water and between 3-4 litres of water for cooking, washing and hygiene** in all shelters. The provision of water, either through desalination plants or water trucking, requires fuel, which is running severely low.
- In one of the most crowded shelters, KYTC, which now hosts more than 21,700 IDPs, UNRWA in partnership with UNICEF **has installed a desalination plant to provide potable water** to IDPs.
- Solid waste collection from the camps and from emergency shelters and transfer to landfills also continues in the Middle, Khan Younis and Rafah areas. However, the scarcity of fuel and shortage of trucks are hampering solid waste management activities.
- On a daily basis, UNRWA teams handle maintenance and rehabilitation works at several shelters including plumbing, repair to water and sewage networks and electrical fixings, to ensure that facilities at the shelters are as operational as possible.

Food security

- Eleven bakeries have been hit and destroyed since 7 October. Only one of the WFP-contracted bakeries, along with eight others in the southern and Middle areas, are able to provide bread to shelters while working intermittently, depending on the availability of flour and fuel. People queue for long hours outside bakeries, where they are exposed to bombardments and strikes.

Quote from 11-year-old girl, IDP in an UNRWA school in Khan Younis:

"I came [to this UNRWA school] with my family from Zeitoun, Gaza city, after the building next to our house was hit. It was terrifying. The window in the room where I was fell on me, but thankfully I was not injured. After the strike, we decided to leave, we jumped in the car and left, we took nothing with us. On the way to the south, I saw dead bodies lying on the street. My mom told me to close my eyes, but I couldn't. The dead bodies were burnt, the skin was black. I was so scared. The other night I was so terrified again when a building near the school was hit. I hugged my mom so tight. Here in the school, we have nothing, not even a blanket, at night it is so cold, and I am shivering so much that my teeth are chattering."

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IDPs in UNRWA installations



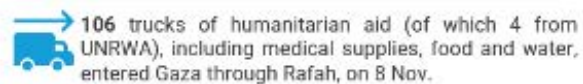
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Confirmed numbers, since 7 October



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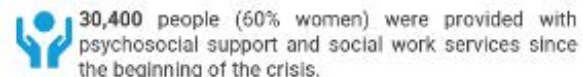
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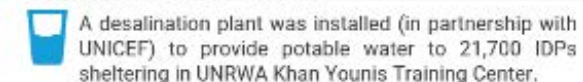
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UNRWA Situation Report #27 on the situation in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank, including East Jerusalem

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1. Key points

The Gaza Strip

- In the last 24 hours, UNRWA received confirmation that two additional colleagues were killed. **101 UNRWA colleagues have been killed and at least 27 injured since 7 October.** This is the highest number of United Nations aid workers killed in a conflict in the history of the United Nations.
- Since 4 November, Israel has opened a humanitarian "corridor" along the main North–South Road in the Gaza Strip from 10 am to 2 pm. On 9 November, between **50,000 and 80,000 people - mostly walking – were forced to move from north to south.** The UN and NGOs are supporting through presence and providing very basic assistance like water and some food just south of Wadi Gaza. People were forced to walk several kilometers and were exhausted and dehydrated amid unusually high temperatures.
- **Two UNRWA schools and one health centre in Khan Younis were indirectly impacted** when a strike hit a mosque nearby.
- Almost 1.6 million people have been displaced across the Gaza Strip since 7 October. Two additional shelters were opened in the Middle areas. **Nearly 748,000 internally displaced persons (IDPs) are now sheltering in 151 UNRWA installations across all five governorates of the Gaza Strip, including in the north.**
- **Over 588,000 IDPs are sheltering in 94 facilities in the Middle, Khan Younis and Rafah areas. Nearly 160,000 IDPs were sheltering in 57 UNRWA schools in the northern and Gaza areas** as of 12 October 2023, before the evacuation order was issued by the Israeli Authorities. UNRWA is not able to access these shelters to assist or protect the IDPs and does not have information on their needs and conditions.

- UNRWA has launched an [expanded Flash Appeal](#) for the occupied Palestinian territory. **The Agency is requesting US\$ 481 million to address the most critical humanitarian needs of people impacted in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank including East Jerusalem, until the end of this year.**

The West Bank, including East Jerusalem

- **An Israeli Security Forces (ISF) operation took place in Jenin Refugee Camp at 01:00 on 9 November. There were exchanges of fire, and Palestinians reportedly threw pipe bombs at ISF. Heavy damage to camp infrastructure, including streets. ISF closed the entrance of the camp with earth mounds.**
- Later in the morning, ISF conducted another operation bulldozing roads in the camp. An Israeli drone fired missiles at a house in the camp. At the time of writing, the Palestinian Ministry of Health reported 13 people killed including a child, and 20 injuries, including with live ammunition. Exchanges of fire continued throughout the day; further fatalities and damages to camp infrastructure are likely. Electricity was also cut.
- **When the operation started, all UNRWA services in the camp were running and UNRWA staff were present.** There were educational staff and students in the four schools, health workers and patients in the temporary health centre, protection team conducting a monitoring visit, engineers undertaking site visits and sanitation labourers in the streets of the camp.
- **As clashes and exchanges of fire took place around the UNRWA schools in the camp, over 900 students sheltered in place for over eight hours and were provided with basic food and water supplies.** Other UNRWA staff also remained inside installations in the camp. Students were finally transported from the schools to a hotel in Jenin city with six buses UNRWA arranged for, at around 18:30 in the afternoon. UNRWA staff were also safely evacuated. Hundreds of camp residents fled to the nearby governmental hospital.
- In the afternoon, ISF conducted an operation in Balata refugee camp, Nablus, and an exchange of fire took place during clashes between Palestinians and ISF. Palestinians reportedly detonated a large explosive device at an ISF vehicle. One Palestine refugee was killed, and 17 others were injured with live ammunition. ISF reportedly damaged the roads, and other public and private infrastructure in the camp.
- The Palestinian Red Crescent reported 61 injuries, including seven from live ammunition.



UNRWA staff providing services inside UNRWA schools in Deir al-Balah. © 2023 UNRWA Photo by Ashraf Amra

2. Overall situation

The Gaza Strip

- According to the Ministry of Health (MoH) in Gaza, **over 10,818 people have been killed in the Gaza Strip since 7 October; 68 per cent of them are believed to be children and women.**
- Over 26,475 people have been injured. Around 2,650 others, including 1,400 children, have been reported missing and may be dead or trapped under the rubble, awaiting rescue or recovery.
- Overall, nearly 1,400 Israelis and foreign nationals have been killed in Israel, according to the Israeli Authorities, the vast majority on 7 October (OCHA).

The West Bank, including East Jerusalem

- According to OCHA, **since 7 October, 167 Palestinians, including 45 children, have been killed by ISF, and eight, including one child, by Israeli settlers.**

3. Humanitarian access & protection of civilians

The Gaza Strip

- In the last 24 hours, UNRWA was able to verify and confirm that, in the last week of October, two additional staff members were killed due to strikes. One UNRWA staff member was injured while on duty in Khan Younis, when a strike hit a building near an UNRWA school where he was bringing supplies for the IDPs. **101 UNRWA colleagues have been killed and at least 27 injured since the beginning of the war.**
- **Nearly one third of the UNRWA colleagues who were killed were below the Wadi Gaza line,** in the southern and middle areas of the Gaza Strip.
- Two UNRWA schools and one health centre in Khan Younis were indirectly impacted when a strike hit a mosque nearby. The health centre sustained moderate collateral damage, while shrapnel fell inside the schools. In one of the schools, sheltering 5,472 IDPs, two children were injured.
- **To date, at least 558 IDPs sheltering in UNRWA facilities have been injured and 66 killed since 7 October.** Of those, 23 of the IDPs killed and the majority of the IDPs injured (at least 400) were in installations south of Wadi Gaza.
- **At least 57 UNRWA installations have been impacted since the beginning of the war. At least 70 per cent of them are south of Wadi Gaza, in the middle and southern areas.**
- On 8 November, **a total of 29 trucks carrying humanitarian supplies,** including medical supplies, food and drinking water, entered the Gaza Strip through Rafah, **bringing the total number of trucks to 777 since 21 October when the first convoy was allowed to enter. 10 of the trucks which entered on 8 November were UNRWA trucks.** UNRWA teams received all trucks in the convoys inside Gaza and helped with storage and distribution, in cooperation with other UN agencies.
- **This is far below the quantities needed to meet the needs of over two million people trapped in Gaza.** Before the war, around 500 trucks, including humanitarian assistance but predominantly commercial supplies, entered Gaza every day.
- **No fuel has been allowed into the Gaza Strip since 7 October.** Fuel is critical to continue lifesaving humanitarian operations in Gaza.

4. UNRWA response

The Gaza Strip

UNRWA Shelters

- **The number of displaced people continues to increase.** UNRWA shelters in the Middle and South areas are severely overcrowded and are unable to accommodate new arrivals.
- The current average number of IDPs per shelter is over 6,250.
- One school in **Maghazi camp, in the Middle area, is now hosting more than 25,700 IDPs, while another school nearby currently has over 19,900 IDPs.** More than 21,700 IDPs are sheltering at UNRWA Khan Younis Training Centre (KYTC), and 16,700 IDPs are sheltering at the logistics base in Rafah.
- **These installations are accommodating nine times their intended capacity.** They are not designed to host such a large number of people and do not have adequate facilities to provide safe and dignified living conditions.
- The number of toilets differs from one shelter to another. In general, there are 30 to 50 toilets in a school (including those for persons with disabilities). **On average, 160 people sheltering in UNRWA schools share a single toilet.**
- On average, there is one shower unit for every **700 people in UNRWA shelters.**
- People inside shelters continue to suffer from **lack of food, basic survival items, low hygiene levels and increased mental health issues.**

Health

- Nine (out of 22) UNRWA health centres are still operational in the middle and southern areas, recording **6,650 patient visits on 8 November**, including Palestine Refugees and non-refugees.
- Most of these health centres are unable to use online registration systems for patients due to network breakdown. Patients' information is therefore mostly registered on paper, making data collection and reporting more challenging.
- Midwives are providing care for post-natal and high-risk pregnant women at the nine operational health centres. There are an estimated 50,000 pregnant women in Gaza, with more than 180 giving birth every day. **A total of 202 post-natal and high-risk pregnancy cases have been attended to at the health centres and a total 737 of post-natal mothers have been attended to in the shelters since the beginning of October.**
- Seven out of the nine active health centres resumed vaccination services in line with the national vaccination programme. A total of **980 children have been vaccinated** since the reactivation of the service.
- Dental services for emergency cases (bleeding, swelling, trauma, and extraction) were provided to 210 people in seven health centres since the reactivation of the service.
- On 8 November 2023, **UNRWA continued to provide health care to IDPs at shelters through 92 mobile medical points. 267 health workers attended a total of 9,900 cases.**
- Fuel and medicine are running severely low, making the delivery of primary health care at UNRWA health centres very challenging.

- **The number of wounded continues to increase while patients are undergoing immense pain as medicines and anaesthetics are running out.** In addition, tens of thousands of displaced people have sought shelter in the hospital's parking lots and yards.

Relief and Social Services/Psychosocial support (PSS)

- UNRWA has counsellors and social workers in the shelters to provide psychosocial first aid and other specialized protection services. **Since 7 October, 31,690 individuals (over 62 per cent of whom are females) received psychosocial support including family support and recreational activities.**

Water and Sanitation Services (WASH)

- With the little fuel it has remaining, UNRWA continues to operate water wells in Khan Younis and Rafah for the provision of potable and domestic water supply. Potable water trucking operations to the shelters in Rafah and Khan Younis areas also continue. However, given the high number of people in the shelters, **the water provided is not enough to meet personal water consumption needs** as per WHO standards.
- UNRWA has been providing **about 1.5 litres of potable water and between 3-4 litres of water for cooking, washing and hygiene** in all shelters. The provision of water, either through desalination plants or water trucking, requires fuel, which is running severely low.
- Solid waste collection from the camps and from emergency shelters and transfer to landfills also continues in the Middle, Khan Younis and Rafah areas. About 50 loadings were transferred to temporary dumping sites on 9 November.
- Nevertheless, these operations are challenged by the frequent breakdown of already aged vehicles, the unavailability of spare parts, risk of staff movement and scarcity of fuel.
- On a daily basis, UNRWA teams handle maintenance and rehabilitation works at several shelters including plumbing, repair to water and sewage networks and electrical fixings, to ensure that facilities at the shelters are as operational as possible.

Food security

- Eleven bakeries have been hit and destroyed since 7 October. Only one of the WFP-contracted bakeries, along with eight others in the southern and Middle areas, are able to provide bread to shelters while working intermittently, depending on the availability of flour and fuel. People queue for long hours outside bakeries, where they are exposed to bombardments and strikes.

Quote from UNRWA Commissioner-General Philippe Lazzarini at the International Conference on Gaza in Paris

"My colleague Farid is our Education Chief in Gaza. When he meets his students inside our shelters, they ask him why UNRWA invested so much time teaching them about conflict resolution and human rights, if these values do not apply to them in Gaza. What should he answer? Thousands of children killed cannot be 'collateral damage'."

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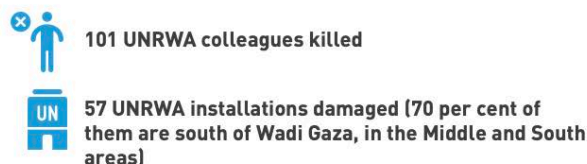
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IDPs in UNRWA installations



UNRWA fatalities and damage to installations

Confirmed numbers, since 7 October

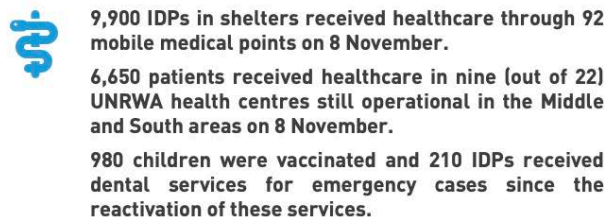


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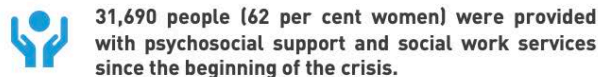
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UNRWA Situation Report #28 on the situation in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank, including East Jerusalem

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Palestinians leaving the northern part of the Gaza Strip, 8 November 2023. © 2023 UNRWA Photo by Ashraf Amra

1. Key points

The Gaza Strip

- Since 4 November, Israel has opened a "corridor" along the main North–South Road in the Gaza Strip from 10 am to 2 pm. On 9 November, **tens of thousands of people - mostly walking – were forced to move from north to south**. The UN and NGOs are supporting through presence and providing very basic assistance like water and some food just south of Wadi Gaza. People were forced to walk several kilometres and were exhausted and dehydrated amid unusually high temperatures.
- One UNRWA school and one health centre in the Rimal area of Gaza City were impacted by strikes. UNRWA received confirmed information about an UNRWA office in Gaza that sustained collateral damage due to strikes on 25 October.
- Almost 1.6 million people have been displaced across the Gaza Strip since 7 October. Three additional shelters were opened in Rafah. **Nearly 778,000 internally displaced persons (IDPs) are now sheltering in 154 UNRWA installations across all five governorates of the Gaza Strip, including in the north.**
- **Over 618,000 IDPs are sheltering in 97 facilities in the Middle, Khan Younis and Rafah areas. Nearly 160,000 IDPs were sheltering in 57 UNRWA schools in the northern and Gaza areas** as of 12 October 2023, before the evacuation order was issued by the Israeli Authorities. UNRWA is not able to access these shelters to assist or protect the IDPs and does not have information on their needs and conditions.

2. Overall situation

The Gaza Strip

- According to the Ministry of Health (MoH) in Gaza, over **11,078 people have been killed in the Gaza Strip since 7 October; two third of them are believed to be children and women.**
- Over 27,490 people have been injured. Around 2,700 others, including 1,500 children, have been reported missing and may be dead or trapped under the rubble, awaiting rescue or recovery.
- Overall, around 1,200 Israelis and foreign nationals have been killed in Israel, according to Israeli Authorities, the vast majority on 7 October (OCHA).

The West Bank, including East Jerusalem

- According to OCHA, since 7 October, **169 Palestinians, including 46 children, have been killed by Israeli Security Forces (ISF) and eight, including one child, by Israeli settlers.**

3. Humanitarian access & protection of civilians

The Gaza Strip

- **101 UNRWA colleagues have been killed and at least 27 injured since the beginning of the hostilities.** This is the highest number of United Nations aid workers killed in a conflict in the history of the United Nations.
- **Nearly one third of the UNRWA colleagues who were killed were below the Wadi Gaza line,** in the southern and middle areas of the Gaza Strip.
- UNRWA received confirmation that one of the Relief and Social Services (RSS) offices in Gaza City sustained collateral damage due to strikes that occurred on 25 October.
- One UNRWA school and one health centre in the Rimal area of Gaza City were impacted by a strike. According to reports received by UNRWA between 1,000 and 2,500 IDPs were sheltering in the health centre. UNRWA was able to coordinate the safe evacuation of a group of IDPs from the health centre to the south of Wadi Gaza; however, the others still remain in the health centre.
- **At least 558 IDPs sheltering in UNRWA facilities have been injured and 66 killed since 7 October.** Of those, 23 of the IDPs killed and the majority of the IDPs injured (at least 400) were in installations south of Wadi Gaza. The number of killed and injured IDPs is likely to be higher as UNRWA is still trying to verify casualties of incidents impacting the installations in the North and in Gaza areas.
- **At least 60 UNRWA installations have been impacted since the beginning of the war. Most of these are south of Wadi Gaza, in the middle and southern areas.**
- On 10 and 11 November, **a total of 130 trucks carrying humanitarian supplies,** including medical supplies, food and drinking water, entered the Gaza Strip through Rafah, **bringing the total number of trucks to 915 since 21 October when the first convoy was allowed to enter. 51 of the trucks which entered on 10 and 11 November were UNRWA trucks, including 10 trucks carrying UNRWA flour from Ashdod port.** UNRWA teams received all trucks in the convoys inside Gaza and helped with storage and distribution, in cooperation with other UN agencies.

- **This is far below the quantities needed to meet the needs of over two million people trapped in Gaza.** Before the war, around 500 trucks, including humanitarian assistance but predominantly commercial supplies, entered Gaza every day.

4. UNRWA response

The Gaza Strip

UNRWA Shelters

- **The number of displaced people continues to increase.** UNRWA shelters in the Middle and South areas are severely overcrowded and are unable to accommodate new arrivals.
- Following the opening of three additional UNRWA installations in Rafah to host IDPs, the average number of IDPs per shelter went down to over 5,000.
- **The installations are accommodating far more people than their intended capacity.** They are not designed to host such a large number of people and do not have adequate facilities to provide safe and dignified living conditions. The **over-crowdedness is leading to significant spread of diseases, including acute respiratory illness and diarrhea, raises environmental and health issues and limits the Agency's ability to ensure effective and timely services.**
- The number of toilets differs from one shelter to another. In general, there are 30 to 50 toilets in a school (including those for persons with disabilities).
- People inside shelters continue to suffer from **lack of food, basic survival items, low hygiene levels and increased mental health issues.**

Health

- Nine (out of 22) UNRWA health centres are still operational in the middle and southern areas, recording **7,908 patient visits on 11 November**, including Palestine Refugees and non-refugees. The health centres were closed on Friday 10 November.
- Most of these health centres are unable to use online registration systems for patients due to network breakdown. Patient information is therefore mostly registered on paper, making data collection and reporting more challenging.
- Midwives are providing care for post-natal and high-risk pregnant women at the nine operational health centres. There are an estimated 50,000 pregnant women in Gaza, with more than 180 giving birth every day. **A total of 231 post-natal and high-risk pregnancy cases have been attended to at the health centres and a total 763 of post-natal mothers have been attended to in the shelters since the beginning of October.**
- 942 children were vaccinated at seven health centres according to the national vaccination programme.
- Emergency dental services (bleeding- swellings- trauma and extraction) were provided to 170 cases at seven health centres.
- **UNRWA continued to provide health care to IDPs at shelters through 124 medical teams deployed to the shelters. 281 health workers attended a total of 18,076 cases between 10 and 11 November.**
- Fuel and medicine are running severely low, making the delivery of primary health care at UNRWA health centres very challenging.

- **The number of wounded continues to increase while patients in public hospitals are experiencing immense pain as medicines and anaesthetics are running short.** In addition, tens of thousands of displaced people have sought shelter in hospital parking lots and yards.

Relief and Social Services/Psychosocial support (PSS)

- UNRWA has counsellors and social workers in the shelters to provide psychosocial first aid and other specialized protection services. **Since 7 October, 34,000 individuals (over 62 per cent of whom are females) received psychosocial support including family support and recreational activities.**

Water and Sanitation Services (WASH)

- With the little fuel it has remaining, UNRWA continues to operate water wells in Khan Younis and Rafah for the provision of potable and domestic water supply. Potable water trucking operations to the shelters in Rafah and Khan Younis areas also continue. However, given the high number of people in the shelters, **the water provided is not enough to meet personal water consumption needs** as per WHO standards.
- Water wells in Jabalia, Khan Younis and Rafah are functional with about 17,000 m³ pumped from nine water wells on 10-11 November.
- Solid waste collection from the camps and from emergency shelters and transfer to landfills also continues in the Middle, Khan Younis and Rafah areas. About 100 loads were transferred to temporary dumping sites on 10-11 November.
- Nevertheless, **these operations are challenged by the frequent breakdown of already aged vehicles, the unavailability of spare parts, risk of staff movement and scarcity of fuel.**
- On a daily basis, UNRWA teams handle maintenance and rehabilitation works at several shelters including plumbing, repair to water and sewage networks and electrical fixings, to ensure that facilities at the shelters are as operational as possible.

Food security

- Eleven bakeries have been hit and destroyed since 7 October. Only one of the WFP-contracted bakeries, along with eight others in the southern and Middle areas, are able to provide bread to shelters while working intermittently, depending on the availability of flour and fuel. People queue for long hours outside bakeries, where they are exposed to bombardments and strikes.
- UNRWA is providing shelters with wheat flour used by IDPs to make bread.

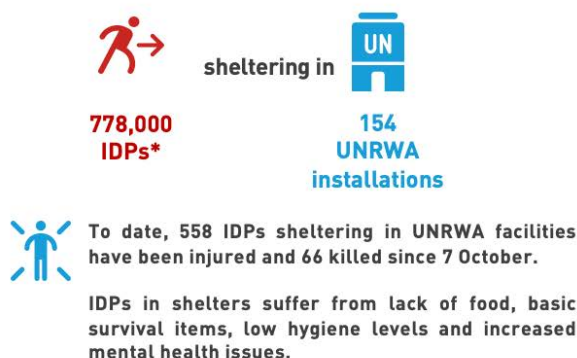
Quote from an elderly displaced man in the UNRWA Khan Younis Training Centre

“Getting a loaf of bread has become a thing of the past. [...] The situation is very tough, and it’s hard to put into words just how difficult it is.”

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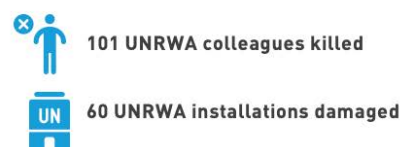
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IDPs in UNRWA installations



UNRWA fatalities and damage to installations

Confirmed numbers, since 7 October

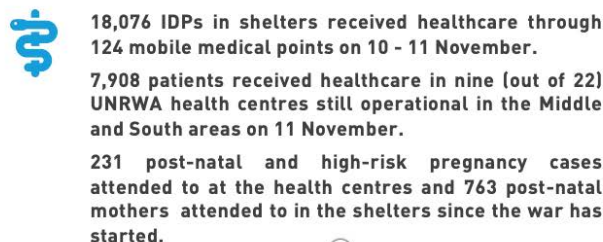


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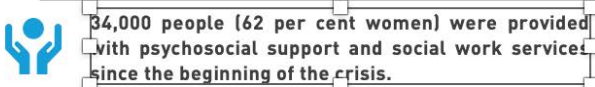
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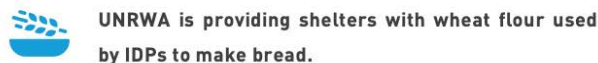
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Damage to civilian infrastructure following an ISF incursion into Jenin refugee camp. © 2023 UNRWA Photo

1. Key points

The Gaza Strip

- In the last 24 hours, one UNRWA staff member was killed with her family in the north of the Gaza Strip due to strikes. In total, 102 UNRWA colleagues have been killed and at least 27 injured since the beginning of the hostilities. This is the highest number of United Nations aid workers killed in a conflict in the history of the United Nations.
- **One UNRWA school in the north and one UNRWA building designated as a residence for UN international staff in Rafah area were directly hit by strikes.** UN international staff present in Rafah had left the building 90 minutes before the strike. No casualties were reported among the staff although the guesthouse was severely damaged. This strike is yet another indication that nowhere is safe in Gaza. The coordinates of the UN international staff guesthouse were shared twice, including on 10 November. UNRWA shares coordinates of all its facilities across the Gaza Strip with parties to the conflict.
- In an UNRWA school in the Middle area, three internally displaced people were injured due to a nearby strike.
- UNRWA received extremely concerning reports that Israeli Security Forces (ISF) entered one UNRWA school and two UNRWA health centres in the Gaza Strip with tanks and used the installations for military operations. UNRWA is further verifying these reports.

- The flight of **tens of thousands of people who were forced to move on foot from north to south** continued on 12 November. The UN and NGOs are supporting through presence and providing very basic assistance such as water and some food just south of Wadi Gaza. People were forced to walk several kilometres. Many were exhausted and dehydrated amid unusually high temperatures.
- Almost 1.6 million people have been displaced across the Gaza Strip since 7 October.
- Nearly 787,000 internally displaced persons (IDPs) are now sheltering in 154 UNRWA installations across all five governorates of the Gaza Strip, including in the north.
- **Nearly 627,000 IDPs are sheltering in 97 facilities in the Middle, Khan Younis and Rafah areas.** Nearly 160,000 IDPs were sheltering in 57 UNRWA schools in the North and Gaza areas as of 12 October 2023, before the evacuation order was issued by the Israeli Authorities. UNRWA is not able to access these shelters to assist or protect the IDPs and does not have information on their needs and conditions.
- Obtaining updated figures and information is becoming increasingly challenging, especially in the Middle area, due to serious communication breakdowns. In some areas, the telecommunications companies have stopped operating. **It is expected that communications will start to fail as of Thursday 16 November, when telecommunications companies run out of fuel to operate their data centres and major connection sites.**

The West Bank, including East Jerusalem

- **Further to the ISF operation in Jenin refugee camp, on 9 November, UNRWA has reported damages to the streets around the Agency school compound, including two boys' and one girls' school, preventing access to the premises.** The wall of the girls' school was reportedly partially demolished.
- Due to the security situation in the camp, and widespread damage to infrastructure hampering movement and access in and around the camp, UNRWA schools have turned to blended learning, i.e. using print and online materials.
- Last night, an exchange of fire took place between Palestinians and ISF during a search operation in Jenin city, and one Palestinian was killed.
- ISF operations in cities and villages in the northern West Bank, as well as Qalandia and Shu'fat refugee camps, took place in the overnight/early morning between 11 and 12 November. Another ISF operation in Arroub refugee camp was reported late 12 November.



"UNRWA staff in Gaza appreciate the UN lowering the flag around the world. In Gaza however, we have to keep the UN flag flying high as a sign that we are still standing and serving the people of Gaza," said Tom White, Director of UNRWA in the Gaza Strip from Rafah. © 2023 UNRWA Photo

2. Overall situation

The Gaza Strip

- According to the Ministry of Health (MoH) in Gaza, as of 10 November **over 11,078 people have been killed in the Gaza Strip since 7 October; two third of them are believed to be children and women.** Due to the collapse in MoH services and communications in the north, casualty data has not been updated for the last two days.
- Over 27,490 people have been injured. Around 2,700 others, including 1,500 children, have been reported missing and may be dead or trapped under the rubble, awaiting rescue or recovery.
- Overall, around 1,200 Israelis and foreign nationals have been killed in Israel, according to Israeli Authorities, the vast majority on 7 October (OCHA).

The West Bank, including East Jerusalem

- According to OCHA, **since 7 October, 172 Palestinians, including 46 children, have been killed by Israeli Security Forces (ISF) and eight, including one child, by Israeli settlers.**

3. Humanitarian access & protection of civilians

The Gaza Strip

- One UNRWA colleague was killed with her family in the North area due to strikes. 102 staff members have been killed since the beginning of the war.
- **Nearly one third of the UNRWA colleagues who were killed were below the Wadi Gaza line,** in the southern and middle areas of the Gaza Strip.
- **One UNRWA school in the north was directly impacted by a strike that hit the middle of the schoolyard.** No injuries were reported but the strike caused damage to the school building and created a large hole in the middle of the schoolyard. According to the latest available reports, over 8,300 internally displaced people (IDPs) were sheltering in the school as of 12 October.
- **An UNRWA building used as a residence by international UN staff in Rafah was directly hit by artillery fire.** The upper floor of the building, the internal compound and the perimeter wall were severely damaged. No injuries were reported as the international UN staff had left the location shortly before the strikes.
- Due to strikes close to one UNRWA school in Deir Al-Balah, in the Middle areas, three IDPs were injured by shrapnel that fell inside the school. 4,000 IDPs are sheltering in the school.
- **UNRWA received extremely concerning reports that Israeli Security Forces (ISF) entered one school and two health centres in Gaza city with tanks and used the installations for military operations.** The reports received by UNRWA state that ISF conducted interrogations and arrests of IDPs in the installations. In one health centre, five people were reportedly killed. **According to the reports, IDPs were subsequently forced to leave the UNRWA installations and move south towards Wadi Gaza. Witnesses reported that Israeli Forces then struck the two health centres with artillery fire. UNRWA is further verifying these reports. If confirmed, the military use of UNRWA facilities raises serious concerns, as such use puts civilians at serious risk of harm.** Directing attacks against civilian objects is a serious violation of international law. Health centres, in particular, are also afforded special protection against attack.

- **At least 561 IDPs sheltering in UNRWA premises have been injured and 66 killed since 7 October.** The number of killed and injured IDPs is likely to be higher as UNRWA is still trying to verify casualties of incidents impacting her installations in the North and in Gaza areas.
- **At least 63 UNRWA installations have been impacted since the beginning of the war.** Most of these are south of Wadi Gaza, in the middle and southern areas.
- On 12 November, **a total of 48 trucks carrying humanitarian supplies**, including medical supplies, food and drinking water, entered the Gaza Strip through Rafah, **bringing the total number of trucks to 963 since 21 October when the first convoy was allowed to enter. Of those, 22 of the trucks which entered on 12 November were UNRWA trucks.** UNRWA teams received all trucks in the convoys inside Gaza and helped with storage and distribution, in cooperation with other UN agencies.
- **This is far below the quantities needed to meet the needs of over 2 million people trapped in Gaza.** Before the war, around 500 trucks, including humanitarian assistance but predominantly commercial supplies, entered Gaza every day.

The West Bank, including East Jerusalem

- Due to access restrictions, UNRWA staff in the West Bank have been unable to reach the Field Office in Jerusalem since 7 October.
- While access restrictions are in place in the West Bank, UNRWA has been able to keep its operations running, except in Hebron.

4. UNRWA response

The Gaza Strip

UNRWA Shelters

- **The number of displaced people continues to increase.** UNRWA shelters in the Middle and South areas are severely overcrowded and are unable to accommodate new arrivals.
- **The installations accommodate far more people than their intended capacity.** They are not designed to host such a large number of people and do not have adequate facilities to provide safe and dignified living conditions. **The over-crowding is leading to significant spread of diseases, including acute respiratory illness and diarrhea, raises environmental and health issues and limits the Agency's ability to provide services.**
- People inside shelters do not have enough **food and basic survival items. Hygiene levels are poor as mental health issues increase.**

Health

- On 12 November, nine (out of 22) UNRWA health centres were still operational in the middle and southern areas, but **updated figures on the number of patients have not been communicated due to serious communication breakdowns.**
- Most of these health centres are unable to use online registration systems for patients due to network breakdown. Patient information is therefore mostly registered on paper, making data collection and reporting more challenging.

- Midwives are providing care for post-natal and high-risk pregnant women at the nine operational health centres. There are an estimated 50,000 pregnant women in Gaza, with more than 180 giving birth every day.
- **UNRWA continued to provide health care to IDPs at shelters through medical teams deployed to the shelters**, but data are not available due to serious communication breakdowns.
- Fuel and medicine are running severely low, making the delivery of primary health care at UNRWA health centres very challenging.
- **As of 14 November, the fuel reserves of the health centres will be depleted.** UNRWA operations will entirely depend on solar energy which is designed only to cater for minimum operation. Functionality of the solar energy is not guaranteed as any malfunction and/or battery failure will cause complete stop of all operation.

Relief and Social Services/Psychosocial support (PSS)

- UNRWA has counsellors and social workers in the shelters to provide psychosocial first aid and other specialized protection services. **Since 7 October, over 36,000 individuals (over 62 per cent of whom are females) received psychosocial support including family support and recreational activities.**

Water and Sanitation Services (WASH)

- With the little fuel it has remaining, UNRWA continues to operate water wells in Khan Younis and Rafah for the provision of potable and domestic water supply. Potable water trucking operations to the shelters in Rafah and Khan Younis areas also continue. However, given the high number of people in the shelters, **the water provided is not enough to meet personal water consumption needs** as per WHO standards.
- **As of 15 November, public WASH facilities will start shutting down**, this includes:
 - 60 water wells in the south of Wadi Gaza. This will cut domestic water off at 44 UNRWA IDP shelters in the south of Wadi Gaza, which are currently hosting over 290 thousand IDPs. It will also cut domestic water supply to most housing units in the South of Wadi Gaza.
 - Two main desalination plants in Rafah and Middle areas. This means cutting off the major source of potable water, which supports the population South of Wadi Gaza, and provides water to 44 UNRWA managed IDP shelters hosting over 290 thousand IDPs.
- Solid waste collection from the camps and from emergency shelters and transfer to landfills also continues in the Middle, Khan Younis and Rafah areas.
- Nevertheless, **these operations are challenged by the frequent breakdown of already aged vehicles, the unavailability of spare parts, risk of staff movement and scarcity of fuel.**
- **As of 14 November, UNRWA sanitation work will start shutting down, causing environmental hazards with around 400 tons of solid waste per day accumulated in all camps and UNRWA managed and overcrowded IDP shelters.** Combined with stopping public sewage pumping stations (see below), and the shutdown of municipality sanitation operations this will impose serious threats to public health, with a high risk of water contamination and disease outbreak.
- On a daily basis, UNRWA teams handle maintenance and rehabilitation works at several shelters including plumbing, repair to water and sewage networks and electrical fixings, to ensure that facilities at the shelters are as operational as possible.

Food security

- UNRWA is providing shelters with wheat flour used by IDPs to make bread.

Funding

- UNRWA has updated its appeal for the emergency response in the occupied Palestinian territory. The Agency requires US\$ 481 million for the period October – 31 December 2023. So far, confirmed funding – comprising received funds and confirmed pledges – stand at US\$ 128.1 million, representing about 27 per cent of total requirements.

Quote from Thomas White, Director of UNRWA Affairs in Gaza

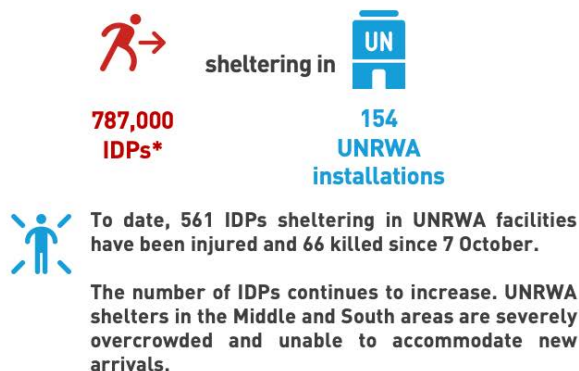
“A tough decision – fuel for a hospital or fuel to produce drinking water – both save lives. This is not hypothetical, this is the reality in Gaza.”

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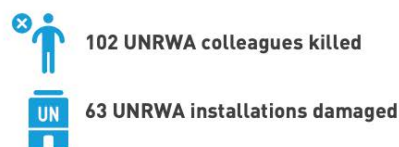
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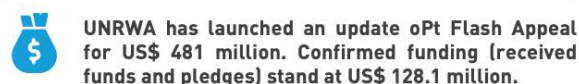
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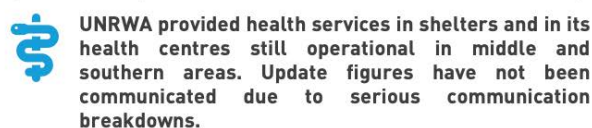


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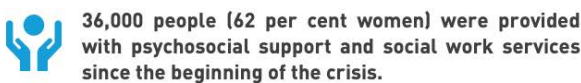
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Woman holding a cat surrounded by tents set up around a hospital in Deir Al-Balah, 12 November 2023. © 2023 UNRWA Photo by Ashraf Amra

1. Key points

The Gaza Strip

- **In the last 24 hours, one UNRWA colleague was injured while travelling in an UNRWA vehicle that sustained collateral damage due to nearby strikes.** In total, 102 UNRWA colleagues have been killed since the beginning of the hostilities. This is the highest number of United Nations aid workers killed in a conflict in the history of the United Nations.
- **UNRWA received another extremely concerning report that Israeli Forces entered one UNRWA school in Gaza and used the installation for military operations.** UNRWA is further verifying this report.
- Two internally displaced persons were injured due to shrapnel that fell inside an UNRWA school after a building near the school was hit in the Middle area.
- Almost 1.6 million people have been displaced across the Gaza Strip since 7 October.
- **Nearly 795,500 internally displaced persons (IDPs) are now sheltering in 154 UNRWA installations across all five governorates of the Gaza Strip, including in the north.**

- **About 634,500 IDPs are sheltering in 97 facilities in the Middle, Khan Younis and Rafah areas.** Nearly 160,000 IDPs were sheltering in 57 UNRWA schools in the northern and Gaza areas as of 12 October 2023, before the evacuation order was issued by the Israeli Authorities. UNRWA is not able to access these shelters to assist or protect IDPs and does not have information on their needs and conditions.
- Obtaining updated figures and information is becoming increasingly challenging, especially in the Middle area, due to serious communication breakdowns. In some areas, the telecommunications companies have stopped operating. **It is expected that communications will start to fail as of Thursday 16 November, when telecommunications companies run out of fuel to operate their data centres and major connection sites.**
- With current supplies, UNRWA is only meeting 39 per cent of the food needs and one per cent of WASH needs in the shelters.

The West Bank, including East Jerusalem

- **Israeli Security Forces (ISF) operations** took place in the early hours in **Balata, Askar and Aqbet Jaber refugee camps**, and resulted in the delay of school openings in these locations.

2. Overall situation

The Gaza Strip

- According to the Ministry of Health (MoH) in Gaza, as of 10 November **over 11,078 people have been killed in the Gaza Strip since 7 October; two thirds of them are reportedly children and women.** Due to the collapse in MoH services and communications in the north, casualty data has not been updated for the last three days.
- Overall, around 1,200 Israelis and foreign nationals have been killed in Israel, according to Israeli Authorities, the vast majority on 7 October (OCHA).

The West Bank, including East Jerusalem

- According to OCHA, **since 7 October, 173 Palestinians, including 46 children, have been killed by Israeli Security Forces (ISF) and eight, including one child, by Israeli settlers.**

3. Humanitarian access & protection of civilians

The Gaza Strip

- One UNRWA colleague was injured while she was travelling in an UNRWA vehicle that sustained collateral damage due to strikes nearby, in Nuseirat camp, Middle Area. 102 colleagues have been killed since the beginning of the war.
- **Nearly one third of the UNRWA colleagues who were killed were below the Wadi Gaza line**, in the southern and middle areas of the Gaza Strip.
- UNRWA received another extremely concerning report that Israeli Forces entered an UNRWA school in Gaza City and used the installation for military operations, including using it as a sniper position. UNRWA is further verifying this report. If confirmed, the military use of UNRWA facilities raises serious

concerns, as such use puts civilians at serious risk of harm, in addition to being a severe breach of UN privileges and immunities.

- Due to strikes close to one UNRWA school in Nuseirat camp, in the Middle area, two IDPs were injured by shrapnel that fell inside the school. Over 6,400 IDPs are sheltering in the school.
- At least 563 IDPs sheltering in UNRWA premises have been injured and 71 killed since 7 October. The number of killed and injured IDPs is likely to be higher as UNRWA is still trying to verify casualties of incidents impacting its installations in the North and Gaza areas.
- At least 64 UNRWA installations have been impacted since the beginning of the war.

4. UNRWA response

The Gaza Strip

UNRWA Shelters

- **The number of displaced people continues to increase.** UNRWA shelters in the Middle and Southern areas are severely overcrowded and are unable to accommodate new arrivals.
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- People inside shelters do not have enough **food and basic survival items. Hygiene levels are poor as mental health issues increase.**

Health

- Due the continued communication breakdowns in some areas in the South and especially in the Middle areas, at the time of reporting data is only available for services provided on 12 November.
- On 12 November, nine (out of 22) UNRWA health centres were still operational in the middle and southern areas, recording **7,210 patient visits**, including Palestine Refugees and non-refugees.
- Most of these health centres are unable to use online registration systems for patients due to network breakdown. Patient information is therefore mostly registered on paper, making data collection and reporting more challenging.
- Midwives are providing care for post-natal and high-risk pregnant women at the nine operational health centres. There are an estimated 50,000 pregnant women in Gaza, with more than 180 giving birth every day. **A total of 277 post-natal and high-risk pregnancy cases have been attended to at the health centres and a total of 765 post-natal mothers have been attended to in the shelters since the beginning of October.**
- 1,067 children were vaccinated at seven health centres according to the national vaccination programme.
- Emergency dental services (bleeding- swellings- trauma and extraction) were provided to 259 cases at seven health centres.
- **UNRWA continued to provide health care to IDPs at shelters through 124 medical teams deployed to the shelters. 281 health workers attended a total of 10,244 cases on 12 November.**

- **As of 14 November, the fuel reserves of the health centres will be depleted.** UNRWA operations will entirely depend on solar energy which is designed only to cater for minimal operations. Functionality of the solar energy is not guaranteed as any malfunction and/or battery failure will cause the complete stop of all operations.

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- UNRWA has counsellors and social workers in the shelters to provide psychosocial first aid and other specialized protection services. **Since 7 October, over 38,000 individuals (over 62 per cent of whom are females) received psychosocial support including family support and recreational activities.**

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- **As of 15 November, public WASH facilities will start shutting down,** this includes:
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 - Two main desalination plants in Rafah and Middle areas will start shutting down as well. This means cutting off the major source of potable water, which supports the population South of Wadi Gaza, and provides water to 44 UNRWA managed IDP shelters hosting over 290,000 IDPs.
- Solid waste collection from the camps and from emergency shelters and transfer to landfills also continues in the Middle, Khan Younis and Rafah areas.
- **These operations are challenged by the frequent breakdown of already aged vehicles, the unavailability of spare parts, risk of staff movement and scarcity of fuel.**
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- On a daily basis, UNRWA teams handle maintenance and rehabilitation works at several shelters including plumbing, repair to water and sewage networks and electrical fixings, to ensure that facilities at the shelters are as operational as possible.

Food security

- UNRWA is providing shelters with wheat flour used by IDPs to make bread.
- Since the war started, UNRWA has been drawing down on its already existing stocks of flour and dried food. These stocks are nearly depleted. UNRWA has started to deliver flour to families in the shelters in the middle and southern areas and so far over 70,000 families have received flour.

Funding

- UNRWA has updated its appeal for the emergency response in the occupied Palestinian territory. The Agency requires US\$ 481 million for the period October – 31 December 2023. So far, confirmed funding

– comprising received funds and confirmed pledges – stand at US\$ 128.1 million, representing about 27 per cent of total requirements.

On 13 November, UN flags were lowered to half-mast at Headquarters and offices around the world to honour UNRWA staff killed in Gaza.



“Across Gaza we keep the UN flag flying high to symbolize UNRWA's unwavering commitment to serve the people of Gaza.” –Tom White, UNRWA Director in the Gaza Strip

“We have many, many colleagues who are unaccounted for and they may still be stuck under the rubble.” – Juliette Touma, UNRWA Director of Communications

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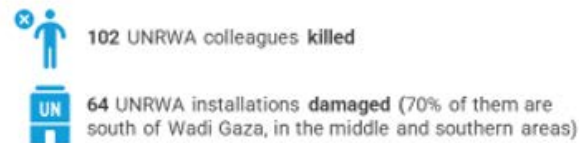
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Confirmed numbers, since 7 October



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UNRWA response - WASH



UNRWA continues to operate water wells in Khan Younis and Rafah for the provision of potable and domestic water supply. Potable water trucking operations to the shelters in Rafah and Khan Younis areas also continue on 12 November.

UNRWA response - Health



10,244 IDPs in shelters received healthcare through 124 medical teams on 12 Nov.

7,210 patients received healthcare in nine (out of 22) UNRWA health centres still operational in the Middle and South areas on 12 Nov.

1067 children were vaccinated and **259** IDPs received dental services for emergency cases since the reactivation of these services.

A total of **277 post-natal and high-risk pregnancy cases** have been attended to at the health centres and a total of **765 post-natal mothers** have been attended to in the shelters since the beginning of October.

UNRWA response - Psychosocial support



38,000 people (62% women) received psychosocial support including family support and recreational activities since the beginning of the crisis.

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