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UNRWA Situation Report #59 on the situation in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank, including East Jerusalem



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A displaced man stands amidst the rubble of the Great Jaffa Mosque's destruction. Deir el Balah (middle area), Gaza, December 2023. © 2023 UNRWA Photo by Ashraf Amra

1. Key points

The Gaza Strip

- As of 1 January 2024, the total number of UNRWA colleagues killed since the beginning of hostilities is **142**.
- Since 7 October 2023, **up to 1.9 million people** (or over 85 per cent of the population) have been displaced across the Gaza Strip, some multiple times. Families are forced to move repeatedly in search of safety. Information on internally displaced numbers for northern Gaza and Gaza City was last updated on 12 October due to access constraints and the security situation.
- As of 30 December 2023, nearly 1.4 million internally displaced persons (IDPs) are sheltering in 155 UNRWA facilities across all five governorates of the Gaza Strip, including 160,000 in the north and Gaza City and approximately 400,000 in close vicinity of these installations and receiving assistance from UNRWA. A total of 1.79 million¹ IDPs are receiving assistance from UNRWA.

1 This includes nearly 160,000 IDPs in north Gaza and Gaza City governorates as of 12 October. UNRWA's ability to provide humanitarian support and update data in the above areas is severely restricted. The hostilities, Israeli Forces' evacuation orders and the constant search for safer places meant that people are displaced multiple times. UNRWA shelters often provide assistance to registered Palestine Refugees and other members of the community. There are instances where total numbers could be duplicated due to overlapping registrations, this is why we use "estimates" for these figures.

The West Bank, including East Jerusalem

- Israeli Security Forces (ISF) conducted a search and arrest operation in Jit Junction, Northern West Bank on 31 December 2023.
- On 31 December, ISF shot, injured and detained a Palestinian at the entrance of the Mishor Adumim settlement, central West Bank.
- Early in the morning on 1 January in Qatanneh, central West Bank, ISF conducted a search and arrest operation that resulted in the detention of 13 Palestinians.
- On 1 January, a 23-year-old Palestinian prisoner from Nablus died in Megiddo Israeli prison. His death is the seventh recorded since 7 October reported among Palestinian prisoners in Israeli detention, according to the Palestinian Prisoners' Authority and the Prisoners' Club.
- On 1 January in Umm Rukba, southern West Bank, ISF allegedly took over a Palestinian home and used the roof as an observation post and to fire tear gas canisters and stun grenades toward Palestinians.

2. Overall situation

The Gaza Strip

- On 1 January, according to the Ministry of Health in Gaza, at least 21,978 Palestinians have been killed in the Gaza Strip since 7 October. About 70 per cent of those killed are reported to be women and children. Another 57,697 Palestinians have been reportedly injured since.

The West Bank, including East Jerusalem

We were unable to gather updated figures for the death toll in West Bank, including East Jerusalem.

- According to OCHA, between 7 October–30 December, 307 Palestinians, including 79 children, have been killed in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem.
- 2023 was the deadliest year for Palestinians in the West Bank since the UN began recording casualties in 2005.

3. Humanitarian access & protection of civilians

The Gaza Strip

- UNRWA is working to verify details of incidents reportedly affecting UNRWA premises. Further information will be provided once it becomes available.
 - On 29 December, a number of incidents were reported in two separate schools in the Middle Area, where one **Internally Displaced Person (IDP)** sheltering in a school was **injured** by a stray bullet; and an additional **IDP** sheltering at a different school was reportedly **killed** by an ISF tank shell when he attempted to leave the school, one UNRWA staff was injured.

On the same day, two different incidents were reported in UNRWA shelters and its premises in Khan Younis, one **IDP** (child) sheltering was injured by a stray bullet that directly fell inside an IDP tent and other stray bullet directly impacted another tent.

- On 31 December, **15 IDPs** and one **UNRWA staff**, sheltering in a school in Khan Younis were injured as a result of the school being directly struck. On the same day, two **stray** bullets directly struck a different school. No injuries were reported.
- **212** incidents impacting UNRWA premises and the people inside them have been reported since 7 October (some with multiple incidents impacting the same location), including at least **21** incidents of military use and/or interference at UNRWA premises. This includes **60** direct hits on UNRWA installations and **68** different UNRWA installations sustaining collateral damage.
- In total at least **315** IDPs sheltering in UNRWA shelters have been killed and at least another **1,148** were injured since 7 October.

4. UNRWA response

The Gaza Strip

UNRWA Shelters

- As of 30 December in total, **nearly 1.4 million displaced people are now sheltering in 155 UNRWA installations**, with another 400,000 registered and accessing services from UNRWA.
- The average number of IDPs in UNRWA shelters in the middle and southern areas is over **12,000**. **This is more than four times their capacity.**

Health

- On 31 December eight (out of 22) UNRWA health centres are still operational in the middle and southern areas recorded **8,952² patient visits**.
- Midwives are providing care for post-natal and high-risk pregnant women at the eight operational health centres. On 31 December, **a total of 219³ post-natal and high-risk pregnancy cases were attended to at health centres.**
- **On 31 December, UNRWA continued to provide health care at UNRWA health centres and shelters with 654 staff maintaining health services.**
- **On 31 December, UNRWA attended to 21,062 patients in UNRWA shelters and health centres.**

Psychosocial support (PSS)

- UNRWA teams, including 284 social workers in the shelters, continue to provide psychosocial first aid and other specialized protection services to IDPs. **As of 30 December, around 80,343 IDPs were reached.**

² Results are only from 7 of the 8 operational health centres due to connectivity issues.

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- Between 30 and 31 December, **school counsellors addressed 1,511 individual and family consultations in Rafah and Khan Younis, alongside 1,149 group sessions.** These efforts reached 21,450 IDPs, contributing to an accumulative total of 57,460 PSS sessions provided since 7 October.
- During the same period, school counselors provided psychological support to nearly 400 UNRWA staff, through both in-person and remote consultations. **The total number of UNRWA staff provided with psychological support since the beginning of the hostilities is 5,399.**

Food security

- UNRWA continued to **distribute flour** outside of shelters in the southern governorates. **A total of 181,805 families have been reached so far.**

Water and Sanitation Services (WASH)

- Between 31 December 2023 and 1 January 2024, water wells in Jabalia, Khan Younis and Rafah were operational. Approximately 13,000 cubic metres have been pumped. Khan Younis and Rafah water wells have operated in two shifts (12 hours) to provide potable/domestic water supply service.
- During the same period, the solid waste management service continued at Rafah, Khan Younis and middle area camps. About 120 loadings have been transferred to temporary dumping sites.

Quote from Joanna, an UNRWA Student Parliamentarian from the Jabalia Preparatory Girls' School C, currently displaced in the UNRWA Khan Younis Training Centre

"My dream was to be a businesswoman worked so hard to fulfil my dream of becoming a businesswoman. Then, just like that, in one sudden moment I found myself here, in an UNRWA shelter, not knowing if I'm going to see another day."

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UNRWA situation and response to the escalation in the Gaza Strip

IDPs in UNRWA installations

Confirmed IDP numbers, since 7 October – 30 December



1,795,000*
IDPs**

sheltering in
and in the
vicinity of



155
UNRWA
installations



Overcrowding means at least **486 people per toilet** in UNRWA Shelters in Rafah.



At least **315** IDPs sheltering in UNRWA premises have been killed and **1,148** injured since 7 October.

UNRWA fatalities and damage to installations



142 UNRWA colleagues killed



212
incidents



128
UNRWA
installations
damaged

* This includes nearly 160,000 IDPs in north Gaza and Gaza City governorates as of 12 October. UNRWA's ability to provide humanitarian support and update data in the above areas is severely restricted.

** The war, Israeli Forces' evacuation orders and the constant search for safer places meant that people are displaced multiple times. UNRWA shelters often provide assistance to registered Palestine Refugees and other members of the community. There are instances where total numbers could be duplicated due to overlapping registrations, this is why we use "estimates" for these figures.

UNRWA response – Food assistance



181,805 families outside of shelters have received flour in middle areas and southern governorates since 21 Nov.

UNRWA response – Health



On 31 Dec

219 post-natal and high-risk pregnancy cases were attended to at health centres

21,062 patients received healthcare in seven (out of 22) UNRWA health care centres and UNRWA shelters.

UNRWA response – Water, sanitation and hygiene



Between 31 Dec – 1 Jan:

7 water wells continue to operate pumping approximately 13,000 cubic metres of water.

Solid waste management continues in Rafah and Khan Younis, where **approximately 120 truck loadings** were transferred to temporary sites

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A Palestinian family gathers in an UNRWA shelter in Gaza. © 2023 UNRWA Photo by Ashraf Amra

1. Key points

The Gaza Strip

- As of 3 January 2024, the total number of UNRWA colleagues killed since the beginning of hostilities is 142.
- Since 7 October 2023, up to 1.9 million people (or over 85 per cent of the population) have been displaced across the Gaza Strip, some multiple times. Families are forced to move repeatedly in search of safety. Information on internally displaced numbers for northern Gaza and Gaza City was last updated on 12 October due to access constraints and the security situation.
- As of 2 January 2023, nearly 1.4 million internally displaced persons (IDPs) are sheltering in 155 UNRWA facilities across all five governorates of the Gaza Strip, including 160,000 in the north and Gaza City, and approximately 500,000 are in close vicinity of these installations and

receiving assistance from UNRWA. A total of 1.88 million¹ IDPs are receiving assistance from UNRWA.

¹ This includes nearly 160,000 IDPs in north Gaza and Gaza City governorates as of 12 October. UNRWA's ability to provide humanitarian support and update data in the above areas is severely restricted. The hostilities, Israeli Forces' evacuation orders and the constant search for safer places meant that people are displaced multiple times. UNRWA shelters often provide assistance to registered Palestine Refugees and other members of the community. There are instances where total numbers could be duplicated due to overlapping registrations, this is why we use "estimates" for these figures.

The West Bank, including East Jerusalem

- On 2 January, Israeli Security Forces (ISF) operation took place in Qalqilya in the northwest of the West Bank. There are reports of an exchange of fire with unconfirmed reports of fatalities.
- On 3 January, ISF started an operation in Tulkarm and Nur Shams refugee camps, in the north wester of the West Bank. The ISF operation has reportedly damaged public and private infrastructure and resulted in the arrest of hundreds of individuals.
- On 3 January a general strike was observed across the West Bank main cities after the killing of Hamas leader Saleh al Arouri in Beirut on 2 January.

2. Overall situation

The Gaza Strip

- According to the Ministry of Health in Gaza on 3 January, at least 22,313 Palestinians have been killed in the Gaza Strip since 7 October. About 70 per cent of those killed are reported to be women and children. Another 57,296 Palestinians have been reportedly injured.

The West Bank, including East Jerusalem

- According to OCHA, between 7 October 2023–3 January 2024, 313 Palestinians, including 80 children, have been killed in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem. ISF have injured 3,949 Palestinians, including 593 children; 52 percent in the context of search and arrest and other operations.
- Last year (2023) was the deadliest year for Palestinians in the West Bank since the UN began recording casualties in 2005.

3. Humanitarian access & protection of civilians

The Gaza Strip

- UNRWA is working to verify details of incidents reportedly affecting UNRWA premises. Further information will be provided once it becomes available.

- On 1 January 2024, in Khan Younis (in the south), one internally Dispalced Person (IDP) was killed and another was injured as a result of a reported drone strike while the IDPs were transferring water between two schools within close proximity of each other; in a different incident another school in Khan Younis sustained damage as result of a stray bullet that directly struck a window.
- On 2 January, an IDP sheltering in a school in Khan Younis was injured in front of the main gate, as a result of nearby strike, which also caused shrapnel to fall inside the school.
 - On 3 January 2024, four IDPs sheltering in a school in the Middle Areas were killed and five were injured, as a result of a direct strike on a building (school attendant's house) inside the school premises.
- 217 incidents impacting UNRWA premises and people inside them have been reported since 7 October (some with multiple incidents impacting the same location), including at least 22 incidents of military use and/or interference at UNRWA premises. This includes 62 direct hits on UNRWA installations and 69 different UNRWA installations sustaining collateral damage.
- In total, at least 319 IDPs sheltering in UNRWA shelters have been killed and at least another 1,135² were injured since 7 October.

2 Note this number has reduced by 13 as previously reported in Sitrep 59 due to on-going verifications. Note numbers are subject to change once further verifications have been conducted.

4. UNRWA response

The Gaza Strip

UNRWA Shelters

- As of 2 January, in total, nearly 1.4 million displaced people are now sheltering in 155 UNRWA installations, with another half a million (or 500,000) registered and accessing services from UNRWA.
- The average number of IDPs in UNRWA shelters in the middle and southern areas is over 12,000. This is more than four times their capacity.

Health

- On 2 January 2024, eight (out of 22) UNRWA health centres are still operational in the middle and southern areas and recorded 10,657 patient visits.
- Midwives are providing care for post-natal and high-risk pregnant women at the eight operational health centres. On 31 December, a total of 209³ post-natal and high-risk pregnancy cases were attended to at health centres.
- On 2 January, UNRWA continued to provide health care at UNRWA health centres and shelters with 634 staff maintaining health services.

- On 2 January, UNRWA attended to 20,643 patients in UNRWA shelters and health centres.

3 Results for post-natal cases were only from 7 of the 8 operational health centres

Psychosocial support (PSS)

- UNRWA teams, including 284 social workers in the shelters, continue to provide psychosocial first aid and other specialized protection services to IDPs. As of 2 January, around 81,049 IDPs were reached.
- Between 1 and 2 January 2024, school counsellors addressed 1,102 individual and family consultations in Rafah and Khan Younis, alongside 1,098 group sessions. These efforts reached 21,416 IDPs, contributing to an accumulative total of 59,660 PSS sessions provided since 7 October.
- During the same period, school counsellors provided psychological support to nearly 400 UNRWA staff, through both in-person and remote consultations. The total number of UNRWA staff provided with psychological support since the beginning of the hostilities is 5,799.

Food security

- UNRWA continued to distribute flour outside of shelters in the southern governorates. A total of 188,851 families have been reached so far.

Water and Sanitation Services (WASH)

- Between 2–3 January 2024, water wells in Jabalia (north), Khan Younis and Rafah (south) were operational. Approximately 14,000 cubic metres have been pumped. Khan Younis and Rafah water wells have operated in two shifts (12 hours) to provide potable/domestic water supply services.
- During the same period, the solid waste management service continued at Rafah, Khan Younis and middle area camps. About 100 loadings have been transferred to temporary dumping sites.

Quote from Joseph , (18), displaced in Rafah (south area)

"In displacement and turmoil, I find in the sea some solace and respite from the burdens of his uprooted existence in Gaza. I may be displaced, but when I swim, I am free."

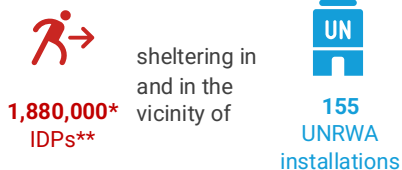
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IDPs in UNRWA installations

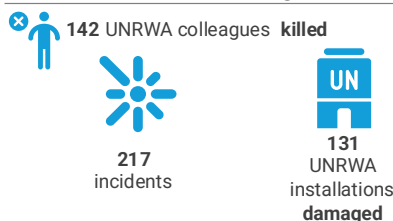
Confirmed IDP numbers, since 7 October 2023 – 2 January 2024



Overcrowding means at least **486 people per toilet** in UNRWA shelters in Rafah.

At least **319** IDPs sheltering in UNRWA premises have been killed and **1,135** injured since 7 October.

UNRWA fatalities and damage to installations



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UNRWA response – Food assistance

188,851 families outside of shelters have received flour in middle areas and southern governorates since 21 Nov.

UNRWA response – Health

On 2 Jan:
209 post-natal and high-risk pregnancy cases were attended to at health centres
20,643 patients received healthcare in seven (out of 22) UNRWA health care centres and UNRWA shelters.

UNRWA response – Water, sanitation and hygiene

Between 1 – 2 Jan:
8 water wells continue to operate pumping approximately 14,000 cubic metres of water.
Solid waste management continues in Rafah and Khan Younis, where **approximately 100 truck loadings were transferred to temporary sites**

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UNRWA Situation Report #61 on the situation in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank, including East Jerusalem



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Palestinian children, whose families lost their homes, take shelter at an UNRWA school in Deir el Balah (middle area), the Gaza Strip. © 2023 UNRWA Photo by Ashraf Amra

1. Key points

The Gaza Strip

- As of 6 January 2024, the total number of UNRWA colleagues killed since the beginning of hostilities is **146**.
- Since 7 October 2023, **up to 1.9 million people** (or over 85 per cent of the population) have been displaced across the Gaza Strip, some multiple times. Families are forced to move repeatedly in search of safety. Information on the number of internally displaced persons (IDPs) in northern Gaza and Gaza City was last updated on 12 October due to access constraints and the security situation.
- As of 2 January, nearly 1.4 million IDPs are sheltering in 155 UNRWA facilities across all five governorates of the Gaza Strip, including 160,000 in the north and Gaza City, and

approximately 500,000 are in close vicinity of these installations and receiving assistance from UNRWA. A total of 1.88 million¹ IDPs are receiving assistance from UNRWA.

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2. Overall situation

The Gaza Strip

- According to the Ministry of Health in Gaza on 6 January, at least 22,835 Palestinians have been killed in the Gaza Strip since 7 October. About 70 per cent of those killed are reported to be women and children. Another 58,416 Palestinians have been reportedly injured.

The West Bank, including East Jerusalem

- According to OCHA, between 7 October 2023–5 January 2024, 315 Palestinians, including 81 children, have been killed in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem.
- Last year (2023) was the deadliest year for Palestinians in the West Bank including East Jerusalem since the UN began recording casualties in 2005.

3. Humanitarian access & protection of civilians

The Gaza Strip

- UNRWA is working to verify details of incidents reportedly affecting UNRWA premises. Further information will be provided once it becomes available.
 - On January 4, an **UNRWA store in the Middle Area** was reportedly directly struck by ISF tanks shells, causing a fire in the building. Three UNRWA guards were present at the time of the strike
 - ISF forcefully evacuated 15 IDPs and five UNRWA staff sheltering in an UNRWA office in the Middle Area. Five UNRWA staff were detained, subsequently three were released and two remain detained.
 - In Khan Younis, on UNRWA premises one IDP child was injured as a result of shrapnel.
- **220** incidents impacting UNRWA premises and people inside them have been reported since 7 October (some with multiple incidents impacting the same location), including at least **23** incidents of military use and/or interference at UNRWA premises. This includes **63** direct hits on UNRWA installations and **69** different UNRWA installations sustaining collateral damage.

- In total, at least **319** IDPs sheltering in UNRWA shelters have been killed and at least another **1,135²** were injured since 7 October.

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4. UNRWA response

The Gaza Strip

UNRWA Shelters

- As of 2 January, in total, **nearly 1.4 million displaced people are now sheltering in 155 UNRWA installations**, with another half a million (or 500,000) accessing services from UNRWA.
- The average number of IDPs in UNRWA shelters in the middle and southern areas is over **12,000. This is more than four times their capacity.**

Health

- On 4 January 2024, only five (out of 22) UNRWA health centres are still operational in the middle and southern areas with **7,639 patient visits recorded.**
- Midwives are providing care for post-natal and high-risk pregnant women at health centres. On 4 January **a total of 130 post-natal and high-risk pregnancy cases were attended to at health centres.**
- **On 4 January, UNRWA continued to provide health care at UNRWA health centres and shelters with 570 staff maintaining health services.**
- **Between 4 to 5 January, UNRWA attended to 25,717 patients in UNRWA shelters and health centres.**

Mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) services were resumed in the Middle Area and Khan Younis with a team of two psychiatrists and 18 counsellors and supervisors to assist special cases referred from health centres and shelters. On 4 January, the team responded to 911 cases through individual consultations, awareness sessions, and support for gender-based violence cases.

Psychosocial support (PSS)

- UNRWA teams, including 284 social workers in the shelters, continue to provide psychosocial first aid and other specialized protection services to IDPs. **As of 6 January, around 83,567 IDPs were reached.**
- Between 3 - 4 January 2024, **school counsellors addressed 1,064 individual and family consultations in Rafah and Khan Younis, alongside 1,061 group sessions.** These efforts

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reached 20,957 IDPs, contributing to an accumulative total of 61,785 PSS sessions provided since 7 October.

- During the same period, school counsellors provided psychological support to nearly 404 UNRWA staff, through in-person and remote consultations. **The total number of UNRWA staff provided with psychological support since the beginning of the hostilities is 6,203.**

Food security

- UNRWA continued to **distribute flour** outside of shelters in the southern governorates. **A total of 219,460 families have been reached so far.**

Water and Sanitation Services (WASH)

- Between 4–6 January 2024, water wells in Jabalia (north), Khan Younis and Rafah (south) were operational. Approximately 21,000 cubic metres have been pumped. Khan Younis and Rafah water wells have operated in two shifts (12 hours) to provide potable/domestic water supply services.
- During the same period, the solid waste management services continued in Rafah, Khan Younis and middle area camps. About 120 loadings have been transferred to temporary dumping sites.

Quote from a young girl displaced in Rafah (south area) and sheltering in an UNRWA school:

"I look at the school yard and remember those moments I used to have with my friends during playtime... I never dreamt of sleeping in a school, or this beautiful place being turned into a shelter."

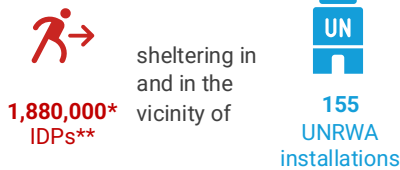
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IDPs in UNRWA installations

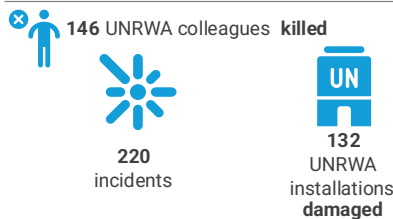
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UNRWA fatalities and damage to installations



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UNRWA response – Food assistance

219,460 families outside of shelters have received flour in middle areas and southern governorates since 21 Nov.

UNRWA response – Health

On 4 Jan:
130 post-natal and high-risk pregnancy cases were attended to at health centres
25,717 patients received healthcare in 5 (out of 22) UNRWA health care centres and UNRWA shelters.

UNRWA response – Water, sanitation and hygiene

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Displaced Palestinian children sheltering in Deir al Balah, middle area of the Gaza Strip, January 2024. © 2024 UNRWA Photo by Ashraf Amra

1. Key points

The Gaza Strip

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- Since 7 October 2023, **up to 1.9 million people** (or over 85 per cent of the population) have been displaced across the Gaza Strip, some multiple times. Families are forced to move repeatedly in search of safety.
- As of 8 January, nearly 1.4 million IDPs are sheltering in 155 UNRWA facilities across all five governorates of the Gaza Strip, including 160,000 in the north and Gaza City, and nearly 400,000 are in close vicinity of these installations and receiving assistance from UNRWA. A total of 1.73 million¹ IDPs are receiving assistance from UNRWA. This number has reduced by approximately

150,000 as families were forced to move away from UNRWA facilities due to Israeli Authorities' issued evacuation orders in the middle area and Khan Younis (south).

The West Bank, including East Jerusalem

- On 8 January, Israeli Security Forces (ISF) conducted a search and arrest operation in Tulkarm, northern West Bank. Armed clashes took place in Tulkarm city, Tulkarm refugee camp and surrounding areas and three Palestinians were reportedly killed. ISF closed all entrances to the camp.
- Several ISF search and arrest operations leading to confrontations with Palestinians were reported across the West Bank, including operations in Nur Shams refugee camp, Qalqiliya Nablus, and other locations.
- On 7 January, the ISF search and arrest operation in Jenin city and Jenin refugee camp, northern West Bank, continued. On January 7, a Palestinian died from injuries sustained early in the morning. More than ten injuries were reported following an air strike in Jenin town's Al Shuhada square.

¹ This includes nearly 160,000 IDPs in north Gaza and Gaza City governorates as of 12 October. UNRWA's ability to provide humanitarian support and update data in the above areas is severely restricted. The hostilities, Israeli Forces' evacuation orders and the constant search for safer places meant that people are displaced multiple times. UNRWA shelters often provide assistance to registered Palestine Refugees and other members of the community. There are instances where total numbers could be duplicated due to overlapping registrations, this is why we use "estimates" for these figures.

2. Overall situation

The Gaza Strip

- According to the Ministry of Health in Gaza on 7 January, at least 23,084 Palestinians have been killed in the Gaza Strip since 7 October. About 70 per cent of those killed are reported to be women and children. Another 58,926 Palestinians have been reportedly injured.

The West Bank, including East Jerusalem

- According to OCHA, between 7 October 2023–7 January 2024, 329 Palestinians, including 84 children, have been killed in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem.
- Last year (2023) was the deadliest year for Palestinians in the West Bank including East Jerusalem since the UN began recording casualties in 2005.

3. Humanitarian access & protection of civilians

The Gaza Strip

- UNRWA is working to verify details of incidents reportedly impacting UNRWA premises. Further information will be provided once it becomes available.
 - On 7 January, in Khan Younis (south) **one UNRWA staff** was reportedly injured while transporting garbage from a school to the containers in front of the school, as a result of falling shrapnel. In a separate incident, four **IDPs** sheltering at a different school in Khan Younis **were killed** and **six were injured**, as a result of two reported strikes in close vicinity of the school premises.
- **222** incidents impacting UNRWA premises and the people inside them have been reported since the beginning of the war (some with multiple incidents impacting the same location), including at least **23** incidents of military use and/or interference at UNRWA premises. **63** different UNRWA installations were directly hit, and **69** different installations sustained collateral damage.

UNRWA estimates that in total at least **323** internally displaced people (IDPs) sheltering in UNRWA shelters have been killed and at least a further **1,142*** injured since the start of the war. UNRWA is still verifying the number of casualties during hits that impacted our installations.

* The numbers are subject to change once further verifications have been conducted.

4. UNRWA response

The Gaza Strip

UNRWA Shelters

- As of 2 January, in total, **nearly 1.4 million displaced people are now sheltering in 155 UNRWA installations**, with another 400,000 accessing services from UNRWA.
- The average number of IDPs in UNRWA shelters in the middle and southern areas is over **12,000 per shelter. This is more than four times their capacity.**

Health

- On 7 January 2024, only six (out of 22) UNRWA health centres were operational in the middle and southern areas with **10,158 patient visits recorded.**
- Midwives are providing care for post-natal and high-risk pregnant women at health centres. On 7 January, a total of 200 post-natal and high-risk pregnancy cases were attended to at the health centres.
- On 7 January, UNRWA continued to provide health care at UNRWA health centres and shelters with 663 staff maintaining health services.

- On 7 January, UNRWA attended to 19,649 patients in UNRWA shelters and health centres.
- Mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) services were resumed in the Middle Areas and Khan Younis (south) with a team of two psychiatrists and 20 counsellors and supervisors to assist special cases referred from health centres and shelters. On 7 January, the team responded to 1,148 cases through individual consultations, awareness sessions, and support for gender-based violence cases.

Psychosocial support (PSS)

- UNRWA teams, including 255 social workers in the shelters, continue to provide psychosocial first aid and other specialized protection services to IDPs. **As of 6 January, around 83,576 IDPs were reached.**
- **School counsellors addressed 1,104 individual and family consultations in Rafah and Khan Younis (south), alongside 1,032 group sessions.** These efforts reached 20,957 IDPs, contributing to an accumulative total of 63,921 PSS sessions since 7 October.
- During the same period, school counsellors provided psychological support to nearly 427 UNRWA staff, through in-person and remote consultations. **The total number of UNRWA staff who have received psychological support since the beginning of the hostilities is 6,630.**

Food security

- UNRWA continued to **distribute flour** outside of shelters in the southern governorates. **A total of 237,693 families have been reached so far.**

Water and Sanitation Services (WASH)

- Between 7–8 January 2024, water wells in Jabalia (north), Khan Younis and Rafah (south) were operational. Nearly 14,000 cubic metres have been pumped. Khan Younis and Rafah water wells have operated in two shifts (12 hours) to provide potable/domestic water supply services.
- During the same period, solid waste management services continued in Rafah, Khan Younis and the middle areas in Palestine refugee camps. The service has been forced to come to a halt in Bureij and Maghazi Palestine refugee camps due to the expansion of the Israeli Forces' operations. About 80 loadings have been transferred to temporary dumping sites.

Quote from [Randa](#), 17 young girl displaced in Rafah (south area) and sheltering in an UNRWA school:

"I lost 11 people from my family. But I don't have time to think of them...You can't just think of them because now you have to think of something more important."

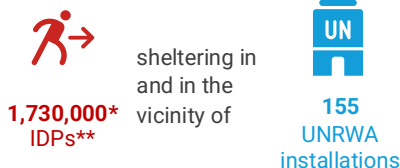
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IDPs in UNRWA installations

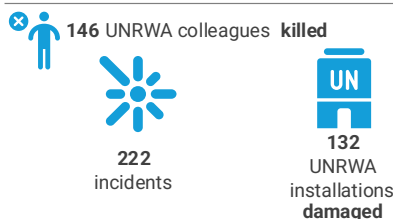
Confirmed IDP numbers, since 7 October 2023 – 8 January 2024



Overcrowding means at least **486 people per toilet** in UNRWA shelters in Rafah.

At least **323** IDPs sheltering in UNRWA premises have been killed and **1,142** injured since 7 October.

UNRWA fatalities and damage to installations



* This includes nearly 160,000 IDPs in north Gaza and Gaza City governorates as of 12 October. UNRWA's ability to provide humanitarian support and update data in the above areas is severely restricted.

** The war, Israeli Forces' evacuation orders and the constant search for safer places meant that people are displaced multiple times. UNRWA shelters often provide assistance to registered Palestine Refugees and other members of the community. There are instances where total numbers could be duplicated due to overlapping registrations, this is why we use "estimates" for these figures.

UNRWA response – Food assistance

237,693 families outside of shelters have received flour in middle areas and southern governorates since 21 Nov.

UNRWA response – Health

On 7 Jan:
200 post-natal and high-risk pregnancy cases were attended to at health centres
19,649 patients received healthcare in 6 (out of 22) UNRWA health care centres and UNRWA shelters.

UNRWA response – Water, sanitation and hygiene

Between 7 – 8 Jan:
8 water wells continue to operate pumping approximately 14,000 cubic metres of water.
 Solid waste management continues in Rafah and Khan Younis, where **approximately 80 truck loadings** were transferred to temporary sites

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Displaced Palestinians sheltering in Deir al Balah (middle area), Gaza Strip. January 2024. © 2024 UNRWA Photo by Ashraf Amra

1. Key points

The Gaza Strip

- As of 10 January 2024, the total number of UNRWA colleagues killed since the beginning of hostilities is **146**. Since 7 October 2023, **up to 1.9 million people** (or over 85 per cent of the population) have been displaced across the Gaza Strip, some multiple times. Families are forced to move repeatedly in search of safety.
- As of 8 January, nearly 1.4 million Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) are sheltering in 154 UNRWA facilities across all five governorates of the Gaza Strip, including 160,000 in the north and Gaza City, and nearly 400,000 are in close vicinity of these installations and receiving assistance from UNRWA. A total of 1.78 million¹ IDPs are receiving assistance from UNRWA.

The West Bank, including East Jerusalem

Between 9 and 10 January, the following Israeli Security Forces (ISF) search and arrest operations occurred:

9 January:

- Search and arrest operations in Tulkarm city, Tulkarm refugee camp and Nur Shams refugee camp in northern West Bank continued. Nine Palestinians were reportedly injured in Tulkarm refugee camp due to ISF drone firing a missile.
- Search and arrest operation in Askar Camp, northern West Bank. Five Palestinians, including a child, were injured during the operation. ISF reportedly blew up a house and detained one Palestinian.
- There were reports of search and arrest operations in several villages north, east and south of Jenin city, northern West Bank. ISF reportedly entered with bulldozers and damaged public infrastructure as well as private property. Reportedly, there was an exchange of fire between Palestinians and ISF in Jenin. Further violence was reported the next day as Palestinians reportedly threw pipe bombs and six Palestinians were detained.
- Search and arrest operation in Qalqiliya, northern West Bank, where four Palestinians were detained.
- A Palestinian allegedly attempted to stab ISF soldiers at a checkpoint in the central West Bank. ISF shot and killed the Palestinian. A PRCS ambulance was preparing to transfer the body of the Palestinian to a hospital in Ramallah, when ISF intercepted the ambulance and took the body. ISF then closed all checkpoints and entrances to villages north of Ramallah.
- ISF conducted a search operation and opened fire during clashes with Palestinians in Ramallah, central West Bank. One Palestinian was injured with live ammunition and two Palestinians were detained. The injured Palestinian died the next day.

10 January:

- ISF opened fire during clashes with Palestinians in Abud, central West Bank. Three Palestinians were injured with live ammunition.
- ISF search and arrest operations were conducted in Nablus, Balata refugee camp and other locations across the West Bank.

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2. Overall situation

The Gaza Strip

- According to the Ministry of Health in Gaza as of 10 January, at least 23,357 Palestinians have been killed in the Gaza Strip since 7 October. About 70 per cent of those killed are reported to be women and children. Another 59,410 Palestinians have been reportedly injured.

The West Bank, including East Jerusalem

- According to OCHA, between 7 October 2023 – 10 January 2024, 331 Palestinians, including 84 children, have been killed in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem.
- Last year (2023) was the deadliest year for Palestinians in the West Bank including East Jerusalem since the UN began recording casualties in 2005.

3. Humanitarian access & protection of civilians

The Gaza Strip

- UNRWA is working to verify the details of incidents reportedly affecting UNRWA premises. Further information will be provided once it becomes available.
 - On 8 January, at a school in the Middle areas, one **IDP** was killed and **three IDPs** were reportedly injured as a result of a direct hit on the school. The school sustained severe damage. In a separate incident, **two IDPs** (a girl and a woman) sheltering at school in the middle areas, **were injured**, as a result of a drone opening fire directly on the school. Two offices in the school sustained damage.
 - On 10 Jan 2024, shrapnel hit the guard's room of a health centre in the middle areas causing some damage. No injuries were reported.
- **230** incidents impacting UNRWA premises and the people inside them have been reported since the beginning of the war (some with multiple incidents impacting the same location), including at least **23** incidents of military use and/or interference at UNRWA premises. **66** different UNRWA installations were directly hit, and **69** different installations sustained collateral damage.
- UNRWA estimates that, in total, at least **330 IDPs** sheltering in UNRWA shelters have been killed and at least a further **1,149*** have been injured since the start of the war. UNRWA is still verifying the number of casualties caused by incidents that impacted its installations, and notes that these figures do not include some reported casualties where the number of injuries could not be determined.

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4. UNRWA response

The Gaza Strip

UNRWA Shelters

- As of 10 January, in total, **nearly 1.4 million displaced people are now sheltering in 154 UNRWA installations**, with an estimated 400,000 accessing services from UNRWA.
- The average number of IDPs in UNRWA shelters in the middle and southern areas is over **12,000 per shelter. This is more than four times their capacity.**

Health

- On 9 January 2024, only six (out of 22) UNRWA health centres were operational in the middle and southern areas with **10,331 patient visits recorded.**
- Midwives are providing care for post-natal and high-risk pregnant women at health centres. On 9 January, a total of 189 post-natal and high-risk pregnancy cases were attended to at the health centres.
- On 9 January, UNRWA continued to provide health care at UNRWA health centres and shelters with 676 staff maintaining health services.
- On 9 January, UNRWA attended to 20,843 patients in UNRWA shelters and health centres.
- Mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) services were resumed in the middle area and Khan Younis (south) with a team of two psychiatrists and 20 counsellors and supervisors to assist special cases referred from health centres and shelters. On 9 January, the team responded to 1,316 cases through individual consultations, awareness sessions and support for gender-based violence cases.
- Vaccination services have resumed in health centres following the arrival of vaccines supplies from UNICEF. The total number of children vaccinated on 9 January was 1,095.
- UNRWA received vaccines from UNICEF for its health centres. Eight different types of vaccines were received (refrigerated and freezer storage). This allowed for vaccination to restart. On 7 January, a total of 1,415 children were vaccinated against diseases such as measles, mumps and rubella; and others.

Psychosocial support (PSS)

- UNRWA teams, including 264 social workers in the shelters, continue to provide psychosocial first aid and other specialized protection services to IDPs. **As of 10 January, around 84,785 IDPs were reached.**
- **School counsellors conducted 1,183 individual and family consultations in Rafah and Khan Younis (south), alongside 1,010 group sessions.** 21,826 IDPs were reached, with the cumulative total of 66,214 PSS sessions since 7 October.
- During the same period, school counsellors provided psychological support to nearly 494 UNRWA staff, through in-person and remote consultations. **The total number of UNRWA**

staff who have received psychological support since the beginning of the hostilities is 7,124.

Food security

- UNRWA continued to **distribute flour** outside of shelters in the southern governorates. **A total of 253,662 families have been reached so far.**

Water and Sanitation Services (WASH)

- Between 9-10 January 2024, water wells in Jabalia (north), Khan Younis and Rafah (south) were operational. Nearly 14,000 cubic metres have been pumped. Khan Younis and Rafah water wells have operated in two shifts (12 hours) to provide potable/domestic water supply services.
- During the same period, solid waste management services continued in Rafah, Khan Younis, Nuseirat and Deir El Balah Palestine refugee camps. The service has been forced to come to a halt in Bureij and Maghazi Palestine refugee camps due to the expansion of the Israeli Forces' operations. About 80 loadings have been transferred to temporary dumping sites.

Quote from Ahlam, frontline UNRWA staff member

"I have worked with UNRWA for 13 years, including during previous wars and escalations, but I have never witnessed anything as horrific as this ongoing war."

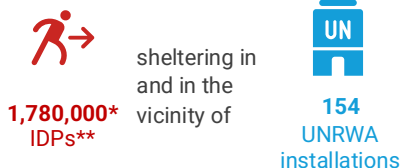
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IDPs in UNRWA installations

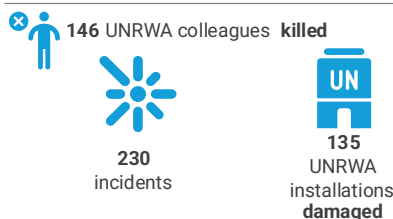
Confirmed IDP numbers, since 7 October 2023 – 10 January 2024



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At least **330** IDPs sheltering in UNRWA premises have been killed and **1,149** injured since 7 October.

UNRWA fatalities and damage to installations



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UNRWA response – Food assistance

253,662 families outside of shelters have received flour in middle areas and southern governorates since 21 Nov.

UNRWA response – Health

On 10 Jan:
189 post-natal and high-risk pregnancy cases were attended to at health centres
20,843 patients received healthcare in 6 (out of 22) UNRWA health care centres and UNRWA shelters.

UNRWA response – Water, sanitation and hygiene

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UNRWA Situation Report #64 on the situation in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank, including East Jerusalem



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Day 97-99 of Hostilities

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Palestinian families fleeing from the middle areas of the Gaza Strip to Rafah, southern Gaza Strip, January 2024. © 2024 UNRWA Photo by Ashraf Amra

1. Key points

The Gaza Strip

- As of 12 January 2024, the total number of UNRWA colleagues killed since the beginning of hostilities has increased by four to **150**. Since 7 October 2023, **up to 1.9 million people** (or over 85 per cent of the population) have been displaced across the Gaza Strip, some multiple times. Families are forced to move repeatedly in search of safety. Following intense Israeli bombardments and fighting in the middle areas, more than half of the IDPs (approximately 270,000) have moved again further south. Due to the security situation tracking the latest IDP movements is becoming increasingly difficult.
- As of 12 January, nearly 1.4 million Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) are sheltering in 154 UNRWA facilities across all five governorates of the Gaza Strip, including 160,000 in the north and Gaza City, and more than 500,000 are in close vicinity of these installations and receiving assistance from UNRWA. A total of 1.9 million¹ IDPs are receiving assistance from UNRWA. Significant population movements towards the south continue.

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The West Bank, including East Jerusalem

The next update for the West Bank including East Jerusalem will be provided on Tuesday 16 January.

2. Overall situation

The Gaza Strip

- According to the Ministry of Health in Gaza as of 12 January, at least 23,708 Palestinians have been killed in the Gaza Strip since 7 October. About 70 per cent of those killed are reported to be women and children. Another 60,005 Palestinians have been reportedly injured.

The West Bank, including East Jerusalem

- According to OCHA, between 7 October 2023 – 12 January 2024, 333 Palestinians, including 84 children, have been killed in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem.
- Last year (2023), was the deadliest year for Palestinians in the West Bank including East Jerusalem since the UN began recording casualties in 2005.

3. Humanitarian access & protection of civilians

The Gaza Strip

Please note that the first incident listed below occurred on 5 Jan. It was only reported later; therefore it was not included in the sit rep covering that date.

- UNRWA is working to verify details of incidents reportedly affecting UNRWA premises. Further information will be provided once it becomes available.
 - On 5 January, a school in Khan Younis (south) was reported to have been directly struck and damaged, including destruction of parts of the external perimeter wall. No IDPs were reported to have been in the school at the time of the incident.
 - On 11 January, one IDP sheltering in a school in Khan Younis was injured as a result of shrapnel falling into the school. The IDP was transferred to the hospital. Nearly 6,000 IDPs were reported to be sheltering at the school at the time of the incident.
- **232** incidents impacting UNRWA premises and the people inside them have been reported since the beginning of the war (some with multiple incidents impacting the same location), including at least 23 incidents of military use and/or interference at UNRWA premises. 66 different UNRWA installations were directly hit, and 69 different installations sustained collateral damage.

- UNRWA estimates that in total at least **330** IDPs sheltering in UNRWA shelters have been killed and at least a further **1,150*** injured since the start of the war. UNRWA is still verifying the number of casualties caused by incidents that impacted its installations, and notes that these figures do not include some reported casualties where the number of injuries could not be determined.

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4. UNRWA response

The Gaza Strip

UNRWA Shelters

- As of 12 January, in total, **nearly 1.4 million displaced people are now sheltering in 154 UNRWA installations**, with another 500,000 approximately accessing services from UNRWA.
- The average number of IDPs in UNRWA shelters in the middle and southern areas is over **12,000 per shelter. This is more than four times their capacity.**

Health

- On 11 January 2024, only six (out of 22) UNRWA health centres were operational in the middle and southern areas with **9,875 patient visits recorded.**
- Midwives are providing care for post-natal and high-risk pregnant women at health centres. On 11 January, a total of 165 post-natal and high-risk pregnancy cases were attended to at the health centres.
- On 11 January, UNRWA continued to provide health care at UNRWA health centres and shelters with 690 staff maintaining health services.
- On 11 January, UNRWA attended to 20,952 patients in UNRWA shelters and health centres.
- Mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) services were resumed in the middle area and Khan Younis (south) with a team of two psychiatrists and 20 counsellors and supervisors to assist special cases referred from health centres and shelters. On 11 January, the team responded to 1,962 cases through individual consultations, awareness sessions and support for gender-based violence cases.
- UNRWA received vaccines from UNICEF for its health centres. Eight different types of vaccines were received (refrigerated and freezer storage). This allowed for vaccination to restart. On 11 January, a total of 768 children were vaccinated against diseases such as measles, mumps and rubella, and others.

Psychosocial support (PSS)

- UNRWA teams, including 264 social workers in the shelters, continue to provide psychosocial first aid and other specialized protection services to IDPs. **As of 13 January, around 84,891 IDPs were reached.**
- **School counsellors conducted 1,269 individual and family consultations in Rafah and Khan Younis (south), alongside 1,099 group sessions.** 23,988 IDPs were reached, with the cumulative total of 68,582 PSS sessions since 7 October.
- During the same period, school counsellors provided psychological support to nearly 477 UNRWA staff, through in-person and remote consultations. **The total number of UNRWA staff who have received psychological support since the beginning of the hostilities is 7,601.**

Food security

- UNRWA continued to **distribute flour** outside of shelters in the southern governorates. **A total of 261,627 families have been reached so far.**

Water and Sanitation Services (WASH)

- During 11 January 2024, water wells in Jabalia (north), Khan Younis and Rafah (south) were operational. Nearly 5,000 cubic metres have been pumped. Khan Younis and Rafah water wells have operated in two shifts (12 hours) to provide potable/domestic water supply services.
 - Provision of potable water through tankers at Rafah and Middle area ensured availability of water in shelters, with some interruption in the Middle Area due to evacuation orders. Khan Younis shelters are provided with water through an UNRWA water well.
 - Solid waste management services continued in Rafah, Khan Younis and Middle Area camps (partially). The service was suspended in Bureij camp due to the military operations. About 45 loadings were transferred to temporary dumping sites on January 11.

Quote from Rima, girl displaced in Deir al-Balah:

“What have we children done to have to hear the sound of bombardments? We want to go home and see our loved ones. [...] We should eat healthy food. Now, we drink polluted water.”

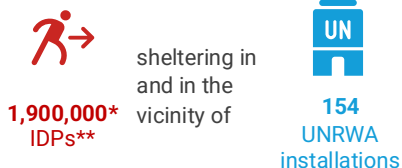
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IDPs in UNRWA installations

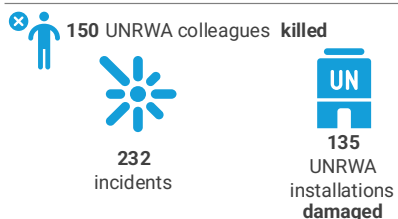
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UNRWA fatalities and damage to installations



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UNRWA response – Food assistance

261,627 families outside of shelters have received flour in middle areas and southern governorates since 21 Nov.

UNRWA response – Health

On 11 Jan:
165 post-natal and high-risk pregnancy cases were attended to at health centres
20,952 patients received healthcare in 6 (out of 22) UNRWA health care centres and UNRWA shelters.

UNRWA response – Water, sanitation and hygiene

On 11 Jan:
8 water wells continue to operate pumping approximately 5,000 cubic metres of water.
Solid waste management continues in Rafah and Khan Younis and partially in Middle Areas, where **approximately 45 truck loadings were transferred to temporary sites**

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UNRWA Situation Report #65 on the situation in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank, including East Jerusalem



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A Palestinian women and child displaced in Deir al-Balah, Middle Areas (the Gaza Strip), January 2024. © 2024 UNRWA Photo by Ashraf Amra

1. Key points

The Gaza Strip

- As of 15 January 2024, the total number of UNRWA colleagues killed since the beginning of hostilities has increased by one to **151**.
- As of 16 January, up to 1.7 million* people (over 75 per cent of the population) have been displaced across the Gaza Strip, some multiple times. Families are forced to move repeatedly in search of safety. Following intense Israeli bombardments and fighting in Khan Younis and Middle Areas in recent days, a significant number of displaced people have moved again further south.

*This includes 1 million individuals residing in or near emergency shelters or informal shelters. As of October 12, approximately 160,000 internally displaced persons (IDPs) were recorded in north Gaza and Gaza governorates. The ability of UNRWA to provide humanitarian support and updated data in these areas has been severely restricted. The ongoing hostilities, evacuation orders issued by Israeli Forces, and the constant need for safer locations have resulted in people being displaced multiple times.

**UNRWA has reported in Situation Report 64 that up to 1.9 million IDPs are either residing in 154 UNRWA shelters or near these shelters. Due to the continued escalation of fighting and evacuation orders, some households have moved away from the shelters where they were initially registered.

* There are instances where the same IDPs are registered in multiple shelters due to the fluid movement of populations; hereafter, estimates are used for these shelters. UNRWA plans to conduct a more accurate count of IDPs in shelters, including informal shelters, as soon as the security situation allows.

The West Bank, including East Jerusalem

West Bank updates are provided twice weekly and cover updates from 11 -15 January.

On January 11 and 12 the following Israeli Security Forces (ISF) search and arrest operations occurred:

- Continuation of search and arrest operations in Tulkarm city, Tulkarm camp and Nur Shams refugee camp, northern West Bank on 11 January. ISF closed all entrances to Nur Shams Camp, and snipers reportedly occupied the rooftops around the camp. Early in the morning on 12 January, ISF reportedly blocked the main streets of Tulkarm refugee camp with earth mounds. Severe destruction of infrastructure was reported in the city and camps.
- ISF reportedly opened fire in the vicinity of Adora settlement, near Idhna, southern West Bank. Three Palestinians, including two children, were killed. Overnight on 13 January, ISF conducted a search and arrest operation in the houses of the three Palestinians killed. ISF reportedly assaulted their family members, detained several Palestinians and confiscated vehicles.

On 13 January the following ISF search and arrest operations occurred:

- ISF conducted a search and arrest operation in Far'a Camp, northern West Bank. ISF vehicles reportedly surrounded the camp for several hours, entered multiple houses and buildings, and positioned snipers. An ISF bulldozer reportedly damaged infrastructure in the camp, including the wall opposite a health centre. Five people, including one minor, were injured during the exchange of fire. At least nine men were detained and released. ISF reportedly fired live ammunition towards an Al Jazeera journalist's vehicle. The operation ended in the late evening. UNRWA operations in the camp were severely affected.
- An exchange of fire took place between Palestinians and ISF in Jenin city and Jenin refugee camp, northern West Bank. ISF reportedly surrounded all hospitals in Jenin city and a military bulldozer destroyed infrastructure.

On 14 January the following ISF search and arrest operations occurred:

- ISF conducted a search and arrest operation in Biddya, northern West Bank, and detained 15 Palestinian labourers from Gaza.
- One Palestinian child was shot dead in clashes between Palestinians and ISF, during a search and arrest operation in Ein el -Sultan Camp, central West Bank.
- Palestinian children were shot dead in clashes between Palestinians and ISF near Beit El/DCO checkpoint, north of Al Bireh city, central West Bank.

On 15 January the following ISF search and arrest operations occurred:

- An exchange of fire took place between ISF and Palestinians in the vicinity of Annab and Jbara checkpoints, south of Tulkarm, northern West Bank. One Palestinian Security Forces Officer was killed and another two were injured with live ammunition.
- ISF conducted a search and arrest operation in Dura, southern West Bank. Two Palestinians, including a woman, were killed, and 10 Palestinians, including a journalist, were injured with live ammunition. A general strike was declared to mourn the deaths.

- Two Palestinians reportedly carried out a ramming attack and stabbed Israelis in Ra'anana city, Israel. One woman was killed and some 19 others were reported injured. ISF conducted a search and arrest operation in the city and detained two Palestinians.

2. Overall situation

The Gaza Strip

- According to the Ministry of Health in Gaza as of 15 January, at least 24,100 Palestinians have been killed in the Gaza Strip since 7 October. About 70 per cent of those killed are reported to be women and children. Another 60,834 Palestinians have been reportedly injured.

The West Bank, including East Jerusalem

- According to OCHA, between 7 October 2023 – 12 January 2024, 344 Palestinians, including 88 children, have been killed in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem.
- Last year (2023), was the deadliest year for Palestinians in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem since the UN began recording casualties in 2005.

3. Humanitarian access & protection of civilians

The Gaza Strip

Please see below the inputs for the period 14-15 January 2024.

Please note that the first incident occurred on 13 Jan but was reported later hence it was not included in the previous sitrep.

- UNRWA is working to verify the details of incidents reportedly affecting UNRWA premises. Further information will be provided once it becomes available.
- On 13 January 2024, one IDP sheltering in a school in Khan Younis was killed and many IDPs were injured as a result of shrapnel falling into the school along with a smoke bomb. Further verification is ongoing to determine the number of injured IDPs. About 7,000 IDPs were sheltering in the school at the time of the incident.
- On 14 January 2024, seven IDPs sheltering in the same school in Khan Younis were injured as a result of a nearby home being struck. Four of the IDPs were transferred to the hospital. IDP tents were damaged from shrapnel and a smoke bomb also fell into the school.
- On 15 January 2024, an UNRWA staff member was injured while he was inside the Sanitation Office in Khan Younis due to a strike near the office. He was transferred to the hospital, where he received the necessary treatment, and was later discharged. No damages were reported to the Sanitation Office.
- **235** incidents impacting UNRWA premises and the people inside them have been reported since the beginning of the war (some with multiple incidents impacting the same location), including at least 23 incidents of military use and/or interference at UNRWA premises. 66 different UNRWA installations were directly hit, and 69 different installations sustained collateral damage.
- UNRWA estimates that in total at least **331** internally displaced people (IDPs) sheltering in UNRWA shelters have been killed and at least a further **1,157*** injured since the start of the war. UNRWA is still

verifying the number of casualties caused by incidents that impacted its installations, and notes that these figures do not include some reported casualties where the number of injuries could not be determined.

* Numbers are subject to change once further verifications have been conducted.

4. UNRWA response

The Gaza Strip

UNRWA Shelters

- As of 12 January, in total, **nearly 1.4 million displaced people are now sheltering in 154 UNRWA installations**, with another 500,000 approximately accessing services from UNRWA.
- The average number of IDPs in UNRWA shelters in the middle and southern areas is over **12,000 per shelter. This is more than four times their capacity.**

Health

Due to the security situation in combination with internet connectivity we are unable to update our results for health.

- On 11 January 2024, only six (out of 22) UNRWA health centres were operational in the middle and southern areas with **9,875 patient visits recorded.**
- Midwives are providing care for post-natal and high-risk pregnant women at health centres. On 11 January, a total of 165 post-natal and high-risk pregnancy cases were attended to at the health centres.
- On 11 January, UNRWA continued to provide health care at UNRWA health centres and shelters with 690 staff maintaining health services.
- On 11 January, UNRWA attended to 20,952 patients in UNRWA shelters and health centres.
- Mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) services were resumed in the middle area and Khan Younis (south) with a team of two psychiatrists and 20 counsellors and supervisors to assist special cases referred from health centres and shelters. On 11 January, the team responded to 1,962 cases through individual consultations, awareness sessions and support for gender-based violence cases.
- UNRWA received vaccines from UNICEF for its health centres. Eight different types of vaccines were received (refrigerated and freezer storage). This allowed for vaccinations to restart. On 11 January, a total of 768 children were vaccinated against diseases such as measles, mumps and rubella, and others.

Psychosocial support (PSS)

- UNRWA teams continue to provide psychosocial first aid and other specialized protection services to IDPs. **As of 15 January, around 84,891 IDPs were reached.**
- **283 School counsellors and assistants conducted 936 individual and family consultations in Rafah and Khan Younis (south), alongside 700 group sessions.** 13,407 IDPs were reached, with the cumulative total of 72,470 PSS sessions since 7 October.

- During the same period, school counsellors provided psychological support to nearly 286 UNRWA staff, through in-person and remote consultations. **The total number of UNRWA staff who have received psychological support since the beginning of the hostilities is 8,314.**

Food security

- UNRWA continued to **distribute flour** outside of shelters in the southern governorates. **A total of 277,907 families have been reached so far.**

Water and Sanitation Services (WASH)

Due to the security situation in combination with internet connectivity we are unable to update our results for WASH.

- During 11 January 2024, water wells in Jabalia (north), Khan Younis and Rafah (south) were operational. Nearly 5,000 cubic metres have been pumped. Khan Younis and Rafah water wells have operated in two shifts (12 hours) to provide potable/domestic water supply services.
 - Provision of potable water through tankers at Rafah and Middle area ensured availability of water in shelters, with some interruption in the Middle Area due to evacuation orders. Khan Younis shelters are provided with water through UNRWA water wells
 - Solid waste management services continued in Rafah, Khan Younis and Middle Area camps (partially). The service was suspended in Bureij camp due to the military operations. About 45 loadings were transferred to temporary dumping sites on 11 January.

Quote from Dima, girl displaced in Deir al-Balah:

“My hobbies are drawing and sports. I loved my school and always liked going there. I love my studies and hope to succeed. We are denied of education.”

ENDs -



UNRWA situation and response to the escalation in the Gaza Strip

IDPs in UNRWA installations

Confirmed IDP numbers, since 7 October 2023



1,700,000*
IDPs**



At least **331** IDPs sheltering in UNRWA premises have been killed and **1,157** injured since 7 October.

UNRWA fatalities and damage to installations



151 UNRWA colleagues **killed**



235
incidents



135
UNRWA
installations
damaged

* This includes c.1 million individuals residing in or near emergency shelters or informal shelters. Notably, as of October 12, approximately 160,000 internally displaced persons (IDPs) were recorded in north Gaza and Gaza governorates. However, the ability of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA) to provide humanitarian support and updated data in these areas has been severely restricted. The ongoing hostilities, evacuation orders issued by Israeli Forces, and the constant need for safer locations have resulted in people being displaced multiple times.

** UNRWA has reported in Situation Report 64 that up to 1.9 million IDPs are either residing in 154 UNRWA shelters or near the se shelters. Due to the continued escalation of fighting and evacuation orders, some households have moved away from the shelters where they were initially registered.

** It is important to note that there are instances where the same IDPs are registered in multiple shelters due to the fluid movement of populations; hereafter, estimates are used for these shelters. UNRWA plans to conduct a more accurate count of IDPs in shelters, including informal shelters, as soon as the security situation allows.

UNRWA response – Food assistance



277,907 families outside of shelters have received flour in middle areas and southern governorates since 21 Nov.

UNRWA response – Health



Last updated on 11 Jan due to security and internet connectivity issues

165 post-natal and high-risk pregnancy cases were attended to at health centres

20,952 patients received healthcare in 6 (out of 22) UNRWA health care centres and UNRWA shelters.

UNRWA response – Water, sanitation and hygiene



Last updated on 11 Jan due to security and internet connectivity issues

8 water wells continue to operate pumping approximately 5,000 cubic metres of water.

Solid waste management continues in Rafah and Khan Younis and partially in Middle Areas, where **approximately 45 truck loadings** were transferred to temporary sites

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UNRWA Situation Report #66 on the situation in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank, including East Jerusalem



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UNRWA staff entering an UNRWA clinic in the middle areas in the Gaza Strip, January 2024. © 2024 UNRWA Photo by Ashraf Amra

1. Key points

The Gaza Strip

- As of 17 January 2024, the total number of UNRWA colleagues killed since the beginning of hostilities is **151**.
- According to OCHA, telecommunication services in Gaza remain shut down for a fifth consecutive day. Significant disruption of telecommunication services prevents people in Gaza from accessing life-saving information or calling for first responders, and continues to impede humanitarian response.
- The Ministry of Health has announced that hepatitis A infection is spreading across informal camps due to overcrowding and lack of clean water and proper sanitation. UNRWA continues to monitor the situation, with suspected cases almost 16 times higher in January so far compared to the whole of November 2023. The massive increase reflects Gaza's worsening living conditions, particularly shortage of safe water and inadequate sanitation and hygiene. In shelters, there on average only 1.6L drinking water per person is delivered per day and toilets and showers are shared by hundreds and thousands of IDPs.
- As of 18 January, up to 1.7 million* people (over 75 per cent of the population**) have been displaced across the Gaza Strip, some multiple times***. Families are forced to move repeatedly in search of safety. Following intense Israeli bombardments and fighting in Khan Younis and the Middle Areas in recent days, a significant number of displaced people have moved again further south.

*This includes 1 million individuals residing in or near emergency shelters or informal shelters. As of October 12, approximately 160,000 internally displaced persons (IDPs) were recorded in north Gaza and Gaza governorates. The ability of UNRWA to provide humanitarian support and updated data in these areas has been severely restricted. The ongoing hostilities, evacuation orders issued by Israeli Forces, and the constant need for safer locations have resulted in people being displaced multiple times.

**UNRWA has reported in Situation Report 64 that up to 1.9 million IDPs are either residing in 154 UNRWA shelters or near these shelters. Due to the continued escalation of fighting and evacuation orders, some households have moved away from the shelters where they were initially registered.

*** There are instances where the same IDPs are registered in multiple shelters due to the fluid movement of populations; hereafter, estimates are used for these shelters. UNRWA plans to conduct a more accurate count of IDPs in shelters, including informal shelters, as soon as the security situation allows.

The West Bank, including East Jerusalem

On 16 and 17 January the following Israeli Security Forces (ISF) search and arrest operations occurred:

- Continuation of search and arrest operations in Tulkarm city, Tulkarm camp and Nur Shams refugee camp, northern West Bank. Early morning on 17 January in Tulkarm refugee camp, four Palestinians were killed and two were injured with live ammunition during an exchange of fire. At the northern entrance of the camp, infrastructure and property within the camp was damaged by exchanges of fire and use of ISF bulldozers. Five Palestinians were detained and one ISF soldier was reported injured during the clashes. In the late afternoon, ISF reportedly fired a missile towards Palestinian houses in the camp, resulting in property damage. One Palestinian woman was injured. ISF also detained five paramedics from the Palestinian Red Crescent Society.
- On the same day in the late evening ISF closed all entrances to the camp with earth mounds. Exchanges of fire were also reported in Tulkarm city and Nur Shams refugee camp. On the morning of 16 January, ISF reportedly rammed a Palestinian vehicle on Nablus Street in Tulkarm city, and then detained the four Palestinians who were inside following an interrogation. In the evening, ISF reportedly opened fire at another Palestinian vehicle in Izbet Al Jarad, killing one Palestinian and injuring two, including a child.
- Both Tulkarm and Nur Sams refugee camps have been undergoing heavy destruction and dozens of Palestinians have been arrested.
- UNRWA operations have been severely impacted and are currently suspended. Due to the security situation, the Palestinian Education Directorate suspended operations in the city switching all schools to e-learning.
- Overnight between 15 and 16 January, 14 Palestinians were detained in Idha, southern West Bank. On 16 January, ISF reportedly demolished several commercial structures and barracks, and confiscated Palestinian vehicles.
- Clashes between ISF and Palestinians were also reported during search and arrests operations in Nablus, Balata Camp and Askar Camp, northern West Bank. On 16 January, ISF conducted a search and arrest operation in Nablus, injuring one Palestinian and detaining another.
- Early morning on 17 January, ISF conducted search and arrest operations in Balata and Askar Camps, through these exchanges, ISF reportedly fired a rocket towards a vehicle near Balata Camp killing three Palestinians.
- On 16 January, ISF injured six Palestinians and detained 40 Palestinian workers originally from the Gaza Strip during a search and arrest operation in Qalqilya, northern West Bank.
- On 16 January, clashes between ISF and Palestinians were reported in Hussan, southern West Bank. ISF reportedly fired live ammunition in Al Martina area at the eastern entrance of the city, and completely closed the area, as well as the center of the village, forcing Palestinians to close their shops.

2. Overall situation

The Gaza Strip

- According to the Ministry of Health in Gaza as of 17 January, at least 24,448 Palestinians have been killed in the Gaza Strip since 7 October. About 70 per cent of those killed are reported to be women and children. Another 61,504 Palestinians have been reportedly injured.

The West Bank, including East Jerusalem

- According to OCHA, between 7 October 2023 – 17 January 2024, 355 Palestinians, including 90 children, have been killed in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem.
- Last year (2023), was the deadliest year for Palestinians in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem since the UN began recording casualties in 2005.

3. Humanitarian access & protection of civilians

The Gaza Strip

Please see below the inputs for the period 16-17 January 2024.

- UNRWA is working to verify the details of incidents reportedly affecting UNRWA premises. Further information will be provided once it becomes available.
- On 16 January, a Health Centre in Gaza City was reportedly directly struck whereby at least two rooms were reportedly hit. Three IDPs sheltering at the health centre were reportedly killed and many others were injured. UNRWA is working to determine the number of IDPs inside the health centre at the time of the incident and the number of injuries.
- On 16 January, due to a strike near a school in Khan Younis, shrapnel fell inside the school and caused an injury to a displaced man who received treatment at the medical point inside the school. Thousands of IDPs were sheltering in the school at the time.
- On 17 January, a school in Khan Younis was reportedly used by ISF for military operations, including for dropping supplies for the military. Damages to the school building were reported in a number of locations, including severe damage to walls.
- **238** incidents impacting UNRWA premises and the people inside them have been reported since the beginning of the war (some with multiple incidents impacting the same location), including at least 24 incidents of military use and/or interference at UNRWA premises. 68 different UNRWA installations were directly hit and 69 different installations sustained collateral damage.
- UNRWA estimates that in total at least **334** internally displaced people (IDPs) sheltering in UNRWA shelters have been killed and at least another **1,159*** injured since the start of the war. UNRWA is still verifying the number of casualties caused by incidents that impacted its installations, and notes that these figures do not include some reported casualties where the number of injuries could not be determined.

* Numbers are subject to change once further verifications have been conducted.

4. UNRWA response

The Gaza Strip

UNRWA Shelters

- As of 17 January, in total, nearly **1.7 million displaced people are now sheltering across emergency shelters (UNRWA and public shelters), informal sites or in close vicinity to UNRWA shelters and distribution sites and within host communities.**
- **Due to the security situation and ISF evacuation orders between 150-155 UNRWA installations continue to shelter IDPs. Shelters remain very congested.**

Health

Due to the security situation in combination with internet connectivity we are unable to update our results for health.

- On 11 January 2024, only six (out of 22) UNRWA health centres were operational in the middle and southern areas with **9,875 patient visits recorded.**
- Midwives are providing care for post-natal and high-risk pregnant women at health centres. On 11 January, a total of 165 post-natal and high-risk pregnancy cases were attended to at the health centres.
- On 11 January, UNRWA continued to provide health care at UNRWA health centres and shelters with 690 staff maintaining health services.
- On 11 January, UNRWA attended to 20,952 patients in UNRWA shelters and health centres.
- Mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) services continued in the Middle Areas and Khan Younis (south) with a team of two psychiatrists and 20 counsellors and supervisors to assist special cases referred from health centres and shelters. On 11 January, the team responded to 1,962 cases through individual consultations, awareness sessions and support for gender-based violence cases.
- UNRWA received vaccines from UNICEF for its health centres. Eight different types of vaccines were received (refrigerated and freezer storage). This allowed for vaccinations to restart. On 11 January, a total of 768 children were vaccinated against diseases such as measles, mumps and rubella, and others.

Psychosocial support (PSS)

- On January 16, UNRWA teams continue to provide psychosocial first aid and other specialized protection services to IDPs.
- **283 school counsellors and assistant counsellors conducted 995 individual and family consultations in Rafah and Khan Younis (south), alongside 722 group sessions.** 13,407 IDPs were reached, with the cumulative total of 74,187 PSS sessions since 7 October.
- During the same period, school counsellors provided psychological support to nearly 275 UNRWA staff, through in-person and remote consultations. **The total number of UNRWA staff who have received psychological support since the beginning of the hostilities is 8,589.**

Food security

- UNRWA continued to **distribute flour** outside of shelters in the southern governorates. **A total of 309,779 families have been reached so far.**

Water and Sanitation Services (WASH)

Due to the security situation in combination with internet connectivity we are unable to update our results for WASH.

- On 16 January, water wells in Jabalia (north), Khan Younis and Rafah (south) were operational. Nearly 3,000 cubic metres have been pumped. Khan Younis and Rafah water wells have operated in two shifts (12 hours) to provide potable/domestic water supply services.
 - Provision of potable water through tankers at Rafah and Middle area ensured availability of water in shelters, with some interruption in the Middle Area due to evacuation orders. Khan Younis shelters are provided with water through UNRWA water wells.
 - Solid waste management services continued in Rafah, Khan Younis and Middle Area camps (partially). The service is suspended in Bureij camp due to the military operations. About 45 loadings were transferred to temporary dumping sites.

Quote from Marwa, displaced in Khan Younis:

["Every day we wonder when the clock will tick again on our lives.](#) I dreamed of becoming a doctor, but my home and my university collapsed, and alongside them collapsed all my dreams and hopes of achieving my dreams."

ENDs -



UNRWA situation and response to the escalation in the Gaza Strip

IDPs in UNRWA installations

Confirmed IDP numbers, since 7 October 2023



1,700,000*
IDPs**



At least **334** IDPs sheltering in UNRWA premises have been killed and **1,159** injured since 7 October.

UNRWA fatalities and damage to installations



151 UNRWA colleagues **killed**



238
incidents



137
UNRWA
installations
damaged

* This includes c.1 million individuals residing in or near emergency shelters or informal shelters. Notably, as of October 12, approximately 160,000 internally displaced persons (IDPs) were recorded in north Gaza and Gaza governorates. However, the ability of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA) to provide humanitarian support and updated data in these areas has been severely restricted. The ongoing hostilities, evacuation orders issued by Israeli Forces, and the constant need for safer locations have resulted in people being displaced multiple times.

** UNRWA has reported in Situation Report 64 that up to 1.9 million IDPs are either residing in 154 UNRWA shelters or near the se shelters. Due to the continued escalation of fighting and evacuation orders, some households have moved away from the shelters where they were initially registered.

** It is important to note that there are instances where the same IDPs are registered in multiple shelters due to the fluid movement of populations; hereafter, estimates are used for these shelters. UNRWA plans to conduct a more accurate count of IDPs in shelters, including informal shelters, as soon as the security situation allows.

UNRWA response – Food assistance



309,779 families outside of shelters have received flour in middle areas and southern governorates since 21 Nov.

UNRWA response – Health



Last updated on 11 Jan due to security and internet connectivity issues

165 post-natal and high-risk pregnancy cases were attended to at health centres

20,952 patients received healthcare in 6 (out of 22) UNRWA health care centres and UNRWA shelters.

UNRWA response – Water, sanitation and hygiene



Updated on 16 Jan:

7 water wells continue to operate pumping approximately 3,000 cubic metres of water.

Solid waste management continues in Rafah and Khan Younis and partially in Middle Areas, where **approximately 45 truck loadings were transferred to temporary sites**

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UNRWA Situation Report #67 on the situation in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank, including East Jerusalem



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People sheltering in the UNRWA Bureij Joint Preparatory School, Middle Areas (the Gaza Strip), January 2024. © 2024 UNRWA Photo by Ashraf Amra

1. Key points

The Gaza Strip

- As of 20 January 2024, the total number of UNRWA colleagues killed since the beginning of hostilities is **151**.
- According to OCHA, telecommunication services in Gaza have been down for the past seven days. Significant disruption of telecommunication services prevents people in Gaza from accessing life-saving information or calling for first responders, and continues to impede humanitarian response.
- As of 20 January, up to 1.7 million* people (over 75 per cent of the population)** have been displaced across the Gaza Strip, some multiple times.*** Families are forced to move repeatedly in search of safety. Following intense Israeli bombardments and fighting in Khan Younis and the Middle Areas in recent days, a significant number of displaced people have moved again further south.

*This includes 1 million individuals residing in or near emergency shelters or informal shelters. As of October 12, approximately 160,000 internally displaced persons (IDPs) were recorded in north Gaza and Gaza governorates. The ability of UNRWA to provide humanitarian support and updated data in these areas has been severely restricted. The ongoing hostilities, evacuation orders issued by Israeli Forces, and the constant need for safer locations have resulted in people being displaced multiple times.

**UNRWA has reported in Situation Report 64 that up to 1.9 million IDPs are either residing in 154 UNRWA shelters or near these shelters. Due to the continued escalation of fighting and evacuation orders, some households have moved away from the shelters where they were initially registered.

*** There are instances where the same IDPs are registered in multiple shelters due to the fluid movement of populations; hereafter, estimates are used for these shelters. UNRWA plans to conduct a more accurate count of IDPs in shelters, including informal shelters, as soon as the security situation allows.

The West Bank, including East Jerusalem

Next update for West Bank, including East Jerusalem will be on 23 January.

2. Overall situation

The Gaza Strip

- According to the Ministry of Health in Gaza as of 19 January, at least 24,762 Palestinians have been killed in the Gaza Strip since 7 October. About 70 per cent of those killed are reported to be women and children. Another 62,108 Palestinians have been reportedly injured.

The West Bank, including East Jerusalem

- According to OCHA, between 7 October 2023–19 January 2024, 358 Palestinians, including 91 children, have been killed in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem.
- Last year (2023), was the deadliest year for Palestinians in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem since the UN began recording casualties in 2005.

3. Humanitarian access & protection of civilians

The Gaza Strip

Please see below the inputs for the period 18 - 20 January 2024.

- UNRWA is working to verify the details of incidents reportedly affecting UNRWA premises. Further information will be provided once it becomes available.
- On 18 January 2024, a distribution centre in the Middle Area was directly hit, causing damages. There were no reports of injuries.
- On 20 January 2024, a school in Khan Younis (south) was directly struck, resulting in the death of a 10-year-old child. Two IDPs were injured and transferred to the hospital. Additionally, the buildings of the school were reportedly hit by several stray bullets. Thousands of IDPs were sheltering at the school at the time of the incident.
- On 20 January 2024, two stray bullets hit the western building of a health centre in Khan Younis, which also hosts UNRWA Area Operations Room from where emergency operations are coordinated. No injuries were reported.
- **241** incidents impacting UNRWA premises and the people inside them have been reported since the beginning of the war (some with multiple incidents impacting the same location), including at least 24 incidents of military use and/or interference at UNRWA premises. 70 different UNRWA installations were directly hit, and 71 different installations sustained collateral damage.
- UNRWA estimates that in total at least **335** internally displaced people (IDPs) sheltering in UNRWA shelters have been killed and at least another **1,161*** injured since the start of the war. UNRWA is still

verifying the number of casualties caused by incidents that impacted its installations, and notes that these figures do not include some reported casualties where the number of injuries could not be determined.

* Numbers are subject to change once further verifications have been conducted.

4. UNRWA response

The Gaza Strip

UNRWA Shelters

- As of 19 January, in total, nearly **1.7 million displaced people are now sheltering across emergency shelters (UNRWA and public shelters), informal sites or in close vicinity to UNRWA shelters and distribution sites and within host communities.**

Due to the security situation and ISF evacuation orders between 150-155 UNRWA installations continue to shelter IDPs. Shelters are very congested.

Health

Due to the security situation in combination with internet connectivity we are only able to provide updates until 16 January.

- On 16 January 2024, only six (out of 22) UNRWA health centres were operational in the middle and southern areas with **9,336 patient visits recorded.**
- Midwives are providing care for post-natal and high-risk pregnant women at health centres. On 16 January, a total of 156 post-natal and high-risk pregnancy cases were attended to at the health centres.
- On 16 January, UNRWA continued to provide health care at UNRWA health centres and shelters with 531 staff maintaining health services.
- On 16 January, UNRWA attended to 16,294 patients in UNRWA shelters and health centres.
- Mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) services continued in the Middle Area and Khan Younis (south) with a team of two psychiatrists and 20 counsellors and supervisors to assist special cases referred from health centres. On 16 January, the team responded to 812 cases through individual consultations, awareness sessions and support for gender-based violence cases.
- UNRWA received vaccines from UNICEF for its health centres. Eight different types of vaccines were received (refrigerated and freezer storage). This allowed for vaccinations to restart. On 16 January, a total of 759 children were vaccinated against diseases such as measles, mumps and rubella, and others.

Psychosocial support (PSS)

- On January 20, UNRWA teams continue to provide psychosocial first aid and other specialized protection services to IDPs.

- **283 school counsellors and assistant counsellors conducted 1,332 individual and family consultations in Rafah and Khan Younis (south), alongside 1,350 group sessions.** 30,970 IDPs were reached, with the cumulative total of 76,869 PSS sessions between 7 October – 18 January
- During the same period, school counsellors provided psychological support to nearly 478 UNRWA staff, through in-person and remote consultations. **The total number of UNRWA staff who have received psychological support since the beginning of the hostilities is 9,067.**

Food security

- UNRWA continued to **distribute flour** outside of shelters in the southern governorates. **A total of 323,482 families have been reached so far.**

Water and Sanitation Services (WASH)

Due to the security situation in combination with internet connectivity we are unable to update our results for WASH.

- On 16 January, water wells in Jabalia (north), Khan Younis and Rafah (south) were operational. Nearly 3,000 cubic metres have been pumped. Khan Younis and Rafah water wells have operated in two shifts (12 hours) to provide potable/domestic water supply services.
 - Provision of potable water through tankers at Rafah and Middle Area ensured availability of water in shelters, with some interruption in the Middle Area due to evacuation orders. Khan Younis shelters are provided with water through UNRWA water wells
 - Solid waste management services continued in Rafah, Khan Younis and Middle Area camps (partially). The service is suspended in Bureij camp due to military operations. About 45 loadings were transferred to temporary dumping sites.

Quote from Naser, UNRWA staff working at the Rafah Crossing:

“Despite the challenges we face, our commitment remains strong. Together, we strive to support to those in need during times of crisis.”

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UNRWA situation and response to the escalation in the Gaza Strip

IDPs in UNRWA installations

Confirmed IDP numbers, since 7 October 2023



1,700,000*
IDPs**



At least **335** IDPs sheltering in UNRWA premises have been killed and **1,161** injured since 7 October.

UNRWA fatalities and damage to installations



151 UNRWA colleagues killed



241
incidents



141
UNRWA
installations
damaged

* This includes c.1 million individuals residing in or near emergency shelters or informal shelters. Notably, as of October 12, approximately 160,000 internally displaced persons (IDPs) were recorded in north Gaza and Gaza governorates. However, the ability of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA) to provide humanitarian support and updated data in these areas has been severely restricted. The ongoing hostilities, evacuation orders issued by Israeli Forces, and the constant need for safer locations have resulted in people being displaced multiple times.

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UNRWA response – Food assistance



323,482 families outside of shelters have received flour in middle areas and southern governorates since 21 Nov.

UNRWA response – Health



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UNRWA Situation Report #68 on the situation in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank, including East Jerusalem



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Families forced to flee Khan Younis to Rafah, southern Gaza Strip, 22 January 2024. © 2024 UNRWA Photo by Ashraf Amra

1. Key points

The Gaza Strip

- Intense fighting in/around Khan Younis over the last 3 days is causing loss of lives and damage to civilian infrastructure, including UNRWA's largest shelter in the southern area, the Khan Younis Training Centre.
- As of 22 January 2024, the total number of UNRWA colleagues killed since the beginning of hostilities has increased by one and is now **152**.
- According to OCHA, telecommunication services in Gaza have been gradually restored in most of the Strip, while internet remains severely disrupted in all areas. This prevents people in Gaza from accessing life-saving information and continues to impede humanitarian response. Due to the security situation and poor internet connectivity we are unable to update the number of people reached since Sitrep 67.
- As of 22 January, up to 1.7 million* people (over 75 per cent of the population)** have been displaced across the Gaza Strip, some multiple times.*** Families are forced to move repeatedly in search of safety. Following intense Israeli bombardments and fighting in Khan

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The West Bank, including East Jerusalem

[West Bank updates cover 18 – 21 January 2024.](#)

Between 18 – 21 January the following Israeli Security Forces (ISF) search and arrest operations occurred:

- Search and arrest operations in Tulkarm city, Tulkarm refugee camp and Nur Shams refugee camp, northern West Bank concluded on the morning of 19 January, after 45 hours. The operations resulted in multiple fatalities, injuries and arrests, as well as unprecedented damage to both refugee camps, including houses and streets.
 1. On 18 January, exchanges of fire between Palestinians and ISF continued in Tulkarm refugee camp, nine Palestinians were reported injured, eight from physical assault and one from live ammunition. ISF reportedly prevented Palestinian Red Crescent Services' ambulances from transferring injured Palestinians and a woman who was giving birth, to the hospital. In the afternoon, ISF reportedly detonated several Palestinian houses and installations with explosives and set a house on fire. Also, ISF reportedly continued destroying property and infrastructure in the camp, physically assaulting people and detaining Palestinians. Two Palestinian children were killed and three Palestinians injured. In Nur Shams camp, ISF reportedly continued bulldozing and destroying camp infrastructure. One house was demolished, one Palestinian killed and one child injured.
- Overnight on 18 January, four Palestinians were detained in a search and arrest operation in Nablus, northern West Bank.
- Overnight on 18 January, six Palestinians were injured with live ammunition when ISF reportedly opened fire at Palestinians during a search and arrest operation in Al Am'ari camp, central West Bank.

- Early in the morning on 18 January, ISF conducted multiple search and arrest operations in different locations in southern West Bank. Twelve Palestinians were detained in Aroub refugee camp and eighteen Palestinians were detained in Harmala, southern West Bank.
- On 19 January, ISF conducted a search and arrest operation in Qalqiliya city, northern West Bank. ISF reportedly opened fired during clashes with Palestinians near the southern entrance of the city, injuring one Palestinian with live ammunition. Another exchange of fire between Palestinians and ISF was reported at the northern entrance of the city. On 22 January, ISF detained two Palestinians and reportedly assaulted and injured a Palestinian elder in his home during a search and arrest operation.
- Early in the morning on 21 January in Al Khalil, southern West Bank ISF conducted punitive demolition of the houses of the two Palestinians who were killed in the security incidents at the Tunnels checkpoint on 16 November 2023. Clashes started during the demolition, and ISF reportedly opened fire at Palestinians, injuring one with live ammunition.
- On 22 January, ISF opened fired in clashes during a search and arrest operation in Al Bireh, central West Bank. One Palestinian was injured in the head with a live ammunition shrapnel and three Palestinians were detained.
- On 22 January, ISF opened fired in clashes during a search and arrest operation in Yatta, southern West Bank. Two Palestinians, including one minor, were injured with a live ammunition.
- On 22 January, ISF conducted a search and arrest operation in Izbat At Tayyah village, east of Tulkarm city, northern West Bank. UNRWA operations were severally impacted.

2. Overall situation

The Gaza Strip

- According to the Ministry of Health in Gaza as of 22 January, at least 25,295 Palestinians have been killed in the Gaza Strip since 7 October. About 70 per cent of those killed are reported to be women and children. Another 63,000 Palestinians have been reportedly injured.

The West Bank, including East Jerusalem

- According to OCHA, between 7 October 2023 – 22 January 2024, 358 Palestinians, including 91 children, have been killed in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem.
 - Last year (2023), was the deadliest year for Palestinians in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem since the UN began recording casualties in 2005.

3. Humanitarian access & protection of civilians

The Gaza Strip

Please see below the inputs for the period 21 - 22 January 2024, with some reporting on incidents that had occurred earlier in the month.

- UNRWA is working to verify the details of incidents reportedly affecting UNRWA premises. Further information will be provided once it becomes available.

- On 8 January, classrooms of a school in Maghazi camp, in the Middle area, were directly struck and severely damaged. An unconfirmed number of people were killed inside the school and were subsequently buried in the schoolyard alongside other people killed outside the school in the same incident.
- On 13 January, due to kinetic strikes near a distribution centre and an Relief and Social Services Office in Nuseirat camp, in the Middle area, some shrapnel fell on the roof of the guard rooms causing damage to the buildings. No injuries were reported.
- On 13 January, stray bullets and many pieces of shrapnel fell inside a school in Khan Younis. No damage or injuries were reported. Thousands of IDPs were sheltering in the school at the time of the incident.
- On 15 January, the ISF surrounded an area in Gaza City where a school was sheltering IDPs; heavy shelling caused shrapnel to fall in the school, injuring three IDPs inside. The ISF entered the school using tanks, bulldozers and infantry troops. ISF bulldozers destroyed the perimeter walls. The ISF ordered the IDPs to evacuate the classrooms and separated the men from the women and children. The men were made to strip to their underwear and go through screening and interrogation with their hands tied, whilst the women and children were searched by female ISF soldiers. The ISF forced the evacuation of 700 IDPs including older persons, pregnant women, the sick and the injured. Subsequently, the IDPs moved towards the South of Wadi Gaza through the coastal road.
- On 22 January 2024, six IDPs were killed and 16 were injured because of stray bullets and shrapnel falling in the adjacent area outside the Khan Younis Training Centre (KYTC), where many IDPs had set up their tents. The bodies of the killed persons and the injured were brought inside the KYTC. The bodies were later evacuated by PRCS. All the injured were treated at the medical point inside the KYTC.
- On 22 January 2024, a store in Khan Younis was completely burnt due to shelling. No deaths or injuries were reported.
- **249*** incidents impacting UNRWA premises and the people inside them have been reported since the beginning of the war (some with multiple incidents impacting the same location), including at least 25 incidents of military use and/or interference at UNRWA premises. 70 different UNRWA installations were directly hit, and 71 different installations sustained collateral damage.
- UNRWA estimates that in total at least **341*** internally displaced people (IDPs) sheltering in UNRWA shelters have been killed and at least a further **1,180*** injured since the start of the war. UNRWA is still verifying the number of casualties caused by incidents that impacted its installations, and notes that these figures do not include some reported casualties where the number of injuries could not be determined.

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4. UNRWA response

The Gaza Strip

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UNRWA Shelters

- As of 19 January, in total, nearly **1.7 million displaced people are now sheltering across emergency shelters (UNRWA and public shelters), informal sites or in close vicinity to UNRWA shelters and distribution sites and within host communities.**

Due to the security situation and ISF evacuation orders between 150-155 UNRWA installations continue to shelter IDPs. Shelters are very congested.

Health

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Psychosocial support (PSS)

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Food security

Due to the security situation in combination with internet connectivity we are unable to provide updates.

Water and Sanitation Services (WASH)

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Quote from Mohammed, UNRWA engineer specialized in communications and networks:

"I have been working with UNRWA since 2004, and I have experienced numerous emergencies, wars and crises, but I have never witnessed a situation as catastrophic as this."

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UNRWA situation and response to the escalation in the Gaza Strip

IDPs in UNRWA installations

Confirmed IDP numbers, since 7 October 2023



1,700,000*
IDPs**



At least **335** IDPs sheltering in UNRWA premises have been killed and **1,161** injured since 7 October.

UNRWA fatalities and damage to installations



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UNRWA response – Food assistance



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UNRWA Situation Report #69 on the situation in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank, including East Jerusalem



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People in inhumane living conditions in Khan Younis Training Centre, southern Gaza Strip, January 2024. © 2024 UNRWA Photo by Hussein Owda

1. Key points

The Gaza Strip

- Intense fighting in/around Khan Younis (Southwest of Gaza) over the last three days is causing loss of lives and damage to civilian infrastructure, including UNRWA's largest shelter in the southern area, the Khan Younis Training Centre.
- On 24 January, the UNRWA Khan Younis Training Centre was hit by direct fire. It struck a building housing 800 displaced people. At least 13 people were killed and 56 injured, 21 of them critically, in what should have been a place of safety. 43,000 internally displaced people are registered in and within close vicinity of the training centre, which is being used as an UNRWA shelter. Yesterday's strike was the third direct hit on this compound. UNRWA shares the location of all its facilities including shelters directly with Israeli authorities. UNRWA received assurances that people inside them would be safe.
- As of 22 January 2024, the total number of UNRWA colleagues killed since the beginning of hostilities has increased by one and is now **152**.

- According to OCHA, telecommunication services in Gaza have been gradually restored in most of the Strip, while the internet remains severely disrupted in all areas. This prevents people in Gaza from accessing life-saving information and continues to impede humanitarian response. Due to the security situation and poor internet connectivity, we are unable to update the number of people reached since Sitrep 67.
- As of 22 January, up to 1.7 million* people (over 75 per cent of the population)** have been displaced across the Gaza Strip, some multiple times.*** Families are forced to move repeatedly in search of safety. Following intense Israeli bombardments and fighting in Khan Younis and the Middle Areas in recent days, a significant number of displaced people have moved again further south.

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The West Bank, including East Jerusalem

West Bank updates cover 23 – 24 January 2024.

Between 23–24 January the following Israeli Security Forces (ISF) search and arrest operations occurred:

- Overnight on 22 – 23 January, ISF conducted a search and arrest operation in Beit Furik, northern West Bank. ISF reportedly opened fire during the clashes injuring one Palestinian.
- On 23 January near Enab checkpoint, southeast of Tulkarm, northern West Bank, ISF shot dead a Palestinian from Far'un village. Following the incident, ISF closed the checkpoint.
- On 23 January at night, ISF conducted a search and arrest operation in Ya'bad, northern West Bank. ISF reportedly opened fire during the clashes injuring one Palestinian with live ammunition.
- On 23 January at night, ISF conducted a search and arrest operation in Nablus, northern West Bank. ISF reportedly opened fire during the clashes injuring two Palestinians, including a minor, with live ammunition. Palestinian Red Crescent Society ambulances were reportedly prevented from reaching the injured by ISF.

- On 23 January at night, ISF conducted a search and arrest operation in Sabastiya, northern West Bank. ISF reportedly opened fire during the clashes and destroyed several Palestinian vehicles.
- On the morning of 23 January, a Palestinian woman allegedly attempted to stab ISF soldiers. ISF shot her near the Psagot settlement, injuring her. She was then detained.
- On 24 January, ISF reportedly shot at a Palestinian in Al Jalama, northern West Bank, resulting in shrapnel injuries.
- On 24 January, ISF conducted a search and arrest operation in Beita, northern central West Bank, injuring one Palestinian.
- On 24 January, ISF conducted a search and arrest operation in Adh Dhahiriya, southern central West Bank. ISF reportedly used live ammunition and tear gas canisters during clashes, injuring a Palestinian with live ammunition. ISF reportedly confiscated five Palestinian vehicles.

2. Overall situation

The Gaza Strip

- According to the Ministry of Health in Gaza as of 24 January, at least 25,700 Palestinians have been killed in the Gaza Strip since 7 October. About 70 per cent of those killed are reported to be women and children. Another 63,740 Palestinians have been reportedly injured.

The West Bank, including East Jerusalem

- According to OCHA, between 7 October 2023 – 22 January 2024, 360 Palestinians, including 92 children, have been killed in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem.
 - Last year (2023), was the deadliest year for Palestinians in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem since the UN began recording casualties in 2005.

3. Humanitarian access & protection of civilians

The Gaza Strip

Please see incidents for the period 23-24 January 2024 below:

- UNRWA is working to verify the details of incidents reportedly affecting UNRWA premises. Further information will be provided once it becomes available.
 - On 23 January, two IDPs were killed by gunshot and eight IDPs were injured inside the Khan Younis Training Centre, of whom six were injured by gunshots and two by shrapnel resulting from strikes on a nearby location.
 - On 24 January, a school in Khan Younis was directly struck by artillery shelling and gunfire, resulting in eight IDPs being injured. Thousands of IDPs were sheltering at the school at the time of the incident.
 - On 24 January, stray bullets and pieces of shrapnel fell inside the Khan Younis Training Centre. As a result, one IDP was killed and three were injured.

- Later on the same day, the carpentry workshop at the Khan Younis Training Centre was hit from the northern side by three tank shells and gunshots. As a result, a fire broke out inside the carpentry workshop. 13 IDPs were killed and at least 56 were injured. Civil Defense arrived at the site and put the fire out. Nearly 43,000 IDPs were sheltering in and around the Training Centre at the time of the incident.
- **253*** incidents impacting UNRWA premises and the people inside them have been reported since the beginning of the war (some with multiple incidents impacting the same location), including at least 25 incidents of military use and/or interference at UNRWA premises. 70 different UNRWA installations were directly hit, and 71 different installations sustained collateral damage.
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4. UNRWA response

The Gaza Strip

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Health

Due to the security situation in combination with internet connectivity we are only able to provide partial health updates.

On 22 January, only four (out of 22) UNRWA health centres were operational. This follows the closure of two health centres in Khan Younis following ISF military operations.

UNRWA received vaccines from UNICEF for its health centres. **Eleven** different types of vaccines were received (refrigerated and freezer storage). This allowed for vaccinations to restart. Since 3 January up to 24 January, over **13,700** children were vaccinated against diseases such as measles, mumps and rubella, and others.

Hepatitis A infection is spreading across informal camps due to overcrowding and lack of clean water and proper sanitation. UNRWA continues to monitor the situation, with suspected cases almost 16 times higher in January so far compared to the whole of November 2023. The massive

increase reflects Gaza's worsening living conditions, particularly shortage of safe water and inadequate sanitation and hygiene.

Psychosocial support (PSS)

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Food security

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Quote from Thomas White, Director of UNRWA Affairs in Gaza:

"The situation in Khan Younis underscores a consistent failure to uphold the fundamental principles of international humanitarian law: distinction, proportionality and precautions in carrying out attacks. This is unacceptable and abhorrent and must stop. Every measure must be taken to protect civilians."

Read the official statements:

- [Senior Un Official In Gaza: Civilians Trapped Amid Intensified Attacks In Khan Younis](#)
- [Khan Younis: One Of The Largest Unrwa Shelters Hit During Military Operations](#)

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UNRWA Situation Report #70 on the situation in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank, including East Jerusalem



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Children under heavy rain in Rafah City, southern Gaza Strip, January 2024. © 2024 UNRWA Photo by Mohamed Hinnawi

1. Key points

The Gaza Strip

- Intense fighting in/around Khan Younis (southwest of Gaza) over the last six days is causing loss of lives and damage to civilian infrastructure, including UNRWA's largest shelter in the southern area, the Khan Younis Training Centre (KYTC).
- As of 27 January 2024, the total number of UNRWA colleagues killed since the beginning of hostilities has increased by one and is now **152**.
- As of 22 January, up to 1.7 million* people (over 75 per cent of the population)** have been displaced across the Gaza Strip, some multiple times.*** Families are forced to move repeatedly in search of safety. Following intense Israeli bombardments and fighting in Khan Younis and the Middle Areas in recent days, a significant number of displaced people have moved again further south.
- In the period between 21 October and 24 January, people received **21,881 metric tons (MT) of flour**, including **12,987 from UNRWA**.

- **In the same period, UNRWA delivered to Gaza:**
 - **Medicines and medical supplies** for a total value of more than US\$ 6.2 million.
 - Nearly **19 million litres of water**.
 - **2.7 million units of biscuits and high energy biscuits**.
 - **Nearly 4.7 million cans of protein-based food**, including beans, chicken, beef and canned meat.
 - **Over 6.5 million units of dairy items** (cheese).
 - **Other food items** including dates, cake and juice.
 - Non-food items (NFI) including nearly **100,000 mattresses; 80,000 family hygiene kits; over 3.1 million diapers; approximately 144,000 blankets; and over 1.9 million cleaning supply items**.
- On 25 and 26 January, Israeli protestors blocked aid trucks from accessing Gaza through the Kerem Shalom crossing.

*This includes 1 million individuals residing in or near emergency shelters or informal shelters. As of October 12, approximately 160,000 internally displaced persons (IDPs) were recorded in north Gaza and Gaza governorates. The ability of UNRWA to provide humanitarian support and updated data in these areas has been severely restricted. The ongoing hostilities, evacuation orders issued by Israeli Forces, and the constant need for safer locations have resulted in people being displaced multiple times.

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The West Bank, including East Jerusalem

The next West Bank update will be on 30 January 2024.

2. Overall situation

The Gaza Strip

- According to the Ministry of Health in Gaza as of 26 January, at least 26,083 Palestinians have been killed in the Gaza Strip since 7 October. About 70 per cent of those killed are reported to be women and children. Another 64,487 Palestinians have been reportedly injured.

The West Bank, including East Jerusalem

- According to OCHA, between 7 October 2023 – 26 January 2024, 361 Palestinians, including 92 children, have been killed in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem.
 - Last year (2023), was the deadliest year for Palestinians in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem since the UN began recording casualties in 2005.

3. Humanitarian access & protection of civilians

The Gaza Strip

Please see incidents for the period 25-27 January 2024. Note that the below includes a number of incidents that had occurred earlier but information became available during this reporting period.

- UNRWA is working to verify the details of incidents reportedly affecting UNRWA premises. Further information will be provided once it becomes available.
- On 16 November 2023, a health centre in Gaza town was directly struck, resulting in damage to the building and the boundary wall.
- On 16 November 2023, due to military activity and strikes in front of the gate of a school in Gaza town, the school sustained collateral damage.
- On 1 December 2023, a school in Khan Younis was directly hit, resulting in damages to the school. No casualties were reported. About 5,200 IDPs were reportedly sheltering in the school at the time of the incident.
- On 19 January 2024, due to strikes on a site close to the KYTC, fragments fell on a tent that IDPs had set up at the outside wall of the KYTC due to lack of space inside. As a result, a woman was killed and another individual sustained injuries.
- On 25 January 2024, a school in Khan Younis was directly struck. As a result, two IDPs were killed and 15 injured. Thousands of IDPs were reportedly sheltering at the school at the time of the incident. In a second incident, later on the same day, the area in front of the school was directly struck. As a result, 20 people were injured inside the school, including an UNRWA doctor in charge of the medical point.
- On 25 January 2024, during two different incidents, stray bullets and pieces of shrapnel fell inside the KYTC. As a result, ten IDPs were injured.
- On 25 January 2024, due to a strike that hit a number of cars parked in front of a school in Khan Younis, a fire broke out and many pieces of shrapnel fell inside the school. No injuries were reported. Thousands of IDPs were reportedly sheltering in the school at the time of the incident.
- On 26 January 2024, shrapnel fell inside a school in Khan Younis, resulting in one man sheltering in the school being seriously injured. The injured man was transferred to Nasser Hospital. Thousands of IDPs were reportedly sheltering in the school at the time of the incident.
- **263*** incidents impacting UNRWA premises and the people inside them have been reported since the beginning of the war (some with multiple incidents impacting the same location), including at least 25 incidents of military use and/or interference at UNRWA premises.
- UNRWA estimates that in total at least **360*** IDPs sheltering in UNRWA shelters have been killed and at least a further **1,302*** injured since the start of the war. UNRWA is still verifying the number of casualties caused by incidents that impacted its installations, and notes that these figures do not include some reported casualties where the number of injuries could not be determined.

* numbers are subject to change once further verifications have been conducted.

4. UNRWA response

The Gaza Strip

Due to the security situation in combination with internet connectivity we are unable to provide any additional updates since Sitrep 67.

- As of 27 January, in total, nearly **1.7 million displaced people are now sheltering across emergency shelters (UNRWA and public shelters), informal sites or in close vicinity to UNRWA shelters and distribution sites and within host communities.**

Due to the security situation and ISF evacuation orders between 150-155 UNRWA installations continue to shelter IDPs. Shelters are very congested.

Health

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Psychosocial support (PSS)

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Food security

Due to the security situation in combination with internet connectivity we are unable to provide updates.

Water and Sanitation Services (WASH)

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Quote from Abu Shadi, displaced in the Southern Gaza Strip:

“Getting a shelter from UNRWA has made a huge difference. We no longer fear the cold or the harsh weather. Our children can finally rest, knowing they are warm.”

ENDs -



UNRWA situation and response to the escalation in the Gaza Strip

IDPs in UNRWA installations

Confirmed IDP numbers, since 7 October 2023



1,700,000*
IDPs**



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UNRWA fatalities and damage to installations



152 UNRWA colleagues **killed**



263
incidents



145
UNRWA
installations
damaged

UNRWA response – Food assistance



323,482 families outside of shelters have received flour in middle areas and southern governorates since 21 Nov.

UNRWA response – Health



Partial update on 22 Jan due to security and internet connectivity issues

Further reduction in health services with now only 4 (out of 22) UNRWA health care centres operational.

UNRWA response – Water, sanitation and hygiene



Updated on 16 Jan:

7 water wells continue to operate pumping approximately 3,000 cubic metres of water.

Solid waste management continues in Rafah and Khan Younis and partially in Middle Areas, where **approximately 45 truck loadings were transferred to temporary sites**

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