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UNRWA Situation Report #71 on the situation in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank, including East Jerusalem

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Displaced families living in an UNRWA school turned shelter in Deir al-Balah, Middle Areas, The 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 eight days is causing loss of life and damage to civilian infrastructure, including UNRWA's largest shelter in the southern area, the Khan Younis Training Centre (KYTC).
- As of 29 January 2024, the total number of UNRWA colleagues killed since the beginning of hostilities has increased by one and is now **152.**
- As of 29 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 further south.

- According to OCHA, on 29 January, the Israeli military ordered several neighborhoods in Gaza City to evacuate towards the south. This area consisted of approximately 59 shelters with an estimated 88,000 IDPs who are being forcibly displaced again.

- On 29 January, there was a resumption of aid trucks accessing Gaza via the Kerem Shalom crossing following days of disruption due to Israeli protesters.

*This includes one 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

Several Israel Security Forces (ISF) search and arrest operations leading to confrontations with Palestinians occurred between 25–29 January.

On 25 January, the following ISF search and arrest operations occurred:

- Overnight between January 24 and 25, ISF conducted search and arrests operations in Jenin city, Jenin refugee camp and Qabatiya, northern West Bank. Exchange of fire was reported in different locations as well as damages to infrastructure. ISF reportedly bulldozed several roads in Jenin refugee camp and one Palestinian was detained in Jenin city.
- Early in the morning, four Palestinians were detained during a search and arrest operation in Hebron, southern West Bank.
- ISF reportedly surrounded a Palestinian house and fired live ammunition during clashes with Palestinians in Bil al Basha, northern West Bank. Two Palestinians, including a child, were injured. A Palestinian, who was released during the hostage exchange in November 2023, was reportedly detained again.
- ISF conducted a search and arrest operation in Fahma, northern West Bank. ISF opened fire and reportedly injured four Palestinians, including a paramedic from the Palestinian Red Crescent Society. Damage and destruction of vehicles and private belongings was also reported.
- Clashes took place between Palestinians and ISF in in Silwan, central West Bank. ISF troops subsequently detained a Palestinian child.

- ISF reportedly sprayed skunk water towards Palestinians and their houses in Shu'fat Camp, In East Jerusalem. Clashes between Palestinians and ISF took place near the checkpoint at the entrance to the camp and ISF closed the checkpoint outside the camp.
- ISF conducted a search and arrest operation in Hussan, southern West Bank. ISF closed the eastern entrance of the village and reportedly entered several shops and physically assaulted Palestinians. It was also reported that ISF used the roof of a Palestinian house in Al-Shurafa area as an observation point.

On 26 January, the following occurred:

- ISF delivered 11 demolition orders for Palestinian residential and agricultural structures in Abu Nawar Bedouin community near Anata, central West Bank.
- Two international activists were reportedly injured by armed settlers in Umm Nir area in Masafer Yatta, southern West Bank on January 26.
- A Palestinian was killed by ISF during a search and arrest operation in Deir Abu Da'if, northern West Bank.

On 27 January, the following ISF search and arrest operations occurred:

- ISF reportedly shot and injured a Palestinian from Birzeit town near the Atara checkpoint, central West Bank. The Palestinian was transferred to a hospital for treatment.
- At night, five Palestinians were detained during an ISF search and arrest operation in Beita, northern West Bank.
- Overnight, two Palestinians were injured with live ammunition shrapnel and two others detained during an ISF search and arrest operation in Qabatiya, northern West Bank.
- ISF conducted search and arrests operations on Beit Reema, central West Bank between 27–28 January. Two Palestinians were injured with live ammunition during the exchange of fire in clashes.

On 28 January, the following ISF search and arrest operations occurred:

- Early in the morning, ISF conducted a search and arrest operation in Jenin city and Jenin refugee camp, northern West Bank. A Palestinian refugee was detained in Al Hadaf neighbourhood. An exchange of fire was reported in several locations in the city and in the camp. Overnight between January 28 and 29, one Palestinian was injured with live ammunition in the exchange of fire during clashes and four others were detained, including one Palestinian emergency medical technician. ISF reportedly bulldozed the roads in Jenin refugee camp.
- ISF delivered confiscation orders for over 154 dunums of agricultural land belonging to Palestinians in Deir Istiya and Harris villages, northern West Bank. The confiscation orders are reportedly planned to continue the expansion of an Israeli settlement.
- Overnight between 28-29 January, ISF arrested the Fatah Secretary and his three sons in Ash Shuyukh, southern West Bank. ISF also reportedly confiscated two Palestinian vehicles.
- ISF detained a Palestinian girl in Jerusalem's Old City.

On 29 January, the following ISF search and arrest operations occurred:

- Early in the morning, a Palestinian was killed in an exchange of fire between Palestinians and ISF in a search and arrest operation in Al Yamun, northern West Bank.

- ISF conducted a search and arrest operation in Dura, southern West Bank. Two Palestinians were killed and three others were injured with live ammunition during the exchange of fire with ISF. Four Palestinians were detained.
- ISF conducted search and arrest operations in Tulkarm city, Tulkarm rand Nur Shams refugee camps, northern West Bank. Clashes and exchanges of fire were reported in different areas. ISF reportedly bulldozed several roads in the camps damaging infrastructure. ISF imposed a curfew in Nur Shams refugee camp.
- ISF declared the areas of Al-Ras and Al-Nuwaitif Spring in Qarawat Bani Hassan village, northern West Bank as a closed military zone, preventing access of Palestinians. The areas are composed of 3,000 dunums of Palestinian land planted with olive trees.
- ISF conducted a search and arrest operation in Silwad, central West Bank. ISF reportedly opened fire during clashes killing one Palestinian.
- A Palestinian child was killed and another Palestinian child was injured with live ammunition when ISF opened fire and clashed with Palestinians in Khirbet ad Dair, southern West Bank.

2. Overall situation

The Gaza Strip

- According to the Ministry of Health in Gaza as of 29 January, at least 26,637 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 65,387 Palestinians have been reportedly injured.

The West Bank, including East Jerusalem

- According to OCHA, between 7 October 2023 – 26 January 2024, 367 Palestinians, including 94 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 28-29 January 2024.

- UNRWA is working to verify the details of incidents reportedly affecting UNRWA premises. Further information will be provided once it becomes available.
- Different incidents have been reported impacting UNRWA installations and internally displaced people (IDPs) sheltering there. While verification of details and casualty figures remain ongoing, initial reports indicate:

    - On 28 January**, two IDPs** were killed and **30** were injured including six critical cases, as result of ongoing shooting with heavy machine guns and a tank shell that fell in a school in Khan Younis. IDP tents in the school grounds caught fire and the school building was damaged.

- On 29 January, two **IDPs** were injured inside a school in Khan Younis, due to heavy shooting. The two injured persons were transferred to Nasser Hospital
- On 29 January , **10 IDPs** were killed and **several injured** as a result of Israeli Securiry Forces missile fire inside a classroom in a school in Gaza City. ISF troops forced IDPs to evacuate, and damages to the installation were also reported.

- **270** 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 **26** incidents of military use and/or interference at UNRWA premises. **146** different UNRWA installations have been impacted.

- UNRWA estimates that in total at least **372*** IDPs sheltering in UNRWA shelters have been killed and at least a further **1,335*** 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 incidents where the number of casualties 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.

UNRWA Shelters

- As of 29 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

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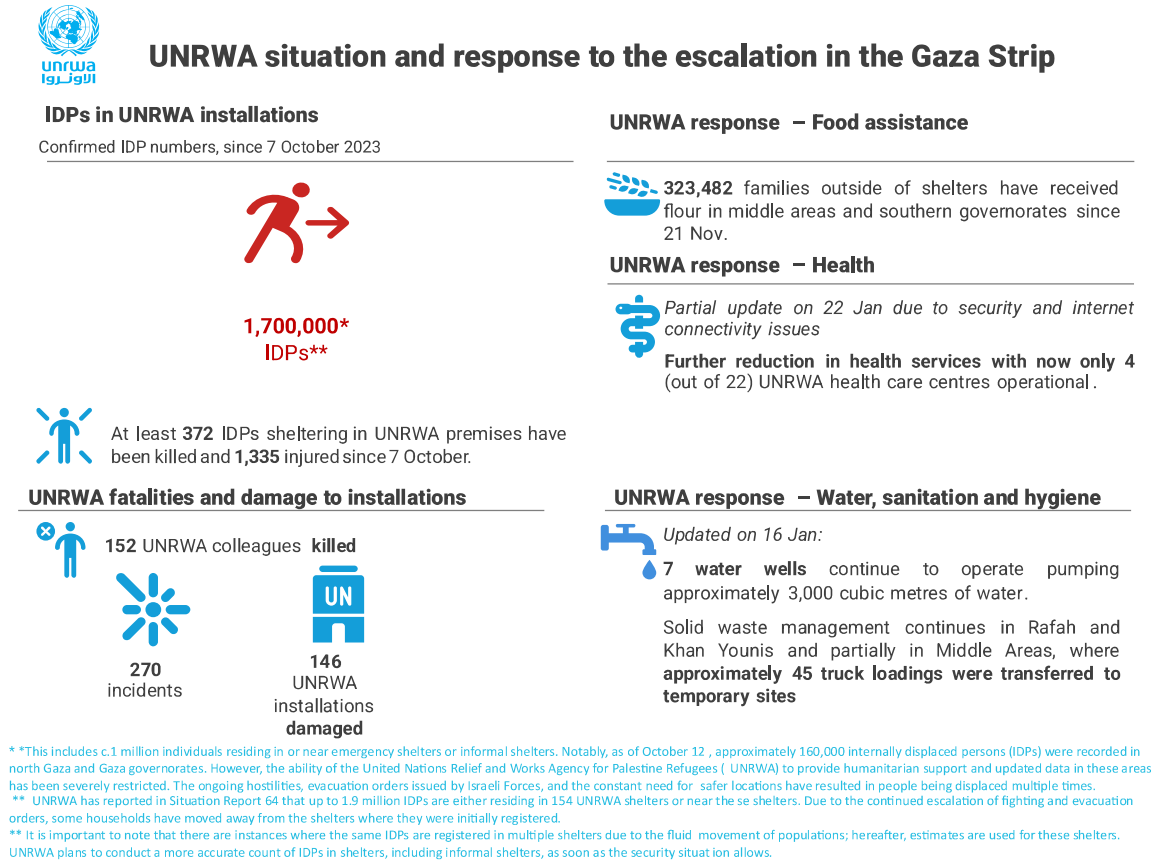
Water and Sanitation Services (WASH)

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Quote from Rihab, UNRWA Staff in Deir al-Balah and a mother of four:

"It's hard to adapt or live in these conditions. We never imagined that the suffering would last this long. At first, we thought it would end soon and we would return to our homes. But after more than 100 days of war, we feel like we're just waiting for death. We don't have a choice except to hold on to hope and arm ourselves with a little be optimistic optimism to help us wake up in the morning, get dressed, and go to work."

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* *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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** 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 situat ion allows.

UNRWA Situation Report #72 on the situation in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank, including East Jerusalem

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People walk on the street under heavy rains in Deir al-Balah, Middle Areas, the Gaza Strip, January 2024. © 2024 UNRWA Photo by Ashraf Amra

1. Key points

The Gaza Strip

- Intense fighting in/around Khan Younis (southwest of Gaza) over the last ten days is causing loss of life and damage to civilian infrastructure, including UNRWA's largest shelter in the southern area, the Khan Younis Training Centre (KYTC). Continued fighting in Khan Younis is forcing Palestinians fleeing further south towards Rafah, which is severely overcrowded.

- As of 31 January, the total number of UNRWA colleagues killed since the beginning of hostilities is now **152.**

- **On 30 January, according to the Ministry of Health up to 100 bodies were returned by Israeli authorities to the Gaza Strip. Most of the bodies received had been buried in a mass grave in Rafah and were unidentifiable.**
- As of 31 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 further south.

- According to OCHA, on 29 January, the Israeli military ordered several neighborhoods in Gaza City to evacuate towards the south. This area consisted of around 59 shelters with an estimated 88,000 IDPs who are being forcibly displaced again.

- On 29 January, aid trucks entered Gaza via the Kerem Shalom crossing following days of disruption due to Israeli protesters in the area.

*This includes one 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

Several Israeli Security Forces (ISF) search and arrest operations leading to confrontations with Palestinians occurred between 30 – 31 January.

On 30 January, the following ISF search and arrest operations occurred:

- ISF continued the search and arrest operation in Jenin city and Jenin refugee camp, northern West Bank. An ISF undercover unit entered Ibn Sina Hospital in Jenin city in disguise and shot and killed three Palestinians who were receiving medical treatment. An exchange of fire was reported in Jenin city between Palestinians and ISF. Jenin city and Jenin refugee camp observed a general strike for the three Palestinians killed.
- Six Palestinians were detained in Nablus, northern West Bank. Palestinians reportedly fired live ammunition at ISF.
- ISF conducted a search and arrest operation in several locations of Qalqiliya city, northern West Bank. According to reports, ISF physically assaulted a Palestinian and detained two others for a number of hours.
- A Palestinian was reported injured with live ammunition during clashes between Palestinians and ISF in a search and arrest operation that took place in the evening in Qaffin, northern West Bank.

On 31 January, the following ISF search and arrest operations occurred:

- ISF conducted a search and arrest operation in Qalandiya refugee camp, central West Bank. ISF reportedly blocked the entrance of the camp, fired stun grenades and detained a Palestinian.
- ISF conducted a search and arrest operation in Dheisheh refugee camp, southern West Bank. Clashes took place between Palestinians and ISF and a Palestinian woman was detained.
- ISF conducted a search and arrest operation in Ein as Sultan refugee camp, central West Bank. Two Palestinians were detained and ISF reportedly physically assaulted, injured, and detained a child.
- ISF reportedly fired live ammunition at a Palestinian vehicle that was driving on the main road at Tuqu' city centre, southern West Bank. ISF reportedly assaulted the Palestinians inside the car and confiscated the vehicle.

2. Overall situation

The Gaza Strip

- According to the Ministry of Health in Gaza as of 31 January, at least 26,900 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 65,949 Palestinians have been reportedly injured.

The West Bank, including East Jerusalem

- According to OCHA, between 7 October 2023–26 January 2024, 370 Palestinians, including 94 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 30-31 January 2024.

UNRWA is working to verify the details of incidents reportedly affecting UNRWA premises. Further information will be provided once it becomes available. Please note that some incidents occurred earlier in the month but information was shared during the current reporting period.

While verification of details and casualty figures remain ongoing, initial reports indicate:

- On 27 January, 2024**, one IDP** sheltering in a school in Khan Younis was **killed** and **24 injured** as a result of IDF tank directly firing a shell at the guards' room.
- On 29 January, 2024, **two IDPs** sheltering a school in Khan Younis **were killed** as result of IDF tanks firing. The bodies of the killed were buried in the schoolyard.
- On 30 January a school in the Middle Area was indirectly impacted and sustained collateral damage. As a result a number of IDPs **were injured, (number of injured is pending)**; in a separate incident a health centre in the Middle Area sustained collateral damage when a nearby school was impacted. No injuries were reported.

- On 31 January, 2024, **six IDPs** sheltering in school Khan Younis were injured due to a direct impact; on the same day, reportedly 10 IDF soldiers broke into the UNRWA Headquarters Office in Gaza city.
- On 31 Jan 2024, two incidents took place where IDPs sheltering in the Gaza Training Centre and UNRWA office, in Gaza city, were **killed** as a result of drone fire.

- **278** 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 **28** incidents of military use and/or interference at UNRWA premises. **147** different UNRWA installations have been impacted.

- UNRWA estimates that in total at least **376* IDPs** sheltering in UNRWA shelters have been killed and at least a further **1,365*** 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 31 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

- On 30 January, only four (out of 22) UNRWA health centres were operational following the closure of two health centres in Khan Younis due to the Israel military operations. The remaining health centres are located in Rafah and the Middle Areas.
- 277 health care staff remain working in the four operational health centres and on 30 January provided 8,797 medical consultations.
- The latest update available from health services in 34 shelters is from 27 January, where health teams delivered 7,390 medical consultations.

Psychosocial support (PSS)

- Between 29-30 January, staff counselors addressed 966 individual and family PSS consultations in Rafah, alongside 882 group PSS sessions. These efforts benefited 16,821 IDPs contributing to a cumulative total of 84,950 PSS sessions provided since 7 October 2023.

- Additionally, counselors provided psychological support to 455 UNRWA staff through both in-person and remote communication. The total number of staff that have been provided PSS since the beginning of the war is 11,097.

Food security

- UNRWA continued to **distribute flour** outside of shelters in the southern governorates. **A total of 354,411 families have been reached so far.**

Water and Sanitation Services (WASH)

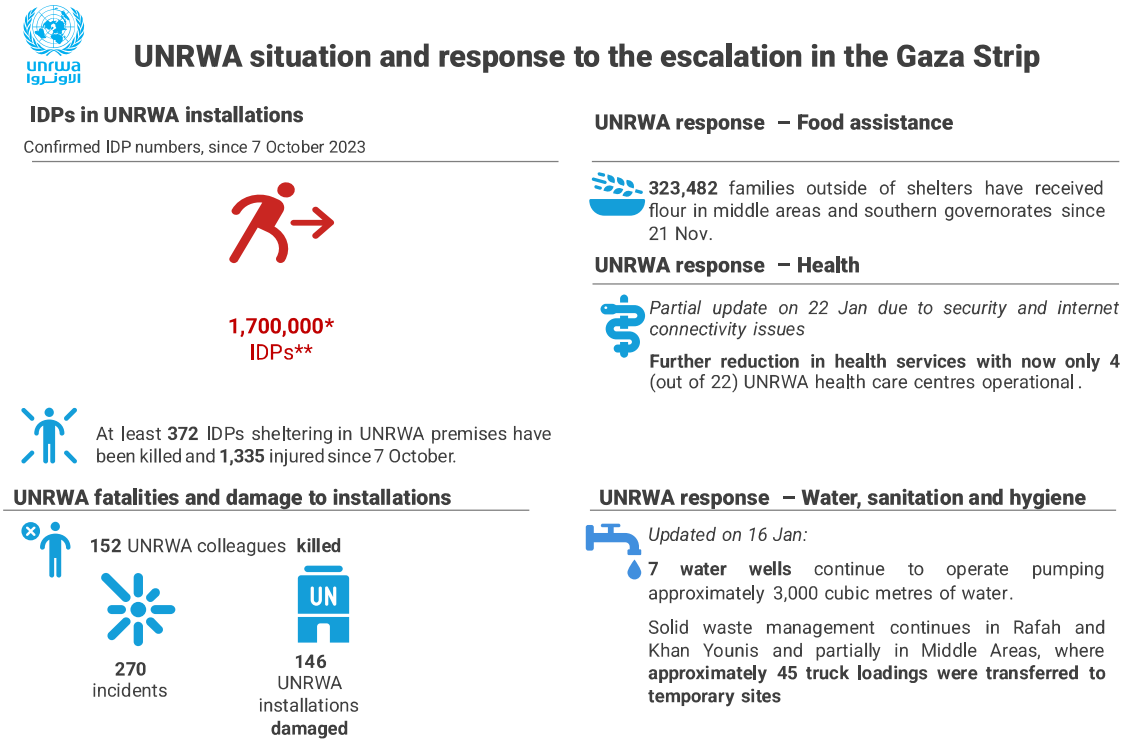
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Quote from Thomas White, Director of UNRWA Affairs in Gaza and UN Deputy Humanitarian Coordinator for the occupied Palestinian territory:

"It's difficult to imagine that Gazans will survive this crisis without UNRWA."

Read the full press release "The Gaza Strip: Humanitarian crisis deepens at a time funding suspensions put UNRWA aid operations in peril"

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UNRWA Situation Report #73 on the situation in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank, including East Jerusalem

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Day 118-120 of Hostilities

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People shelter in an UNRWA school in Deir al-Balah, Middle Area, the Gaza Strip, January 2024. © 2024 UNRWA Photo by Ashraf Amra

1. Key points

The Gaza Strip

- Intense fighting in/around Khan Younis (southwest of Gaza) over the last 13 days is causing loss of life and damage to civilian infrastructure, including UNRWA's largest shelter in the southern area, the Khan Younis Training Centre (KYTC). Continued fighting in Khan Younis is forcing Palestinians to flee further south towards Rafah, which is severely overcrowded.

- As of 3 February, the total number of UNRWA colleagues killed since the beginning of hostilities is now **152.**

- **On 30 January, according to the Ministry of Health, up to 100 bodies were returned by Israeli authorities to the Gaza Strip. Most of the bodies received had been buried in a mass grave in Rafah and were unidentifiable.**
- As of 3 February, 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 Area in recent days, a significant number of displaced people have moved further south.

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The West Bank, including East Jerusalem

The next West Bank, including East Jerusalem update will be published on 6 Feb.

2. Overall situation

The Gaza Strip

- According to the Ministry of Health in Gaza as of 2 February, at least 27,131 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 66,287 Palestinians have been reportedly injured.

The West Bank, including East Jerusalem

- According to OCHA, between 7 October 2023–26 January 2024, 372 Palestinians, including 94 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 for incidents from the period 1–3 February 2024. UNRWA is working to verify the details of incidents reportedly affecting UNRWA premises. Further information will be provided once it becomes available.
- Different incidents have been reported impacting UNRWA installations and internal displaced people (IDPs) sheltering there. While verification of details and casualty figures remain ongoing, initial reports indicate:

- On 1 February 2024, one IDP sheltering in a school in Khan Younis was killed and many others were injured as a result of the school being directly impacted due to shooting and tank shells causing the tents inside the school to burn.
- On 3 February 2024, one male IDP sheltering in the same school in Khan Younis was reportedly shot and killed by the ISF.

- **282*** 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. **147** different UNRWA installations have been impacted.
- UNRWA estimates that in total at least **377*** DPs) sheltering in UNRWA shelters have been killed and at least a further **1,365*** 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 3 February, 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

- UNRWA continued to **distribute flour** outside of shelters in the southern governorates. **A total of 357,805 families have been reached so far.**

Water and Sanitation Services (WASH)

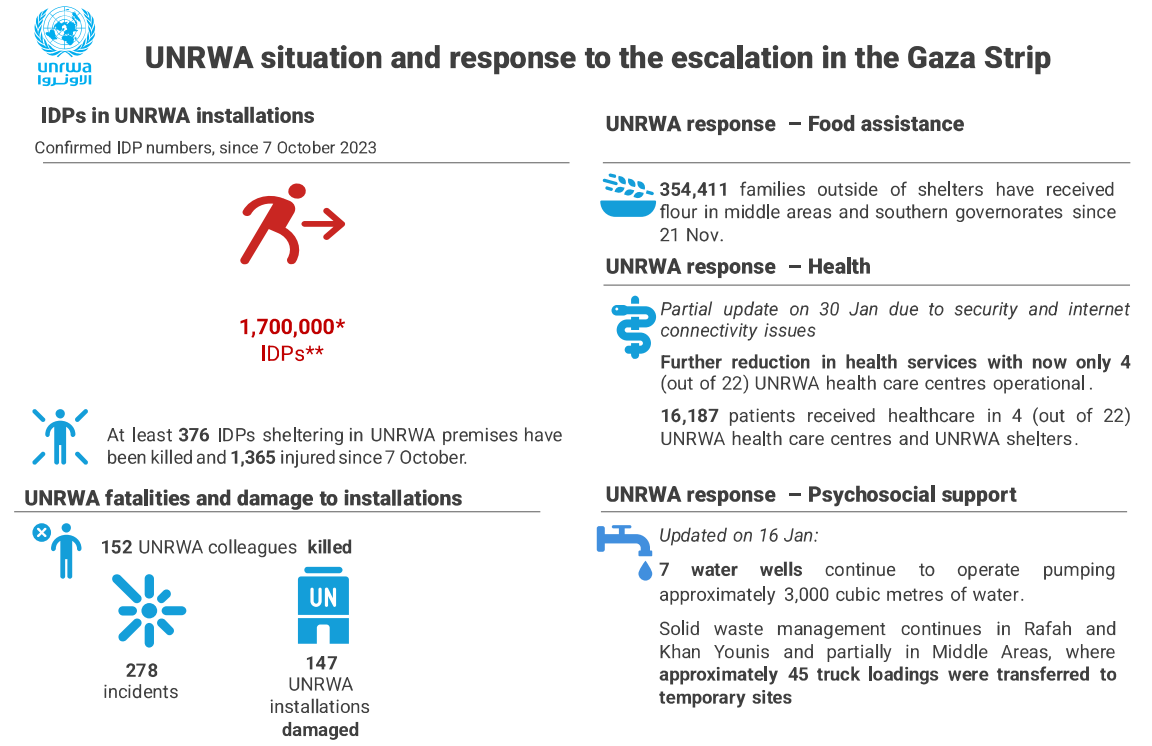
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Quote from Najla, a displaced woman in an UNRWA shelter in Rafah:

"It's difficult to imagine that Gazans will survive this crisis without UNRWA."

"The situation here is very difficult. The night is especially scary. Winter is very harsh as it gets cold. We do not feel safe. My husband and I try to collect straws to light it and use it for cooking because we can't buy firewood or cooking gas."

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UNRWA Situation Report #74 on the situation in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank, including East Jerusalem

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A displaced Palestinian child on a rainy and cold day in the Gaza Strip, February 2024. © 2024 UNRWA Photo by Ashraf Amra

1. Key points

The Gaza Strip

- Intense fighting in/around Khan Younis (southwest of Gaza) over the last 15 days is causing loss of life and damage to civilian infrastructure, including UNRWA's largest shelter in the southern area, the Khan Younis Training Centre (KYTC). This is forcing thousands of Palestinians to flee further south towards Rafah, which is severely overcrowded, with reports of Israeli Forces' strikes in Rafah on 4-5 February.

- According to OCHA, the Israeli military has re-issued evacuation orders for Khan Younis and Gaza governorate residents. As of December both these areas contained 210 shelters hosting over 770,000 internally displaced persons (IDPs). Evacuation orders will undoubtedly put households in further precarious situation, pushing additional people to Rafah which is currently hosting up to five times its population prior to 7 October.

- On 5 February, an UNRWA food convoy waiting to move into northern Gaza was directly hit by Israeli naval gunfire. UNRWA sends notifications about all aid convoys and coordinates all movements with the Israeli Authorities; however, aid convoys continue to come under fire.

Delivering lifesaving humanitarian aid becomes incredibly difficult under these circumstances and safe and sustainable access is urgently needed everywhere including to the north of Gaza.

- As of 5 February, the total number of UNRWA colleagues killed since the beginning of hostilities is now **154, an increase of two since the last situation report.**
- As of 5 February, 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 Area in recent days, a significant number of displaced people have moved 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.

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The West Bank, including East Jerusalem

Several Israeli Security Forces (ISF) search and arrest operations leading to confrontations with Palestinians occurred between 1-5 February.

On 1 February, the following ISF search and arrest operations occurred:

- Continuation of ISF search and arrest operation from 31 January, in Tubas, northern West Bank. Two Palestinians were injured with live ammunition as a result of clashes between ISF and Palestinians.
- ISF conducted a search and arrest operation in Ein el-Sultan refugee camp, central West Bank. ISF reportedly assaulted three Palestinian women. ISF also reportedly assaulted, injured and detained a Palestinian child and detained two other Palestinians.
- ISF arrested twenty-seven Palestinians during a search and arrest operation in Hussan, central West Bank.
- In the morning, four UNRWA staff members traveling in an UNRWA vehicle were stopped by ISF at Ein Siniya area, central West Bank. ISF soldiers reportedly asked them for their identification, took pictures of their faces and of the vehicle then searched the vehicle.
- A Palestinian vehicle allegedly attempted to ram ISF soldiers near Al Muhawel area in Hebron, northern West Bank. ISF reportedly opened fire at the vehicle injuring one Palestinian with live ammunition.
- ISF conducted a search and arrest operation in Husan, southern West Bank. ISF closed all entrances to the village and denied Palestinians access.

- At night, an ISF vehicle reportedly rammed a Palestinian vehicle during a search and arrest operation in in Araba, northern West Bank. Two Palestinians were reported injured.
- ISF conducted a search and arrest operation in Kafr al Labad, northern West Bank. One Palestinian was injured with live ammunition during the clashes between ISF and Palestinians.
- Overnight from 1 February to 2 February, ISF arrested eleven Palestinians, including a minor, during a search and arrest operation in Baqat al Hatab, northern West Bank.
- Overnight from 1 February to 2 February, ISF arrested three Palestinians during a search and arrest operation in Jenin city, northern West Bank.

On 2 February, the following ISF search and arrest operations occurred:

- ISF opened fire during clashes with Palestinians in Qusra, northern West Bank. One Palestinian was reported injured with live ammunition.
- ISF conducted a search and arrest operation in Hajja, northern West Bank. Two Palestinians were reported injured during the clashes between ISF and Palestinians.

On 3 February, the following ISF search and arrest operations occurred:

- ISF opened fire in clashes with Palestinians during a search and arrest operation in Beita, northern West Bank. Four Palestinians were detained and six others suffered from tear gas inhalation.

On 4 February, the following ISF search and arrest operations occurred:

- ISF conducted a search and arrest operation in Balata, northern West Bank. ISF under-cover troops reportedly surrounded several Palestinian houses. An exchange of fire took place during the clashes. Two Palestinians were reported injured, one Palestinian was detained, and a four-year-old Palestinian boy was injured by an ISF dog.
- ISF conducted a search and arrest operation in Sarra, northern West Bank. One Palestinian was reported injured with live ammunition as a result of the clashes between ISF and Palestinians.
- Five Palestinians were detained during a search and arrest operation in Tulkarm city, northern West Bank.
- ISF opened fire during clashes with Palestinians in Qaffin, northern West Bank. One Palestinian was reported injured with live ammunition.
- A Palestinian child allegedly attempted to stab ISF soldiers at the entrance of Ma'ale Adumim settlement, southern West Bank. ISF reportedly shot and killed him.

On 5 February around 200 Israelis demonstrated outside the UNRWA WBFO compound in Sheikh Jarrah (East Jerusalem), calling for the removal of the Agency from Jerusalem.

2. Overall situation

The Gaza Strip

- According to the Ministry of Health in Gaza as of 4 February, at least 27,478 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 66,835 Palestinians have been reportedly injured.

The West Bank, including East Jerusalem

- According to OCHA, between 7 October 2023–5 February 2024, 373 Palestinians, including 95 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 incidents for the period 4-5 February 2024, noting that some occurred earlier but information only became available during the reporting period:

- UNRWA is working to verify the details of incidents reportedly affecting UNRWA premises. Further information will be provided once it becomes available.
- Different incidents have been reported impacting UNRWA installations and internally displaced people (IDPs) sheltering there. While verification of details and casualty figures remain ongoing, initial reports indicate:

    - On 31 January, a 10-year-old boy was killed and four IDPs were injured inside a school in Khan Younis reportedly as a result of the shooting incident. Approximately 1,700 IDPs were reportedly sheltering in the school at the time.
    - On 31 January, the roof and external metal wall of a rented store in Rafah (containing UNRWA's rented cold chain facilities used for insulins, vaccines and WHO cold items), sustained minor collateral damages due to a strike on a car and an animal cart in front of the site.
    - On 3 February, one IDP child was shot and killed inside the schoolyard of a school in Khan Younis.
    - On 3 February, an UNRWA contracted personnel employed as cleaner at a school in Khan Younis was shot and killed inside his tent located in the schoolyard. An IDF sniper reportedly fired multiple bullets, hitting a man in the head and body.
    - On 5 February, a 55-year-old male IDP was shot by IDF in a school in Khan Younis. The ambulance was unable to access the school and subsequently the man died.
    - On 5 February, naval gunfire purportedly coming from Israeli forces hit one of the trucks carrying humanitarian food assistance bound for Gaza City. The projectile impacted the last truck in the convoy resulting in damages in the vicinity of Western Nuseirat area. All UNRWA personnel including partner staff who were in the convoy were accounted for

and safe. However, the trucks did not reach the intended destination and food assistance could not be distributed in Gaza City, where the population is facing very high levels of acute food insecurity and is unable to access life-saving humanitarian aid. UNRWA carried out the last food distribution in the north of Wadi Gaza on **23 January 2024.**

- On 5 February, two IDPs sheltering at a school in Khan Younis were reportedly shot by IDF snipers. The two IDPs were transferred to the hospital by other IDPs but later died.
- On 5 February, six IDPs were killed and two were injured in a school in Khan Younis as a result of ISF opening fire toward the school and ISF snipers shooting.
- On 5 February, three IDPs sheltering in a school in Khan Younis were injured as a result of ISF opening fire towards the school.

- **290*** 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 28 incidents of military use and/or interference at UNRWA premises. **150** different UNRWA installations have been impacted.

- UNRWA estimates that in total at least **389*** IDPs sheltering in UNRWA shelters have been killed and at least a further **1,374*** 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 72.

UNRWA Shelters

- As of 5 February, 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

As of 31 January, only four (out of 22) UNRWA health centres were operational following the closure of two health centres in Khan Younis due to the Israel military operations. The remaining health centres are located in Rafah and Middle Areas.

293 health care staff remain working in the four operational health centres and on 31 January provided 6,836 medical consultations.

A further 9,141 medical consultations were conducted by staff at shelters, and at the newly established medical points in Mawasi area to serve an influx of displaced population from Khan Younis, where the total registered population is currently 180,000.

Psychosocial support (PSS)

UNRWA continues to provide Psychosocial support services including, psychosocial first aid services, PSS consultations and intervention sessions, sessions to handing psychological fatigue and group and recreational activities. Since the war, over 100,000 IDPs have been supported.

Food security

- UNRWA continued to **distribute flour** outside of shelters in the southern governorates. **A total of 359,054 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 provide any additional updates since Sitrep 67.

Quote from Suma, a mother of six who lost her husband, now sheltering in an UNRWA school in Nuseirat:

"Tragedy follows us wherever we go. I am now alone in the school, bearing the responsibility of my children, protecting them from the death that pursues us everywhere, feeding them, warming them, compensating for their father. […] The most important thing now is to survive this death."

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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 **389** IDPs sheltering in UNRWA premises have been killed and **1,374** injured since 7 October.

UNRWA fatalities and damage to installations

154 UNRWA colleagues **killed**

290
incidents

150
UNRWA installations **damaged**

UNRWA response – Food assistance

359,054 families outside of shelters have received flour in middle areas and southern governorates since 21 Nov.

UNRWA response – Health

Partial update on 31 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.

15,977 patients received healthcare in 4 (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**

* *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 situat ion allows.

UNRWA Situation Report #75 on the situation in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank, including East Jerusalem

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Day 123-124 of Hostilities

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Destroyed UNRWA health centre in North Gaza, February 2024. © 2024 UNRWA Photo

1. Key points

The Gaza Strip

- Intense fighting in/around Khan Younis (southwest of Gaza) over the last 17 days is causing loss of life and damage to civilian infrastructure, including UNRWA's largest shelter in the southern area, the Khan Younis Training Centre (KYTC). This is forcing thousands of Palestinians to flee further south towards Rafah, which is severely overcrowded, with reports of Israeli Forces' strikes in Rafah on 7 February. It is estimated that there are currently up to 1.5 million people in Rafah. Further fighting in Rafah would further hamper overstretched humanitarian operations.

Accessing isolated populations north of Wadi Gaza remains a challenge. Between 1 January and 5 February only 10 UNRWA/UNRWA inclusive missions reached north Wadi Gazi out of 35 planned.

- As of 7 February, the total number of UNRWA colleagues killed since the beginning of hostilities is now **154.**

- As of 7 February, 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 Area in recent days, a significant number of displaced people have moved further south.

*This includes one 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

Several Israeli Security Forces (ISF) search and arrest operations leading to confrontations with Palestinians occurred between 6-7 February.

Between 6 - 7 February, the following ISF search and arrest operations occurred:

- Overnight between 5 -6 February, ISF conducted a search and arrest operation in Aqbat Jaber refugee camp, central West Bank.
- In addition to search and arrest operations, overnight between 5- 6 February, ISF reportedly physically assaulted and injured one Palestinian at Wadi an Nar checkpoint, Southern West Bank.
- In the early morning on 6 January, three Palestinians were detained during a search and arrest operation in Nablus, northern West Bank. Then overnight between 6-7 February, another six Palestinians were detained. And on the night of 7 February, ISF reportedly opened fire during clashes with Palestinians in the city.
- On 6 February, a Palestinian from Balata camp allegedly attempted to attack ISF soldiers in the vicinity of Beit Furik checkpoint, northern West Bank. ISF reportedly shot and killed him then closed the checkpoint denying Palestinian access.
- Overnight between 6-7 February, ISF conducted search and arrest operations in Tulkarm city, Tulkarm refugee camp, Jenin city, Jenin refugee camp, Nur Shams refugee camp, Tammun, Al Yamun and Qalqiliya, northern West Bank. Exchanges of fire took place in several locations; six Palestinians were detained, and two Palestinians injured with live ammunition in Tammun. ISF bulldozers reportedly damaged and destroyed the infrastructure in Jenin refugee camp and Nur Shams refugee camp.

- On 7 February, it was reported that ISF surrounded a Palestinian house in Al Damaj quarter in Nur Shams refugee camp, targeted it with missiles, set it on fire, demolished parts of it, killing three Palestinians and injured two Palestinians with live ammunition, including a woman. UNRWA services were severely affected.
- Overnight between 6-7 February, clashes were reported between Palestinians and ISF in the vicinity of Road 60 in Al Khadr, southern West Bank. ISF reportedly held several Palestinians west of the village.
- On 7 February, ISF conducted a search and arrest operation in Tubas, northern West Bank. Exchange of fire was reported between Palestinians and ISF in Wad El Far'a, south of Tubas. A Palestinian was injured with live ammunition shrapnel and another Palestinian was detained.
- On 7 February, ISF reportedly opened fire at journalists and Palestinians near Iktaba village, opposite Nur Shams Camp, northern West Bank.
- On 7 February, ISF reportedly protected settlers while they entered Khallet Al-Farra community, southwest of Yatta, southern West Bank. The settlers reportedly physically assaulted Palestinians seized their cell phones and forced them to sit on the ground for long hours.
- On 7 February, ISF reportedly chased Palestinian youths in the Bab Al 'Amud Damascus Gate area in Jerusalem, central West Bank. ISF reportedly held a Palestinian child and handed him a summons order for interrogation.
- On 7 February, Palestinians demonstrated outside UNRWA offices in Jenin city and Nablus city, northern West Bank, and in Beituniya and West Jerusalem, central West Bank.

2. Overall situation

The Gaza Strip

- According to the Ministry of Health in Gaza as of 7 February, at least 27,708 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 67,147 Palestinians have been reportedly injured.

The West Bank, including East Jerusalem

- According to OCHA, between 7 October 2023–7 February 2024, 377 Palestinians, including 96 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 incidents for the period 6-7 February 2024, noting that some occurred earlier but information only became available during the reporting period:

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

- Different incidents have been reported impacting UNRWA installations and internally displaced people (IDPs) sheltering there. While verification of details and casualty figures remain ongoing, initial reports indicate:

  - On 27 January 2024, the ISF reportedly opened fire towards a school in Khan Younis. As a result, an UNRWA school attendant was shot and injured while performing maintenance of the school's solar panels. The injured person was transferred to the hospital.
  - On 29 January 2024, an UNRWA contracted personnel was shot and killed at the rooftop of a school in Khan Younis while on duty. Despite multiple attempts, the security situation prevented the transfer of his remains. Currently, the body remains on the rooftop of the school, which is inaccessible to school personnel.
  - On 6 February 2024, one missile hit an open area to the northeast of Qatari warehouse in Rafah Crossing. As a result some shrapnel fell in the vicinity of UNRWA stores. No damages or injuries were reported.
  - On 7 February 2024, ISF tanks fired two shells directly toward a school in Khan Younis. One of the tank rounds hit a classroom resulting in four injuries among the IDPs sheltering in the school.
  - In the morning of 7 February 2024, the ISF reportedly deployed a quadcopter drone over a school in Khan Younis, where approximately 1,800 IDPs were sheltering, ordering the evacuation of the school. The school principal was summoned to meet an ISF soldier stationed nearby. Under threat, she was instructed to gather all men while restricting women to a designated area. Approximately 800 men complied with the order and formed a line. The men were photographed , forced to fully remove their clothes, several individuals were beaten. 15 IDPs, including an UNRWA social worker, were then detained while completely naked. Their whereabouts are currently unknown. The remaining men and women were then coerced to leave and proceed onto a specific route. In the early afternoon, the IDPs and an UNRWA team managed to reach the UNRWA installation in Al Mawasi area.

    Additionally, the ISF reportedly hit and destroyed the VHF antenna placed on the roof of the school, resulting in the disruption of communications between the school and UNRWA.

  - On 7 February 2024, about 1,000 IDPs sheltering at a school in Khan Younis were reportedly forced by ISF to leave the school and were subjected to mistreatment. The report was confirmed by UNRWA staff members and eyewitnesses.
  - On 7 February 2024, the Israeli Forces ordered about 1,500 IDPs sheltering at a school in Khan Younis to leave the school and were subjected to mistreatment. Additionally, five IDPs were reportedly killed and others injured by ISF gunfire. The report was confirmed by UNRWA staff members and eyewitnesses.

- **298*** 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 31 incidents of military use and/or interference at UNRWA premises. **150** different UNRWA installations have been impacted.

- UNRWA estimates that in total at least **395*** IDPs sheltering in UNRWA shelters have been killed and at least a further **1,379*** 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 72.

UNRWA Shelters

- As of 7 February, 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

As of 2 February, only four (out of 22) UNRWA health centres were operational following the closure of two health centres in Khan Younis due to the Israel military operations. The remaining health centres are located in Rafah and Middle Areas.

357 health care staff remain working in the four operational health centres and on 4 February provided 9,269 medical consultations.

A further 6,058 medical consultations were conducted by 246 staff at shelters, and at the newly established medical points in Mawasi area to serve an influx of displaced population from Khan Younis, where the total registered population is currently 180,000.

In early January 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 3 February, over 22,300 children were vaccinated against diseases such as measles, mumps and rubella, and others.

Psychosocial support (PSS)

UNRWA continues to provide psychosocial support services including psychosocial first aid services, PSS consultations and intervention sessions, sessions to handing psychological fatigue and group and recreational activities. Since the war, over 109,000 IDPs have been supported.

During 5– 6 February, counsellors provided 924 individual and family consultations in Rafah, alongside 929 group PSS sessions. These efforts benefited 15,161 IDPs contributing to a cumulative total of 90,476 PSS sessions provided since the commencement of the hostilities. Additionally, counsellors provided psychological support to 468 UNRWA staff through both in-person and remote

communication. The total number of staff that have been provided PSS since the beginning of the hostilities is 12,737.

Food security

- UNRWA continued to **distribute flour** outside of shelters in the southern governorates. **A total of 362,033 families have been reached so far.**

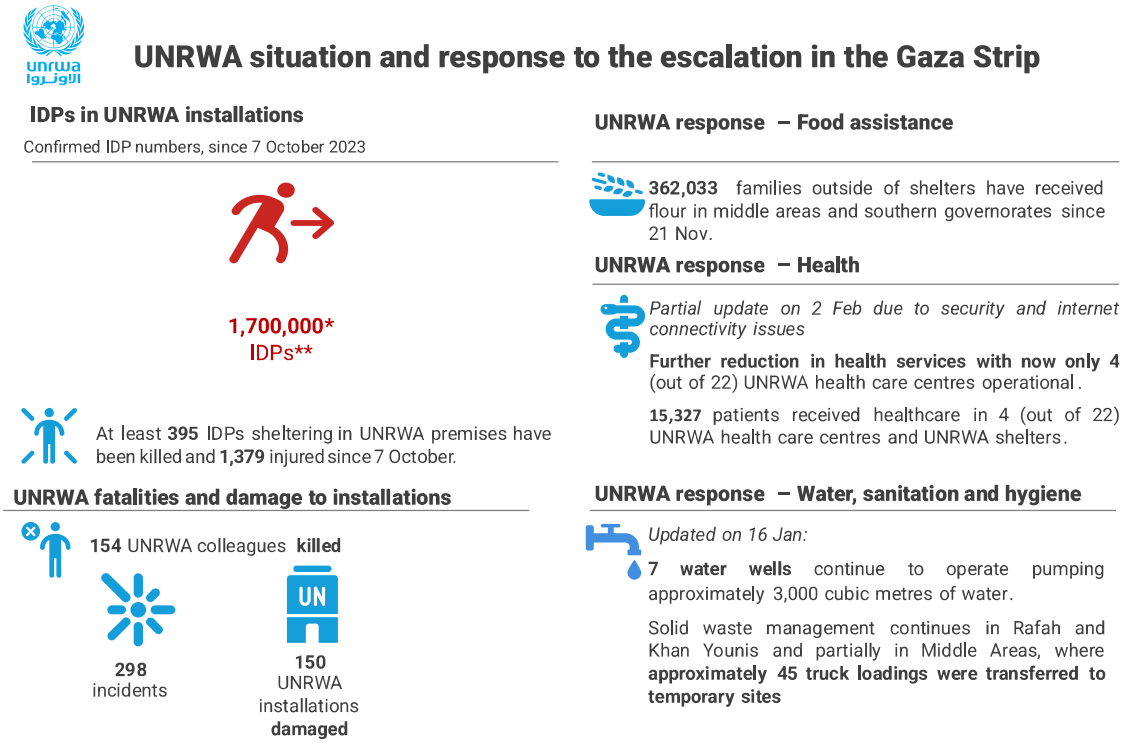
Water and Sanitation Services (WASH)

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Quote from Ayat, UNRWA Relief and Social Services staff displaced in Deir el-Balah:

"Thirty-four years of working at UNRWA to serve refugees has been the noblest thing I have done. [...] I will retire in the next few months but have decided to volunteer if the war continues. I will not leave work here in this great institution at a time when we are needed."

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UNRWA Situation Report #76 on the situation in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank, including East Jerusalem

All information from 8-10 February 2024, is valid as of 10 February 2024 at 22:30 (local time)

Day 125-127 of Hostilities

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Displaced people and UNRWA staff in an UNRWA school in Deir al-Balah, Middle Area, Gaza Strip, February 2024. © 2024 UNRWA Photo by Ashraf Amra

1. Key points

The Gaza Strip

- Increased airstrikes in Rafah have heightened fears which would further hamper overstretched humanitarian operations. Nearly 1.5 million people are in Rafah, six times the population in comparison with before 7 October.

- Intense fighting in/around Khan Younis (southwest of Gaza) over the last three weeks is causing loss of life and damage to civilian infrastructure, including UNRWA's largest shelter in the southern area, the Khan Younis Training Centre (KYTC). This is forcing thousands of Palestinians to flee further south towards Rafah, which is severely overcrowded, with reports of Israeli Forces' strikes in Rafah on 7 February. The Director of UNRWA Affairs in Gaza expressed concern at the prospect of an Israel military offensive in Rafah which could result in hundreds of thousands of people fleeing the fighting and warned that the Agency "will not be able to effectively or safely run operations from a city under assault from the Israeli army."

- Accessing isolated populations north of Wadi Gaza remains a challenge. Between 1 January and 5 February only 10 UNRWA/UNRWA inclusive missions reached north Wadi Gazi out of 35 planned.

- During the reporting period (8 – 10 February), Kerem Shalom remains closed since 7 February due to Israeli protestors. Critical supplies to meet food insecurity continue to be blocked due to lack of Israeli Authorities' approvals to move flour from the Israeli port of Ashdod into the Gaza Strip.

- As of 10 February, the total number of UNRWA colleagues killed since the beginning of hostilities is now **156, an increase of two since sitrep 75.**

- As of 10 February, 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 Area in recent days, a significant number of displaced people have moved further south.

*This includes one 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

The next update for West Bank will be published on 13 February 2024.

2. Overall situation

The Gaza Strip

- According to the Ministry of Health in Gaza as of 9 February, at least 27,947 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 67,459 Palestinians have been reportedly injured.

The West Bank, including East Jerusalem

- According to OCHA, between 7 October 2023–10 February 2024, 384 Palestinians, including 97 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 incidents for the period 8-10 February 2024:

- UNRWA is working to verify the details of incidents reportedly affecting UNRWA premises. Further information will be provided once it becomes available.
- Different incidents have been reported impacting UNRWA installations and IDPs sheltering there. While verification of details and casualty figures remain ongoing, initial reports indicate:
    - On 8 February 2024, two schools in Khan Younis were subject to extensive gunfire and the Israeli Security Force (ISF) entered the schools with tanks and bulldozers. The ISF bulldozers and tanks destroyed the perimeter wall and drove over and removed the tents in the main schoolyards. There was shooting towards the classrooms where the IDPs were hiding and protecting themselves. UNRWA staff were asked to open a hole in the common wall between the two schools and prepare all the IDPs for evacuation the next morning. UNRWA staff were informed that the IDPs would be scanned and searched before being directed to the evacuation route. UNRWA employees asked to use the main gate instead of the opening in the wall as there were many elderly IDPs and IDPs with disabilities who could not cross through such a hole due to the distance between the two schools. The following morning, around 750 IDPs who were still sheltering in the two schools were forcefully evacuated.
    - On 10 February 2024, an ISF bulldozer destroyed the western perimeter wall of a school in Khan Younis and about 700 IDPs sheltering in the school were forced to evacuate the school. It was also reported that the evacuees were forced to follow a specific route towards an ISF search point, where men were asked to gather in groups of five persons and subjected to ID checks. Several IDPs were reportedly arrested and physically assaulted during this process.
    - On 10 February 2024, ISF troops entered two schools in Khan Younis and forced the staff and IDPs to evacuate the schools.
    - On 10 February 2024, it was reported that one of the IDPs sheltering in a school in Khan Younis was killed by ISF gunfire inside the school.

- **308*** 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 38 incidents of military use and/or interference at UNRWA premises. **152** different UNRWA installations have been impacted.

- UNRWA estimates that in total at least **396*** IDPs sheltering in UNRWA shelters have been killed and at least a further **1,379*** 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 10 February, 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

As of 5 February, only six (out of 22) UNRWA health centres were operational. These are located in North, Rafah, Khan Younis and Middle Areas.

394 health care staff remain working in the six operational health centres and on 5 February provided 9,355 medical consultations.

A further 11,105 medical consultations were conducted by 229 staff at shelters, and at the newly established medical points in Mawasi area to serve an influx of displaced population from Khan Younis, where the total registered population is currently 180,000.

In early January 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. As of 3 February, over 22,300 children were vaccinated against diseases including measles, mumps and rubella, and others.

Psychosocial support (PSS)

UNRWA continues to provide psychosocial support services including psychosocial first aid services, PSS consultations and intervention sessions, sessions for managing fatigue and group and recreational activities. Since the war, over 115,000 IDPs have been supported.

During 5– 6 February, counsellors provided 924 individual and family consultations in Rafah, alongside 929 group PSS sessions. These efforts benefited 15,161 IDPs contributing to a cumulative total of 90,476 PSS sessions provided since the start of the hostilities. Additionally, counsellors provided psychological support to 468 UNRWA staff through both in-person and remote

communication. The total number of staff that have been provided PSS since the beginning of the hostilities is 12,737.

Food security

- UNRWA continued to **distribute flour** outside of shelters in the southern governorates. **A total of 367,422 families have been reached so far.**

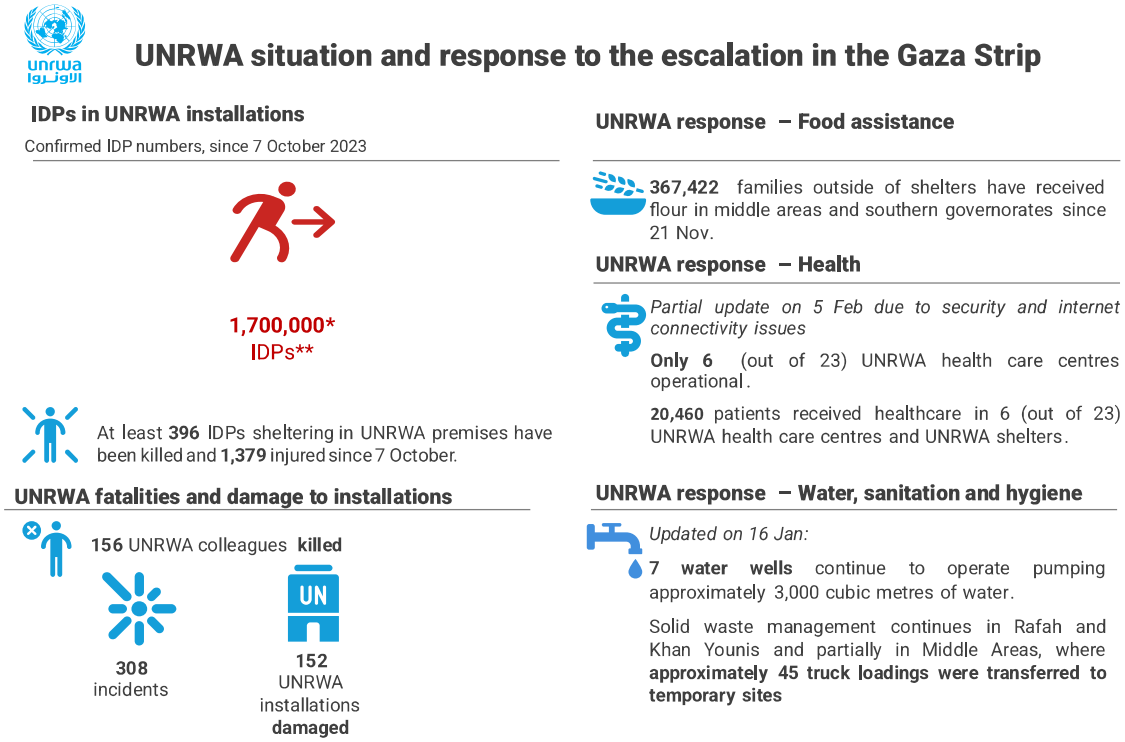
Water and Sanitation Services (WASH)

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Quote from Suhaila, a mother of eight, displaced in Nuseirat (the Middle Area):

"UNRWA provides us with food, water and healthcare. Without them, we would have died from cold, hunger, and shelling."

ENDs -



* *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 situat ion allows.

UNRWA Situation Report #77 on the situation in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank, including East Jerusalem

All information from 11-12 February 2024, is valid as of 12 February 2024 at 22:30 (local time)

Day 128-129 of Hostilities

Published 14 February 2024



Palestinian children sheltering in an UNRWA school in Nuseirat play amid difficult living conditions, Middle Area, Gaza Strip, February 2024. © 2024 UNRWA Photo by Ashraf Amra

1. Key points

The Gaza Strip

Increased airstrikes in Rafah have heightened fears which would further hamper overstretched humanitarian operations. Nearly 1.5 million people are in Rafah, more than six times the population in comparison with before 7 October.

Intense fighting in/around Khan Younis (southwest of Gaza) over the last three weeks is causing loss of life and damage to civilian infrastructure, including UNRWA's largest shelter in the southern area, the Khan Younis Training Centre (KYTC). This is forcing thousands of Palestinians to flee further south towards Rafah, which is severely overcrowded, with reports of Israeli Forces' strikes in Rafah on 12 February.

According to OCHA since the start of 2024, humanitarian partners had planned 77 missions to deliver aid and undertake assessments to areas to the north of Wadi Gaza. Of those, only 12 were facilitated by the Israeli authorities, three missions where partial humanitarian objectives were met, 14 were impeded, 39 were denied access, and nine were postponed by the UN agencies. Facilitated missions primarily included food distribution, while the access of missions to support critical hospitals and

facilities providing water, hygiene and sanitation (WASH) services remained among those overwhelmingly denied. During the same period, there were 189 planned missions to areas assessed as necessitating coordination to the south of Wadi Gaza. Of these, 107 were facilitated, two missions where partial humanitarian objectives were met, 18 were initially facilitated but then impeded, 48 were denied access, and 14 were postponed internally. Missions to areas not requiring coordination south of Wadi Gaza are not included in the above.

The number of trucks entering into Gaza remains well below the 500 trucks a day target, with significant difficulties in bringing supplies in through both Karem Abu Salem (Kerem Shalom) and Rafah. As of 12 February, the Rafah border crossing was closed due to security concerns.

As of 12 February, the total number of UNRWA colleagues killed since the beginning of hostilities is now 156.

As of 12 February, 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 Area in recent days, a significant number of displaced people have moved further south.

*This includes one million individuals residing in or near emergency shelters or informal shelters. As of 12 October, 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

Several Israeli Security Forces (ISF) search and arrest operations leading to confrontations with Palestinians occurred between 8 - 12 February,

the following ISF search and arrest operations occurred:

- Early in the morning on 8 February, six Palestinians were detained during a search and arrest operation in Azzun, northern West Bank.
- On 8 February, a Palestinian allegedly attempted to open fire against ISF soldiers at the Deir Sharaf roundabout, northern West Bank. ISF reportedly shot and killed him and took his body. ISF then closed the checkpoint in both directions. Later that morning, clashes erupted between Palestinians and ISF, where ISF reportedly fired live ammunition, injuring two Palestinians.

- On the night of 8 February, ISF reportedly fired live ammunition clashes with Palestinians in Beit Furik, northern West Bank, injuring six Palestinians.
- Overnight from 8 – 9 February, ISF conducted a search and arrest operation in Tulkarm, northern West Bank. Two Palestinians were detained.
- On 8 February, five Palestinians from Ya'bad town were detained by ISF at a mobile checkpoint in Ya'bad-Kufeirit junction, northern West Bank. ISF also reportedly confiscated two concrete trucks, a pump and two vehicles belonging to Palestinians.
- On 8 February, a Palestinian administrative detainee from Al- Dhahiriya town died in an Israeli prison reportedly as a result of medical negligence.
- On 9 February, ISF reportedly fired live ammunition during clashes with Palestinians in Beta Beita, northern West Bank. A Palestinian child was killed, and two others injured. A Palestinian was physically assaulted by ISF and two Palestinians were detained during the incident.
- On 10 February, ISF reportedly held a PRCS ambulance at Deir Sharaf checkpoint, delaying its access.
- On 10 February, ISF reportedly opened fire at a Palestinian vehicle in Kharayib Umm Al Lahm area near Biddu village, central West Bank. Two Palestinians, including a child, were reportedly injured.
- On 10 February, a Palestinian reportedly ran over and injured an ISF officer near the village of Shabtin, and then fled the scene. ISF conducted a search operation in the area.
- On 10 February, ISF conducted a search and arrest operation in Beit Ummar, southern West Bank. ISF reportedly fired live ammunition injuring one Palestinian, and 16 Palestinians were detained. ISF also reportedly detonated an explosive device between Palestinian houses and confiscated around 20 vehicles. ISF reportedly closed all entrances to the town with earth mounds.
- On 11 February, ISF reportedly shot and killed a Palestinian child who allegedly tried to stab an ISF soldier in the vicinity of El Wad Road in Jerusalem Old City, central West Bank. One ISF personnel was reported lightly injured from bullet shrapnel.
- On 11 February, ISF shot and killed a Palestinian who allegedly attempted to stab an ISF soldier in the vicinity of Aqbat Hasna area near Bittir Battir, southern West Bank.
- On 11 February, ISF detained five Palestinians at a military checkpoint in Haret Jaber area near Al Ibrahimi Mosque in Hebron old city, southern West Bank.
- On 11 February, ISF detained five Palestinians who were working on their land near the Barrier in Idhna, southern West Bank.
- Early on the morning on 12 February, ISF conducted a search and arrest operation in Ar Ram & Dahiyat al Bareed, central West Bank. ISF reportedly opened fire at Palestinians injuring two Palestinians with live ammunition. Seven Palestinians were detained.
- On 12 February, ISF conducted a search and arrest operation in Tell, northern West Bank. ISF reportedly opened fire in clashes with Palestinians injuring a Palestinian with live ammunition, and detaining six Palestinians.
- On 12 February, ISF conducted a search and arrest operation in Balata refugee camp,and detained three Palestinians. An exchange of fire was reported between Palestinians and ISF.
- On 12 February, clashes were reported between Palestinians and ISF during a funeral in Bab Ar Rahma Islamic Cemetery near the Lions' Gate in Jerusalem Old city, central West Bank. ISF reportedly physically assaulted Palestinians, injuring one, and five Palestinians were detained.

2. Overall situation

The Gaza Strip

- According to the Ministry of Health in Gaza as of 12 February, at least 28,340 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 67,984 Palestinians have been reportedly injured.

The West Bank, including East Jerusalem

- According to OCHA, between 7 October 2023–10 February 2024, 384 Palestinians, including 97 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 incidents for the period 11-12 February 2024 (noting that some incidents occurred earlier but UNRWA only received information during the current reporting period):

- UNRWA is working to verify the details of incidents reportedly affecting UNRWA premises. Further information will be provided once it becomes available.
- Different incidents have been reported impacting UNRWA installations and IDPs sheltering there. While verification of details and casualty figures remain ongoing, initial reports indicate:
  - On 5 February 2024, two UNRWA contracted medical personnel sustained moderate injuries due to a strike that hit a school in Khan Younis. The medical team was providing medical assistance to five injured IDPs at the medical point inside the school.
  - On 5 February 2024, a distribution centre in the Middle Area sustained minor collateral damage due to a strike on a nearby house.
  - From 7 February 2024 to 10 February 2024, ISF troops reportedly conducted military operations inside the UNRWA Gaza Headquarters, the Gaza Training College and the Gaza Field Office in Gaza City. Severe damage was reported to the buildings, rooms were set on fire and excavations were made inside the premises.
  - From 7 February 2024 to 10 February 2024, ISF troops conducted military operations inside a Rehabilitation Centre for the Visually Impaired in Gaza City, causing severe damage to the building and the outside wall perimeter. Additionally, an excavation was made in the internal yard and several rooms of the centre were burnt.
  - From 7 February 2024 to 10 February 2024, ISF troops reportedly conducted military operations inside a school in Gaza city. Excavations were made in the schoolyard and at the western side of the school. The outside perimeter wall was destroyed, and several classrooms were burnt.
  - On 10 February 2024, an unexploded missile was found inside a school in Khan Younis.
  - On 12 February 2024, a health centre in Rafah sustained collateral damages due to a strike hitting a mosque nearby. All the windows on the third floor from the northern side

of the building were broken. No injuries were reported among the IDPs sheltering in the health centre.

- On 12 February 2024, smoke bombs were reportedly fired at a school in Khan Younis resulting in a fire inside the school. No injuries were reported.
- On 12 February 2024, ISF ordered and enforced the evacuation of IDPs sheltering at a school in Khan Younis. After being forcefully evacuated from the school, IDPs were reportedly subjected to scanning at checkpoints. Several people were reportedly detained including an UNRWA staff member.

- **318*** 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 38 incidents of military use and/or interference at UNRWA premises. **153** different UNRWA installations have been impacted.
- UNRWA estimates that in total at least **396*** IDPs sheltering in UNRWA shelters have been killed and at least a further **1,381*** 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

Due to the security situation in combination with internet connectivity we are unable to provide any additional updates since Sitrep 75.

UNRWA Shelters

- As of 12 February, in total, nearly **1.7 million displaced people are now sheltering across emergency shelters (UNRWA and public shelters), informal sites or in close vicinity of 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

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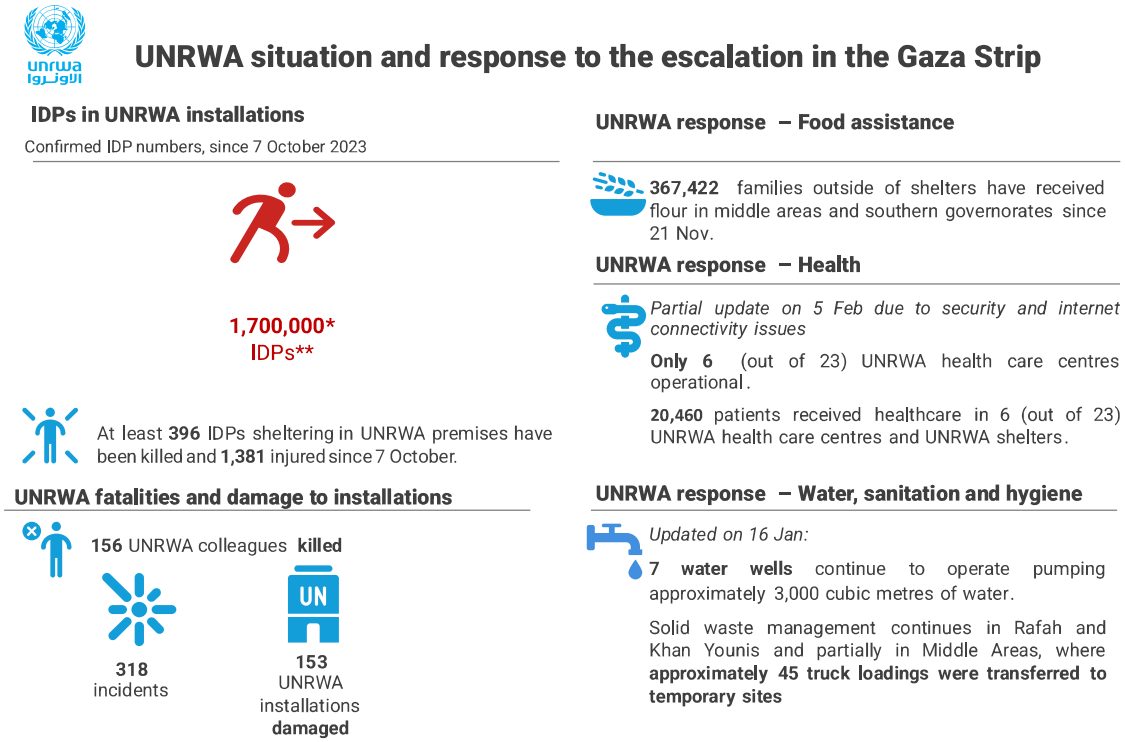
Water and Sanitation Services (WASH)

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Quote from Noor, student at the UNRWA Training College in Gaza:

"Every morning, I wake up to find myself in a classroom, living my life in a school, while myself and thousands of others are deprived of education amid this displacement. UNRWA schools and facilities have become our home."

ENDs -



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** 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 situat ion allows.

UNRWA Situation Report #78 on the situation in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank, including East Jerusalem

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Palestinian children seek refuge in Deir Al-Balah amid difficult living conditions, Middle Area, Gaza Strip, February 2024. © 2024 UNRWA Photo by Ashraf Amra

1. Key points

The Gaza Strip

- Increased airstrikes in Rafah have heightened fears that they will further hamper overstretched humanitarian operations. Nearly 1.5 million people are in Rafah, more than six times the population in comparison with before 7 October.

- Intense fighting in/around Khan Younis (southwest of Gaza) over the last three weeks is causing loss of life and damage to civilian infrastructure, including UNRWA's largest shelter in the southern area, the Khan Younis Training Centre (KYTC). This is forcing thousands of Palestinians to flee further south towards Rafah, which is severely overcrowded. At the same time, population movements out of Rafah and towards Deir Al Balah and Nuseirat refugee camps in the Middle Area have been reported, following intensified airstrikes on Rafah.

- Nasser Hospital in Khan Younis continues to be besieged by Israeli tanks. There reportedly are 10,000 displaced people within the hospital's premises, including 300 medical personnel. On 14 February, ISF called for the evacuation of civilians seeking shelter in the hospital.

- According to OCHA, since the start of 2024, humanitarian partners have planned 77 missions to deliver aid and undertake assessments to areas to the north of Wadi Gaza. Of those, only 12 were facilitated by Israeli authorities, with partial humanitarian objectives met for another three. Of the remainder, 14 were impeded, 39 were denied access and nine were postponed by the UN agencies. Facilitated missions primarily included food distribution, while those to support critical hospitals and facilities providing water, hygiene and sanitation (WASH) services remained among those overwhelmingly denied. During the same period, there were 189 planned missions to areas assessed as needing coordination to the south of Wadi Gaza. Of these, 107 were facilitated and partial humanitarian objectives were met for another two. For the rest, 18 were initially facilitated but then impeded, 48 were denied access, and 14 were postponed internally. Missions to areas not requiring coordination south of Wadi Gaza are not included in the above.

- The number of trucks entering Gaza remains well below the target of 500 per day, with significant difficulties in bringing supplies in through both Karem Abu Salem (Kerem Shalom) and Rafah.

- As of 15 February, the total number of UNRWA colleagues killed since the beginning of hostilities is now **158, an increase of two since UNRWA last update.**

- As of 15 February, 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 Area in recent days, a significant number of displaced people have moved further south.

*This includes one million individuals residing in or near emergency shelters or informal shelters. As of 12 October, 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

Several ISF search and arrest operations leading to confrontations with Palestinians occurred between 13- 14 February.

The following ISF search and arrest operations occurred:

- Early on the morning of 13 February, ISF search operations commenced across the northern West Bank, including in Jenin city and Jenin refugee camp, Qalqiliya, Askar refugee camp, Kafr Dan, Al Yamun and Balata refugee camp. During these search operations one Palestinian was reportedly killed and ten reportedly detained. Damage and destruction to infrastructure occurred in Jenin city and Jenin refugee camp. Additionally, it was reported that PRCS ambulances were denied access to Jenin refugee camp to provide medical aid for a Palestine refugee injured by live ammunition during the ISF operation.
- On 13 February ISF reportedly fired a missile and live ammunition at a Palestinian house in Sir, northern West Bank. No injuries were recorded; five Palestinians were detained.
- On 14 February clashes took place between ISF and Palestinians in Beit Ummar, southern West Bank. One Palestinian was reportedly killed by live ammunition, and thirteen Palestinians including five children were injured.
- On the evening of 14 February protests took place outside the European Union office in French Hill, East Jerusalem, against the purported presence of UNRWA Gaza headquarters in the French Hill area.

2. Overall situation

The Gaza Strip

- According to the Ministry of Health in Gaza as of 12 February, at least 28,576 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 68,291 Palestinians have been reportedly injured.

The West Bank, including East Jerusalem

- According to OCHA, between 7 October 2023–10 February 2024, 388 Palestinians, including 99 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 incidents for the period 13-14 February:

- UNRWA is working to verify the details of incidents reportedly affecting UNRWA premises. Further information will be provided once it becomes available.
- Different incidents have been reported impacting UNRWA installations and internally displaced people (IDPs) sheltering there. While verification of details and casualty figures remain ongoing, initial reports indicate:
    - After a week of intensive ISF fire, during which many IDPs were reportedly killed and injured at a school in Khan Younis, on 13 February, over 150 families were forced to

evacuate through the emergency gate due to the unsafe situation in the school. Additionally, on the same day, many IDPs were reportedly killed and injured due to intense ISF fire and shooting. One UNRWA staff was also injured by shooting.

- On 14 February, one IDP sheltering in a school in Deir El Balah was injured by shrapnel resulting from a strike on a nearby target. The injured person was transferred to the hospital to receive the necessary medical care.

- **321*** 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 45 incidents of military use and/or interference at UNRWA premises. **153** different UNRWA installations have been impacted.

- UNRWA estimates that in total at least **396*** IDPs sheltering in UNRWA shelters have been killed and at least a further **1,383*** 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 14 February, in total, nearly **1.7 million displaced people are now sheltering across emergency shelters (UNRWA and public shelters), informal sites or in close vicinity of 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

- As of 10 February, seven (out of 23) UNRWA health centres were operational. Of these, one is in the north, two are in Middle Area, one in Khan Younis and three are in Rafah.

- 539 health care staff remain working in the seven operational health centres and on 10 February provided 10,715 medical consultations.

- A further 10,525 medical consultations were conducted by staff at shelters, and at the newly established medical points in Mawasi area to serve an influx of displaced persons from Khan Younis, where the total registered population is currently 180,000.

- In early January 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 3 February, over 22,300 children were vaccinated against diseases such as measles, mumps and rubella, and others.

Psychosocial support (PSS)

- UNRWA continues to provide psychosocial support services including psychosocial first aid services, PSS consultations and intervention sessions, sessions on handling psychological fatigue, and group and recreational activities. Since the war, over 129,000 IDPs have been supported.

Food security

- UNRWA continued to distribute flour outside of shelters in the southern governorates. A total of 368,745 families have been reached so far.

Water and Sanitation Services (WASH)

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Quote from Bassam, displaced in an UNRWA shelter in the South Area and father of five:

"There are no other donors – only UNRWA gives us flour, oil, canned foods, sugar, milk, blankets and mattresses."

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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 **396** IDPs sheltering in UNRWA premises have been killed and **1,383** injured since 7 October.

UNRWA fatalities and damage to installations

156 UNRWA colleagues **killed**

321
incidents

153
UNRWA installations **damaged**

UNRWA response – Food assistance

368,745 families outside of shelters have received flour in middle areas and southern governorates since 21 Nov.

UNRWA response – Health

Partial update on 10 Feb due to security and internet connectivity issues

Only 7 (out of 23) UNRWA health care centres operational.

21,240 patients received healthcare in 7 (out of 23) 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 #79 on the situation in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank, including East Jerusalem

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Day 132-134 of Hostilities

Published 19 February 2024



UNRWA social workers provide psychosocial and social support to displaced children in Khan Younis, Southern Area, Gaza Strip, February 2024. © 2024 UNRWA Photo by Mohamed Hinnawi

1. Key points

The Gaza Strip

- Increased airstrikes in Rafah have heightened fears that they will further hamper overstretched humanitarian operations. Nearly 1.5 million people are in Rafah, more than six times the population in comparison with before 7 October.

- Intense fighting in and around Khan Younis (southwest of Gaza) over the last four weeks is causing loss of life and damage to civilian infrastructure, including UNRWA's largest shelter in the southern area, the Khan Younis Training Centre (KYTC). This is forcing thousands of Palestinians to flee further south towards Rafah, which is severely overcrowded. At the same time, population movements out of Rafah and towards Deir Al Balah and Nuseirat refugee camps in the Middle Area have been reported, following intensified airstrikes on Rafah.

- Nasser Hospital in Khan Younis continues to be besieged by Israeli tanks. There reportedly are 10,000 displaced people within the hospital's premises, including 300 medical personnel. On 16 February, Ministry of Health reported that five ICU patients had died due to a lack of oxygen

supplies and a number of people who were relocated to a building within Nasser Hospital premises had no food, water or baby formula.

- The number of trucks entering Gaza remains well below the target of 500 per day, with significant difficulties in bringing supplies in through both Karem Abu Salem (Kerem Shalom) and Rafah. The Food Security Cluster reported that a consistent food supply to serve the entire population continues to be hindered by frequent border closures.

- According to OCHA, since the start of 2024 until 12 February, 51% of missions planned by UNRWA and humanitarian partners to deliver aid and undertake assessments to areas north of Wadi Gaza were denied access by the Israeli authorities. According to the Food Security Cluster, food insecurity north of Wadi Gaza has reached an extremely critical state, given significant restrictions on the delivery of humanitarian assistance.

- In the period between 21 October and 14 February, people received **25,056 metric tons (MT) of flour,** including **15,364 from UNRWA**.
- **In the same period, UNRWA delivered to the Gaza Strip:**
    - **Medicines and medical supplies** for a total value of more than US$ 6.8 million.
    - **Over 22 million litres of water**.
    - **2.7 million units of biscuits and high energy biscuits**.
    - **Nearly 6.8 million cans of protein-based food**, including beans and canned meat.
    - **Over 6.5 million units of dairy items** (cheese).
    - **Other food items** including dates and juice.
    - Non-food items (NFI) including nearly **136,000 mattresses**; **104,000 family hygiene kits**; over **3.1 million diapers**; approximately **185,000 blankets**; and over **3.7 million cleaning supply items**.

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- As of 17 February, 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 Area in recent days, a significant number of displaced people have moved further south.

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**UNRWA reported in Situation Report 64 that up to 1.9 million IDPs were 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

The next West Bank update will be published 20 February 2024

2. Overall situation

The Gaza Strip

- According to the Ministry of Health in Gaza as of 16 February, at least 28,775 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 68,552 Palestinians have been reportedly injured.

The West Bank, including East Jerusalem

- According to OCHA, between 7 October 2023–16 February 2024, 389 Palestinians, including 100 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.
- Different incidents have been reported impacting UNRWA installations and IDPs sheltering there. While verification of details and casualty figures remain ongoing, initial reports indicate:
    - On 17 December 2023, a health centre in Gaza City reportedly sustained severe damages as a result of different strikes from air and from land.
    - **322*** incidents impacting UNRWA premises and the people inside them have been reported since the beginning of the war (including multiple incidents impacting the same locations), including at least 45 incidents of military use and/or interference at UNRWA premises. **153** different UNRWA installations have been impacted.

- UNRWA estimates that in total at least **396*** IDPs sheltering in UNRWA shelters have been killed and at least a further **1,383*** 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 and limited internet connectivity, we have been unable to provide any additional updates since Sitrep 75.

UNRWA Shelters

- As of 17 February, a total of nearly **1.7 million displaced people are now sheltering across emergency shelters (UNRWA and public shelters), informal sites or in the close vicinity of 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

- As of 13 February, seven (out of 23) UNRWA health centres were operational. Of these, one is in the north, two are in Middle Area, one in Khan Younis and three are in Rafah.

- A total of 642 health care staff remain working in the seven operational health centres and on 13 February they provided 13,415 medical consultations.

- A further 9,908 medical consultations were conducted by staff at shelters, and at the newly established medical points in Mawasi area to serve an influx of displaced persons from Khan Younis -- the total registered population in Mawasi is currently 180,000.

- As of 13 February, mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) services were continuing in the Middle and Khan Younis areas with teams of health professionals consisting of psychiatrists and three supervisors to assist special cases referred from health centres and shelters. The teams responded to 1,251 cases in Health Centres and 52 in medical points through individual consultations, awareness sessions, and support for GBV cases.

- In early January 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. Between 3 January and 3 February, over 22,300 children were vaccinated against diseases such as measles, mumps and rubella, and others. On 13 February an additional 996 children were vaccinated.

Psychosocial support (PSS)

- UNRWA continues to provide psychosocial support services including psychosocial first aid services, PSS consultations and intervention sessions, sessions on handling psychological fatigue, and group and recreational activities. Since the war, over 139,000 IDPs have been supported.

Food security

- As of 14 February, UNRWA continued to distribute flour outside of shelters in the southern governorates. A total of 368,745 families have been reached so far.

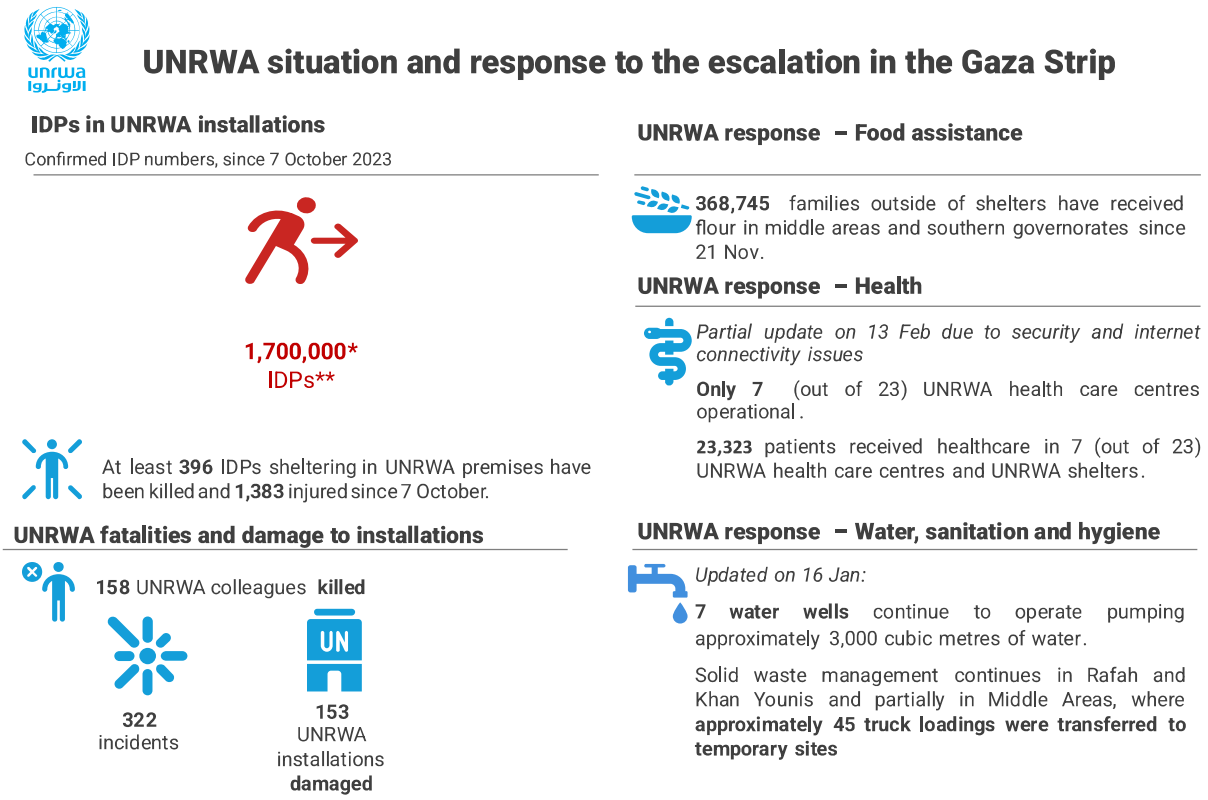
Water and Sanitation Services (WASH)

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

Quote from Youssef, support counselor at an UNRWA school in Deir Al-Balah, Gaza Middle Area:

"People cannot buy any supplies due to their lack [of availability], and even if they are available, they are expensive. We thank UNRWA for the services it provides to people, and we call on everyone to redouble their efforts so that aid continues to reach everyone."

ENDs -



* *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 situat ion allows.

UNRWA Situation Report #80 on the situation in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank, including East Jerusalem

All information from 18-19 February 2024, is valid as of 19 February 2024 at 22:30 (local time)

Day 135-136 of Hostilities

Published 21 February 2024



People walking in Deir Al-Balah amidst continued power outage, the Middle Areas, Gaza Strip, February 2024. © 2024 UNRWA Photo by Ashraf Amra

1. Key points

The Gaza Strip

- Increased airstrikes in Rafah have heightened fears that they will further hamper overstretched humanitarian operations. Nearly 1.5 million people are in Rafah, more than six times the population in comparison with before 7 October.

- Intense fighting in and around Khan Younis (southwest of Gaza) over the last four weeks is causing loss of life and damage to civilian infrastructure, including UNRWA's largest shelter in the southern area, the Khan Younis Training Centre (KYTC). This is forcing thousands of Palestinians to flee further south towards Rafah, which is severely overcrowded. At the same time, population movements out of Rafah and towards Deir Al Balah and Nuseirat refugee camps in the Middle Area have been reported, following intensified airstrikes on Rafah.

- As of 19 February, Nasser Hospital in Khan Younis continues to be besieged by Israeli forces. Access was finally granted on 18 February and UN and Palestine Red Crescent Society officials visited the hospital and managed to evacuate 14 patients; negotiations are on-going for the evacuation of the remaining patients, who are believed to number over 100.

- There are reportedly 10,000 displaced people within the hospital's premises, including 300 medical personnel, and reportedly up to 70 medical personnel have been detained. On 16 February, Ministry of Health reported that eight patients had died due to a lack of oxygen supplies and a number of people who were relocated to a building within the Nasser Hospital premises had no food, water or baby formula.

- The number of trucks entering Gaza remains well below the target of 500 per day, with significant difficulties in bringing supplies in through both Karem Abu Salem (Kerem Shalom) and Rafah. The Food Security Cluster reported that a consistent food supply to serve the entire population continues to be hindered by frequent border closures. Supplies of flour inside Gaza are extremely limited due to lack of access to the north and law and order challenges at the crossing.

    - During this period, UNRWA has at times had to temporarily stop discharging supplies due to security concerns. Furthermore, provision of security to manage law and order at the crossing has been severely impacted due to de facto-police authorities being targeted over the last few weeks.

- As of 19 February, the total number of UNRWA colleagues killed since the beginning of hostilities is now **158.**

- As of 19 February, 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 Area in recent days, a significant number of displaced people have moved further south.

*This includes one million individuals residing in or near emergency shelters or informal shelters. As of 12 October, 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 reported in Situation Report 64 that up to 1.9 million IDPs were 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.

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The West Bank, including East Jerusalem

Between 15 - 19 February, more than 129 search operations by ISF were reported across the West Bank, averaging more than 25 per day. At least 92 Palestinians were detained during this period, including four children. Two Palestinians were shot dead in Tulkarm Camp, northern West Bank, on 18 February during an search operation that also resulted in the evacuation of UNRWA schools in the refugee camp.

Clashes in Shu'fat Camp, East Jerusalem, escalated over 16-18 February after a camp resident allegedly opened fire at Israelis at a bus station in Kiryat Malakhi settlement, killing two and injuring four before being killed during the exchange of fire. Both live ammunition and tear gas were used on camp residents, and relatives of the Palestinian involved were detained or summoned for interrogation.

A number of settler incidents were recorded between 15 February and 19 February. On 16 February in Kisan, southern West Bank, residential and agricultural structures and a vehicle were burnt by settlers. On 17 February in Asira al Qibliya, southern West Bank, settlers deployed a mobile checkpoint at the entrance to the village and assaulted Palestinian residents. On 18 February in Turmus'ayya, central West Bank, settlers attacked Palestinian houses, set fire to Palestinian vehicles, and sprayed anti-Arab slogans on the walls. On 19 February clashes between settlers, ISF and Palestinians were reported in Burqa, northern West Bank, wherein houses and vehicles were set on fire, tear gas was deployed, and Palestine Red Crescent Society ambulances were prevented from entering the village.

2. Overall situation

The Gaza Strip

- According to the Ministry of Health in Gaza as of 19 February, at least 29,092 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 69,028 Palestinians have been reportedly injured.

The West Bank, including East Jerusalem

- According to OCHA, between 7 October 2023 – 18 February 2024, 393 Palestinians, including 100 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

There are no new incidents to report during this period.

Given that Israeli military operations are ongoing throughout the Gaza Strip including airstrikes and incursions and armed clashes in Gaza, Middle and Khan Younis areas, it cannot be excluded that there were incidents during this time, but that current situation is making it difficult to assess them.

- **322*** 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 45 incidents of military use and/or interference at UNRWA premises. **153** different UNRWA installations have been impacted.

- UNRWA estimates that in total at least **396*** IDPs sheltering in UNRWA shelters have been killed and at least a further **1,383*** 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

Due to the security situation and limited internet connectivity, we have been unable to provide any additional updates since Sitrep 75.

UNRWA Shelters

- As of 17 February, a total of nearly **1.7 million displaced people are now sheltering across emergency shelters (UNRWA and public shelters), informal sites or in the vicinity of 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

- As of 18 February, seven (out of 23) UNRWA health centres were operational. Of these, one is in the north, two are in Middle Area, one in Khan Younis and three are in Rafah. Health centres provide primary health care services, including outpatient services, non-communicable disease care, medications, vaccinations, antenatal health care, postnatal health care and dressing for injured patients.

- A total of 631 health care staff remain working in the seven operational health centres and on 13 February they provided 12,469 medical consultations.

- A further 8,779 medical consultations were conducted by 300 staff at shelters, and at the newly established medical points in Mawasi area to serve an influx of displaced persons from Khan Younis -- the total registered population in Mawasi is currently 180,000.

- As of 18 February, mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) services were continuing in the Middle and Khan Younis areas with teams of health professionals consisting of psychiatrists and three supervisors to assist special cases referred from health centres and shelters. The teams responded to 1,133 cases in Health Centres and 52 in

medical points through individual consultations, awareness sessions, and support for cases of gender-based violence.

- In early January 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. Between 3 January and 3 February, over 22,300 children were vaccinated against diseases such as measles, mumps and rubella, and others. On 17 February, an additional 878 children were vaccinated.

Psychosocial support (PSS)

- UNRWA continues to provide psychosocial support services including psychosocial first aid services, PSS consultations and intervention sessions, sessions on handling psychological fatigue, and group and recreational activities. Since the war, over 139,000 IDPs have been supported.

Food security

- As of 14 February, UNRWA continued to distribute flour outside of shelters in the southern governorates. A total of 370,317 families have been reached so far.

Water and Sanitation Services (WASH)

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

Quote from Othman, 80-year-old refugee from Northern Gaza:

"How much longer must we endure this wretched plight? How much longer will our lives be defined by perpetual uncertainty and relentless specter of death?"

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 **396** IDPs sheltering in UNRWA premises have been killed and **1,383** injured since 7 October.

UNRWA fatalities and damage to installations

158 UNRWA colleagues **killed**

322
incidents

153
UNRWA installations **damaged**

UNRWA response – Food assistance

370,317 families outside of shelters have received flour in middle areas and southern governorates since 21 Nov.

UNRWA response – Health

Partial update on 18 Feb due to security and internet connectivity issues

Only 7 (out of 23) UNRWA health care centres operational.

21,248 patients received healthcare in 7 (out of 23) 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**

* *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 situat ion allows.

UNRWA Situation Report #81 on the situation in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank, including East Jerusalem

All information from 20-21 February 2024, is valid as of 21 February 2024 at 22:30 (local time)

Day 137-138 of Hostilities

Published 23 February 2024



Displaced Palestinians seeking shelter as the humanitarian situation continue to deteriorate, Gaza Strip, February 2024. © 2024 UNRWA Photo by Ashraf Amra

1. Key points

The Gaza Strip

- Increased airstrikes in Rafah have heightened fears that they will further hamper overstretched humanitarian operations. Nearly 1.5 million people are in Rafah, more than six times the population before 7 October.

- Intense fighting in and around Khan Younis (southwest of Gaza) over the last four weeks is causing loss of life and damage to civilian infrastructure, including UNRWA's largest shelter in the southern area, the Khan Younis Training Centre (KYTC). This is forcing thousands of Palestinians to flee further south towards Rafah, which is severely overcrowded. At the same time, population movements out of Rafah and towards Deir Al Balah and Nuseirat refugee camps in the Middle Area have been reported, following intensified airstrikes on Rafah.

- In this reporting period (20-21 February) only 69 trucks entered the Gaza Strip, an average of fewer than 35 per day. The number of trucks entering Gaza remains well below the target of 500 per day, with significant difficulties bringing supplies in through both Karem Abu Salem (Kerem Shalom) and Rafah. UNRWA trucks have struggled to enter the Gaza Strip due to

security concerns and temporary closures at both Rafah and Kerem Shalom border crossings. UNRWA has at times had to temporarily stop discharging supplies due to security concerns. Furthermore, provision of security to manage law and order at the crossing has been severely impacted due to the targeting of de facto-police authorities over the last few weeks.

- The Global Nutrition Cluster is reporting a steep rise in malnutrition among children and pregnant and breastfeeding women in the Gaza Strip[1]. UNRWA was part of the nutrition assessment, conducting nutrition screenings when children received vaccinations in Agency health centres. The situation remains critical in North Gaza, where one in six children were found to be acutely malnourished.

- As of 21 February, the total number of UNRWA colleagues killed since the beginning of hostilities is now **158.**

- As of 21 February, 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 Area in recent days, a significant number of displaced people have moved further south.

*This includes one million individuals residing in or near emergency shelters or informal shelters. As of 12 October, 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 Security forces (ISF), 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

From the evening of 20 February until the morning of 21 February there was an ISF operation in Jenin city and Jenin Camp, northern West Bank, leading to clashes between ISF and Palestinians. Live fire was exchanged. ISF bulldozers caused damage to infrastructure including roads inside Jenin Camp. One Palestinian was killed, and several injuries reported, and 15 Palestinians were reportedly detained.

[11] report (healthclusteropt.org)

Clashes in Azzun, northern West Bank, were reported on 21 February following a confrontation between settlers and Palestinians near the town. During the subsequent ISF operation one Palestinian child was reportedly killed, and four Palestinians detained.

On 20 February six children were detained in Abud, central West Bank, as part of an ISF search operation.

Several demolitions were reported during 20-21 February. In Tammun in the northern West Bank, as part of an ISF operation on 21 February, bulldozers reportedly demolished a shrine in the town. On 21 February ISF reportedly bulldozed a road between Abu Dis and As Sawahira ash Sharqiya in Jerusalem governorate, purportedly in order to modify the West Bank Barrier and increase its height in the area.

2. Overall situation

The Gaza Strip

- According to the Ministry of Health in Gaza as of 21 February, at least 29,313 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 69,333 Palestinians have been reportedly injured.

The West Bank, including East Jerusalem

- According to OCHA, between 7 October 2023 – 18 February 2024, 394 Palestinians, including 100 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.
- Different incidents have been reported impacting UNRWA installations and internal displaced people (IDPs) sheltering there. While verification of details and casualty figures remain ongoing, initial reports indicate:
    - On 17 February, two IDPs were injured outside the wall of a school in Deir El Balah, in Middle Area, due to a strike on an adjacent building. The injured were transferred to the hospital to receive medical treatment. Additionally, some shrapnel fell inside the school premises, no damage was reported.
    - On 20 February, five IDPs were killed and subsequently buried inside a school in Khan Younis as a result of extensive gunfire by ISF. Additionally, ISF tanks demolished the perimeter wall of the school. The school sustained significant damage. Approximately 100 IDPs who were still in the school were subsequently forced to evacuate by the ISF. Several IDPs were reportedly assaulted and detained.

- **325*** 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 46 incidents of military use and/or interference at UNRWA premises. **153** different UNRWA installations have been impacted.

- UNRWA estimates that in total at least **401*** IDPs sheltering in UNRWA shelters have been killed and at least a further **1,385*** 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

Due to the security situation and limited internet connectivity, we have been unable to provide any additional updates since Sitrep 75.

UNRWA Shelters

- As of 17 February, nearly **1.7 million displaced people are now sheltering across emergency shelters (UNRWA and public shelters), informal sites or in the vicinity of 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

- As of 19 February, seven (out of 23) UNRWA health centres were operational. Of these, one is in the north, two are in Middle Area, one in Khan Younis and three are in Rafah. Health centres provide primary health care services, including outpatient services, non-communicable disease care, medications, vaccinations, antenatal health care, postnatal health care and dressing for injured patients.

- A total of 587 health care staff remain working in the seven operational health centres and on 19 February they provided 11,138 medical consultations.

- A further 8,034 medical consultations were conducted by staff at shelters, and at the newly established medical points in Mawasi area to serve an influx of displaced persons from Khan Younis -- the total registered population in Mawasi is currently 180,000.

- Between 7 October – 19 February, UNRWA has provided over 2.4 million medical consultations across UNRWA health centres and UNRWA shelters.

- As of 18 February, mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) services were continuing in the Middle and Khan Younis areas with teams of health professionals consisting of psychiatrists and three supervisors to assist special cases referred from health centres and

shelters. The teams responded to 1,133 cases in Health Centres and 52 in medical points through individual consultations, awareness sessions, and support for cases of gender-based violence.

- In early January 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. Between 3 January and 3 February, over 22,300 children were vaccinated against diseases such as measles, mumps and rubella, and others. On 17 February, an additional 878 children were vaccinated.

Psychosocial support (PSS)

- UNRWA continues to provide psychosocial support services including psychosocial first aid services, PSS consultations and intervention sessions, sessions on handling psychological fatigue, and group and recreational activities. Since the war, over 148,000 IDPs have been supported.

Food security

- As of 19 February, UNRWA continued to distribute flour outside of shelters in the southern governorates. To date total of 370,919 families have been assisted, of which 88,493 have received two rounds of flour.

Water and Sanitation Services (WASH)

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

Quote from Juliette Touma, UNRWA Director of Communications:

"Gaza has become very fast one of the most dangerous places to be an aid worker in. [...] Quite often our teams are forced to deliver humanitarian assistance under fire."

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 **401** IDPs sheltering in UNRWA premises have been killed and **1,385** injured since 7 October.

UNRWA fatalities and damage to installations

158 UNRWA colleagues **killed**

325
incidents

153
UNRWA installations **damaged**

UNRWA response – Food assistance

370,317 families outside of shelters have received flour in middle areas and southern governorates at least once since 21 Nov.

UNRWA response – Health

Partial update on 19 Feb due to security and internet connectivity issues

Only 7 (out of 23) UNRWA health care centres operational.

19,127 patients received healthcare in 7 (out of 23) 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**

* *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 Situation Report #82 on the situation in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank, including East Jerusalem

All information from 22-24 February 2024, is valid as of 24 February 2024 at 22:30 (local time)

Day 139-141 of Hostilities

Published 25 February 2024



Palestinian children sheltering in an UNRWA school in Deir al-Balah, the Middle Areas, Gaza Strip, February 2024. © 2024 UNRWA Photo by Ashraf Amra

1. Key points

The Gaza Strip

- Ground operations and heavy fighting continue across the Gaza Strip, in particular in Northern Gaza, Deir al Balah and Khan Younis.
- Increased airstrikes in Rafah, including in residential areas without prior warnings have heightened fears that they will further hamper overstretched humanitarian operations. Nearly 1.5 million people are in Rafah, more than six times the population before 7 October.
- Intense fighting in and around Khan Younis (southwest of Gaza) over the last five weeks is causing loss of life and damage to civilian infrastructure, including UNRWA's largest shelter in the southern area, the Khan Younis Training Centre (KYTC). This is forcing thousands of Palestinians to flee further south towards Rafah, which is severely overcrowded. At the same time, population movements out of Rafah and towards Deir Al Balah and Nuseirat refugee camps in the Middle Area have been reported, even though there are reports of further fighting and airstrikes I those areas.

- Both supply routes into the Gaza Strip remained inconsistent throughout the reporting period. On 22 February, 220 trucks entered the Gaza Strip via both Rafah and the Karem Abu Salem (Kerem Shalom) crossing points. The numbers dropped to only 50 trucks the following day.

- February saw very little aid coming in, with on average nearly 98 trucks entering per day, a 50 per cent reduction in supplies entering Gaza compared to January 2024. The number of trucks entering Gaza remains well below the target of 500 per day, with significant difficulties bringing supplies in through both Karem Abu Salem (Kerem Shalom) and Rafah. UNRWA trucks have struggled to enter the Gaza Strip due to security constraints and temporary closures at both crossings. UNRWA has at times had to temporarily stop discharging supplies due to security concerns. Security to manage the crossing has been severely impacted due to the killing of several Palestinian policemen in Israeli airstrikes near the crossings recently.

- As of 25 February, the total number of UNRWA colleagues killed since the beginning of hostilities is now **158.**

- As of 25 February, 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 Area in recent days, a significant number of displaced people have moved further south.

*This includes one million individuals residing in or near emergency shelters or informal shelters. As of 12 October, 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 Security forces (ISF), and the constant need for safer locations have resulted in people being displaced multiple times.

**UNRWA reported in Situation Report 64 that up to 1.9 million IDPs were 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

The next West Bank, including East Jerusalem will be published on 28 February 2024.

2. Overall situation

The Gaza Strip

- According to the Ministry of Health in Gaza as of 23 February, at least 29,514 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 69,616 Palestinians have been reportedly injured.

The West Bank, including East Jerusalem

- According to OCHA, between 7 October 2023 – 23 February 2024, 399 Palestinians, including 102 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.
- Different incidents have been reported impacting UNRWA installations and IDPs sheltering there. While verification of details and casualty figures remain ongoing, initial reports indicate:
    - On 20 February 2024, according to video footage by IDF, the IDF reportedly entered a school in Bani Suhaila area, in Khan Younis, and made an excavation inside the yard, allegedly finding a tunnel underneath the installation. The IDF reportedly also carried out a controlled explosion in the vicinity of the school. Damages resulting from the controlled explosion are yet to be assessed.
    - On 22 February 2024, IDF troops reportedly opened fire towards a group of people at the main gate of a school in Al-Amal neighbourhood, west of Khan Younis. At least two people were killed. Their bodies were brought inside the school.
    - On 23 February 2024, a school in Gaza City was directly hit by artillery fire and a number of shells. No injuries were reported, but several IDPs who were sheltering there fled from the school.
    - On 23 February 2024, a container inside a school in Nuseirat Camp in the Middle Area was directly hit resulting in one person reportedly killed and one injured.
    - On 24 February 2024, a distribution centre in Rafah (where other offices are also located) sustained damage and shrapnel was found inside the maintenance office due to a strike on an adjacent house.

- UNRWA estimates that in total at least **403*** internally displaced people (IDPs) sheltering in UNRWA shelters have been killed and at least a further **1,385*** injured since the start of the war. UNRWA continues to verify 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.

- **332*** 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 48 incidents of military use and/or interference at UNRWA premises. **155** different UNRWA installations have been impacted.

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4. UNRWA response

The Gaza Strip

Due to the security situation and limited internet connectivity, we have been unable to provide any additional updates since Sitrep 75.

UNRWA Shelters

- As of 24 February, nearly **1.7 million displaced people are now sheltering across emergency shelters (UNRWA and public shelters), informal sites or in the vicinity of UNRWA shelters and distribution sites and within host communities.**

Health

- As of 22 February, seven (out of 23) UNRWA health centres were operational. Of these, one is in the north, two are in Middle Area, one in Khan Younis and three are in Rafah. Health centres provide primary health care services, including outpatient services, non-communicable disease care, medication, vaccination, antenatal health care, postnatal health care and dressing for injured patients.

- A total of 708 health care staff remain working in the seven operational health centres and on 19 February they provided 14,073 medical consultations.

- Another 9,553 medical consultations were conducted by 300 staff at shelters, and at the newly established medical points in al-Mawasi area to serve an influx of displaced persons from Khan Younis -- the total registered population in Mawasi is currently 180,000.

- Between 7 October – 19 February, UNRWA has provided over 2.4 million medical consultations across UNRWA health centres and UNRWA shelters.

- As of 22 February, mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) services continued in the Middle and Khan Younis areas with teams of health professionals consisting of psychiatrists and three supervisors to assist special cases referred from health centres and shelters. The teams responded to 1,242 cases in health centres and 52 in medical points through individual consultations, awareness sessions, and support for cases of gender-based violence.

- In early January, 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. Between 3 January and 3 February, over 22,300 children were

vaccinated against measles, mumps and rubella, and others. On 22 February, an additional 1,098 children were vaccinated.

Psychosocial support (PSS)

- UNRWA continues to provide psychosocial support services including psychosocial first aid services, PSS consultations and intervention sessions, sessions on handling psychological fatigue, and group and recreational activities. Since the war, over 148,000 IDPs have been supported.

Food security

- As of 24 February, UNRWA continued to distribute flour outside of shelters in the southern governorates. To date, a total of 371,084 families have been assisted, of which 89,708 have received two rounds of flour.

Water and Sanitation Services (WASH)

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

Quote from Philippe Lazzarini, UNRWA Commissioner-General:

"In just over four months in Gaza there have been more children, more journalists, more medical personnel, and more UN staff killed than anywhere in the world during a conflict."

Read the full Letter from the Commissioner-General to the President of the UN General Assembly here.

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 **403** IDPs sheltering in UNRWA premises have been killed and **1,385** injured since 7 October.

UNRWA fatalities and damage to installations

158 UNRWA colleagues **killed**

322
incidents

155
UNRWA installations **damaged**

UNRWA response – Food assistance

371,084 families outside of shelters have received flour in middle areas and southern governorates at least once since 21 Nov.

UNRWA response – Health

Partial update on 24 Feb due to security and internet connectivity issues

Only 7 (out of 23) UNRWA health care centres operational.

23,626 patients received healthcare in 7 (out of 23) 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**

* *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 situat ion allows.

UNRWA Situation Report #83 on the situation in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank, including East Jerusalem

All information from 25-26 February 2024, is valid as of 26 February 2024 at 22:30 (local time)

Day 141-143 of Hostilities

Published 28 February 2024



Families seeking shelter in a demolished building in Rafah, southern Gaza Strip, February 2024. © 2024 UNRWA Photo

1. Key points

The Gaza Strip

- The Humanitarian Country Team reported that humanitarian partners (including UNRWA) have been unable to reach northern Gaza, and increasingly parts of southern Gaza, safely. Aid convoys reportedly continue to come under fire and are denied access by the Israeli Authorities.
- Furthermore, according to OCHA there have been continued reports of shooting by Israeli forces at Palestinians waiting for humanitarian aid in Gaza City.
- Ground operations and heavy fighting continue across the Gaza Strip, in particular in northern Gaza, Deir al Balah and Khan Younis.
- Increased airstrikes in Rafah, including in residential areas without prior warnings have heightened fears that they will further hamper overstretched humanitarian operations.

Nearly 1.5 million people are in Rafah, more than six times the population before 7 October.

- Intense fighting in and around Khan Younis (southwest of Gaza) over the last six weeks is causing loss of life and damage to civilian infrastructure. This is forcing thousands of Palestinians to flee further south towards Rafah, which is severely overcrowded. At the same time, population movements out of Rafah and towards Deir Al Balah and Nuseirat refugee camps in the Middle Area have been reported, even though there are reports of further fighting and airstrikes in those areas.

- Supply routes into the Gaza Strip have functioned inconsistently throughout the reporting period. Between 25 - 26 February, only 232 trucks entered the Gaza Strip via both Rafah and the Karem Abu Salem (Kerem Shalom) crossing points.

- February continues to see very little aid coming in, with on average of nearly 99 trucks entering per day, whereas approximately 150 trucks of supplies were entering Gaza per day in January 2024. The number of trucks entering Gaza remains well below the target of 500 per day, with significant difficulties bringing supplies in through both Karem Abu Salem (Kerem Shalom) and Rafah. UNRWA trucks have struggled to enter the Gaza Strip due to security constraints and temporary closures at both crossings. UNRWA has at times had to temporarily stop dispatching supplies due to security concerns. Security to manage the crossing has been severely impacted due to the killing of several Palestinian policemen in Israeli airstrikes near the crossings recently.

- In the period between 21 October 2023 and 20 February 2024, people have received the following:
    - 27,029 metric tons of flour, including 17,300 metric tons from UNRWA
    - **Delivered to Gaza:**
        - Biscuits and High Energy Biscuits: 2.7 million units
        - Protein based food (beans, chicken, beef, canned meat): 7,745,678 cans
        - Dairy items (Cheese): 6,449,674 units
    - Other food items: 1,976,056 US$ value
    - 23.5 million litres of water via water bottles and water tankers have been delivered to Gaza
    - 104,00 family hygiene kits were delivered to Gaza
    - Over 200,000 blankets were delivered to Gaza
    - 196,000 mattresses
    - 3.7 million diapers

- On 10 February, Education Cluster released its preliminary findings regarding damages to schools since the beginning of the conflict. The report assessed that up to 44 per cent of UNRWA school buildings have been either directly hit or damaged.

- As of 26 February, the total number of UNRWA colleagues killed since the beginning of hostilities is now **158.**

- As of 26 February, 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 Area in recent days, a significant number of displaced people have moved further south.

*This includes one million individuals residing in or near emergency shelters or informal shelters. As of 12 October, 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 Security Forces (ISF), 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

- Between 22 and 26 February, more than 150 ISF search operations were reported across the West Bank, averaging more than 30 per day. At least 124 Palestinians were detained during this period, including twelve children.
- An operation in Jenin Camp, northern West Bank, commencing in the evening of 22 February involved a drone strike on a Palestinian-owned vehicle, killing two Palestinians including a child. On the evening of 26 February an operation commenced in El Far'a Camp, northern West Bank, with at least two Palestinian fatalities reported. Damage to camp infrastructure including roads, caused by ISF bulldozers, was also recorded.
- On 22 February, live fire was exchanged between Palestinians and ISF at a checkpoint east of Jerusalem after two Palestinians purportedly opened fire near an Israeli settlement, resulting in one Israeli and three Palestinian fatalities.
- As of 26 February cement blocks were installed by ISF at the entrance of Bab Asbat (Lion's Gate), in Jerusalem Old City, to prevent vehicular access. Between 22 -26 February, other closures at checkpoints and using roadblocks were reported in Bizarriya, Wadi an Nar, Shu'fat Camp, Az Za'ayyem and Sinjil.

2. Overall situation

The Gaza Strip

- According to the Ministry of Health in Gaza as of 26 February, at least 29,782 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 70,043 Palestinians have been reportedly injured.

The West Bank, including East Jerusalem

- According to OCHA, between 7 October 2023 – 23 February 2024, 400 Palestinians, including 102 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.
- Different incidents have been reported impacting UNRWA installations and IDPs sheltering there. While verification of details and casualty figures remain ongoing, initial reports indicate:
    - On 26 February, about 200 IDPs, including UNRWA staff, were forcefully evacuated by the ISF from a school in Khan Younis. It was reported that the evacuated IDPs had to go through a checkpoint. Men were reportedly divided in groups of five individuals and subjected to thorough searches, with some of them compelled to remove their clothing. Some individuals were then reportedly detained.
    - On 26 February, IDF tanks and bulldozers destroyed the main gate, part of the guard room, and caused damage to the generator of a school in Khan Younis. A female IDP, aged 20 years old, was killed in the school. Additionally, about 2,500 IDPs, including UNRWA staff, were ordered by the ISF to evacuate the school. The evacuated IDPs were reportedly subjected to invasive searches and arrests.
- **335*** 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 50 incidents of military use and/or interference at UNRWA premises. **155** different UNRWA installations have been impacted.

- UNRWA estimates that in total at least **404*** internally displaced people (IDPs) sheltering in UNRWA shelters have been killed and at least a further **1,385*** 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

Due to the security situation and limited internet connectivity, we have been unable to provide any additional updates since Sitrep 75.

UNRWA Shelters

- As of 26 February, nearly **1.7 million displaced people are now sheltering across emergency shelters (UNRWA and public shelters), informal sites or in the vicinity of UNRWA shelters and distribution sites and within host communities.**

Health

- As of 24 February, seven (out of 23) UNRWA health centres were operational. Of these, one is in the north, two are in Middle Area, one in Khan Younis and three are in Rafah. Health centres provide primary health care services, including outpatient services, non-communicable disease care, medication, vaccination, antenatal health care, postnatal health care and dressing for injured patients.

- A total of 708 health care staff continue to work in seven operational health centres and on 19 February they provided 14,073 medical consultations.

- Another 9,553 medical consultations were conducted by 300 staff at shelters, and at the newly established medical points in al-Mawasi area to serve an influx of displaced persons from Khan Younis. The total registered population in al-Mawasi is currently 180,000.

- Between 7 October – 19 February, UNRWA has provided over 2.4 million medical consultations across UNRWA health centres and UNRWA shelters.

- As of 22 February, mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) services continued in the Middle and Khan Younis areas with teams of health professionals consisting of psychiatrists and three supervisors to assist special cases referred from health centres and shelters. The teams responded to 1,242 cases in health centres and 52 in medical points through individual consultations, awareness sessions, and support for cases of gender-based violence.

- In early January, 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. Between 3 January and 3 February, over 22,300

children were vaccinated against measles, mumps and rubella and others. On 24 February, an additional 1,270 children were vaccinated.

Psychosocial support (PSS)

- UNRWA continues to provide psychosocial support services including psychosocial first aid services, PSS consultations and intervention sessions, sessions on handling psychological fatigue, and group and recreational activities. Since the war, over 148,000 IDPs have been supported.

Food security

- As of 26 February, UNRWA continued to distribute flour outside of shelters in the southern governorates. To date, a total of 371,208 families have been assisted, of which 91,278 have received two rounds of flour.

Water and Sanitation Services (WASH)

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Quote from Alaa, seventh-grade student displaced in Rafah:

"The place is very dark, and light only enters through narrow openings among the remnants of debris. What's even more difficult is the smell of gunpowder left behind by the rockets after the destruction of the building."

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 **404** IDPs sheltering in UNRWA premises have been killed and **1,385** injured since 7 October.

UNRWA fatalities and damage to installations

158 UNRWA colleagues **killed**

335
incidents

155
UNRWA installations **damaged**

UNRWA response – Food assistance

371,208 families outside of shelters have received flour in middle areas and southern governorates at least once since 21 Nov.

UNRWA response – Health

Partial update on 24 Feb due to security and internet connectivity issues

Only 7 (out of 23) UNRWA health care centres operational.

23,626 patients received healthcare in 7 (out of 23) 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**

* *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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** 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 situat ion allows.

UNRWA Situation Report #84 on the situation in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank, including East Jerusalem

All information from 27-28 February 2024, is valid as of 28 February 2024 at 22:30 (local time)

Day 144-145 of Hostilities

Published 1 March 2024



Displaced families seek shelter in an UNRWA school in Deir al-Balah, the Middle Areas, Gaza Strip, February 2024. © 2024 UNRWA Photo by Ashraf Amra

1. Key points

The Gaza Strip

- Intense Israeli bombardment from air, land and sea continued to be reported across much of the Gaza Strip, resulting in further civilian casualties, displacement, and destruction of civilian infrastructure.
- The Ministry of Health in Gaza reports that two infants died in northern Gaza as a result of dehydration and malnutrition, as a quarter of Gaza's population faces catastrophic levels of food insecurity.
- Supply routes into the Gaza Strip have functioned inconsistently throughout the reporting period. On 27 February, only 135 trucks entered the Gaza Strip via both Rafah and the Karem Abu Salem (Kerem Shalom) crossing points.
- February continues to see very little aid coming in, with an average of nearly 97 trucks entering per day, whereas approximately 150 trucks of supplies were entering Gaza per day in January 2024. The number of trucks entering Gaza remains well below the target of 500 per

day, with significant difficulties bringing supplies in through both Karem Abu Salem (Kerem Shalom) and Rafah. UNRWA trucks have struggled to enter the Gaza Strip due to security constraints and temporary closures at both crossings. UNRWA has at times had to temporarily stop dispatching supplies due to security concerns. Security to manage the crossing has been severely impacted due to the killing of several Palestinian policemen in Israeli airstrikes near the crossings recently.

- As of 28 February, the total number of UNRWA colleagues killed since the beginning of hostilities is now **160.**

- As of 28 February, 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 Area in recent weeks, a significant number of displaced people have moved further south.

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The West Bank, including East Jerusalem

- Between 27 and 28 February, at least 58 Israeli Security Forces (ISF) search and arrest operations were reported across the West Bank, averaging nearly 30 per day. More than 50 Palestinians were detained during this period, including five children.
- An ISF operation started in the early morning of 28 February in Jenin city and Jenin Camp, northern West Bank. The operation reportedly included drone strikes and the use of armoured bulldozers, which damaged roads and infrastructure.
- There were several reports of settler violence during this period, including two incidents involving children in Masafer Yatta in the southern West Bank. On 27 February, settlers under ISF protection opened fire at Palestinian children, with no injuries reported. On 28 February, four Palestinian children gathering herbs were physically assaulted by settlers under ISF protection.

2. Overall situation

The Gaza Strip

- According to the Ministry of Health in Gaza as of 28 February, at least 29,954 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 70,325 Palestinians have been reportedly injured.

The West Bank, including East Jerusalem

- According to OCHA, between 7 October 2023–28 February 2024, 404 Palestinians, including 102 children, have been killed in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem.

3. Humanitarian access & protection of civilians

The Gaza Strip

- 335* 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 50 incidents of military use and/or interference at UNRWA premises. **155 different UNRWA installations have been impacted.**

- UNRWA estimates that in total at least **404* internally displaced people (IDPs) sheltering in UNRWA shelters have been killed and at least a further 1,385* 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

Due to the security situation and limited internet connectivity, we have been unable to provide any additional updates since Sitrep 75.

UNRWA Shelters

- As of 28 February, nearly **1.7 million displaced people are now sheltering across emergency shelters (UNRWA and public shelters), informal sites or in the vicinity of UNRWA shelters and distribution sites and within host communities.**

Health

- As of 25 February, seven (out of 22) UNRWA health centres were operational. Of these, one is in the north, two are in Middle Area, one in Khan Younis and three are in Rafah. Health centres provide primary health care services, including outpatient services, non-communicable disease care, medication, vaccination, antenatal health care, postnatal health care and dressing for injured patients.

- A total of 665 health care staff continue to work in seven operational health centres and on 25 February they provided 14,993 medical consultations.

- Another 9,890 medical consultations were conducted by 304 staff at shelters, and at the newly established medical points in al-Mawasi area to serve an influx of displaced persons from Khan Younis. The total registered population in al-Mawasi is currently 377,854.

- Between 7 October–25 February, UNRWA has provided over 2.48 million medical consultations across UNRWA health centres and UNRWA shelters.

- As of 25 February, mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) services continued in the Middle and Khan Younis areas with teams of health professionals consisting of psychiatrists and three supervisors to assist special cases referred from health centres and shelters. The teams responded to 1,197 cases in health centres and 52 in medical points through individual consultations, awareness sessions, and support for cases of gender-based violence. Medical care for post-natal and high-risk pregnant women was provided at health centres, supporting 388 women.

- In early January, 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. Between 3 January and 3 February, over 22,300 children were vaccinated against measles, mumps and rubella and others. On 25 February, an additional 986 children were vaccinated.

Psychosocial support (PSS)

- UNRWA continues to provide psychosocial support services including psychosocial first aid services, PSS consultations and intervention sessions, sessions on handling psychological fatigue, and group and recreational activities. Since the war, over 148,000 IDPs have been supported.

Food security

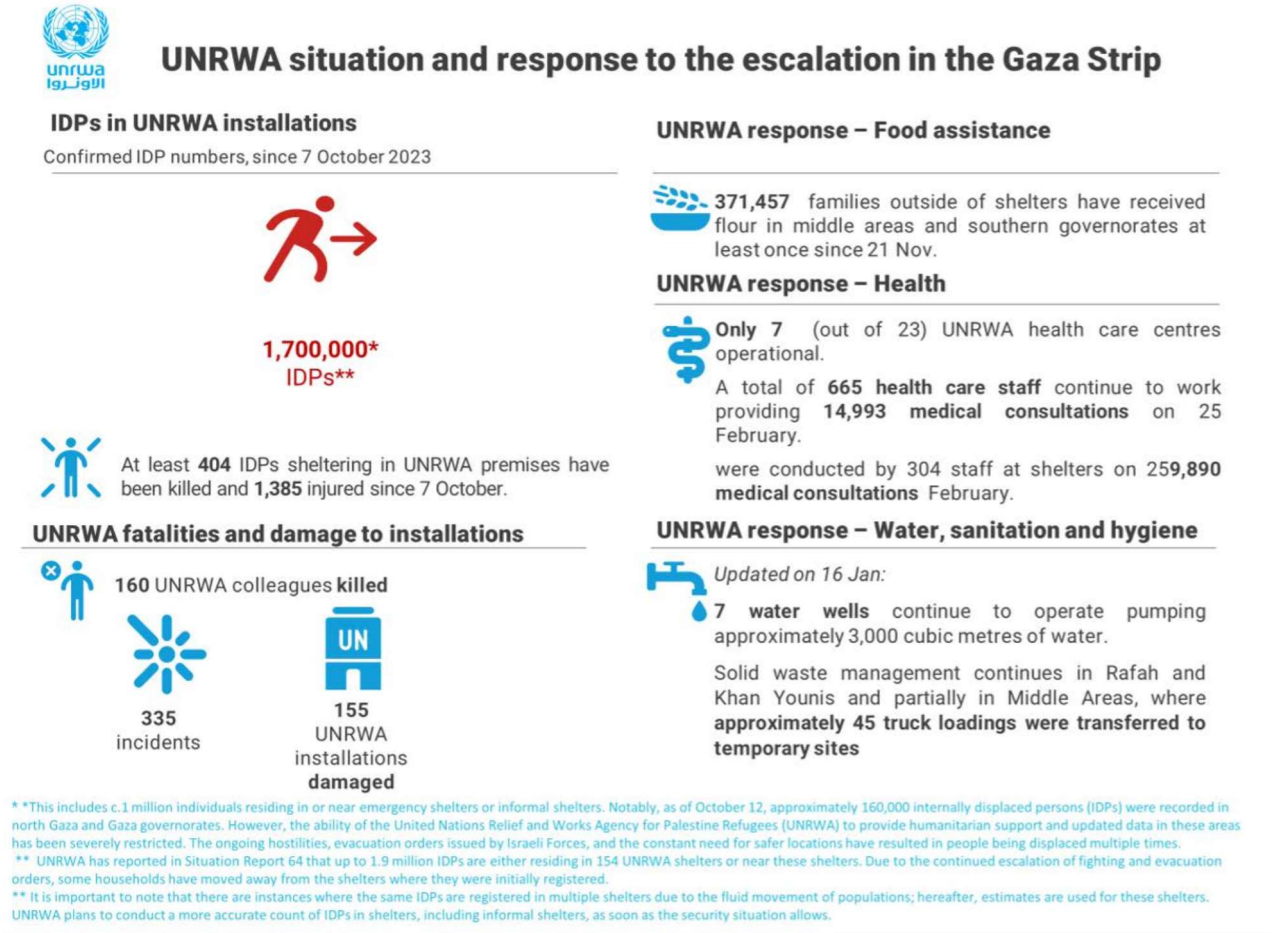
- As of 28 February, UNRWA continued to distribute flour outside of shelters in the southern governorates. To date, a total of 371,457 families have been assisted, of which 93,543 have received two rounds of flour.

Water and Sanitation Services (WASH)

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

Quote from Dr. Angie, UNRWA pediatrician: "We are currently introducing a new programme to track malnutrition among children. […] Our target group is children between six months and five years of age. […] Children who have signs of malnutrition will start treatment and will get weekly follow-ups."

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UNRWA Situation Report #85 on the situation in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank, including East Jerusalem

All information from 29 February- 2 March 2024, is valid as of 26 February 2024 at 22:30 (local time)

Day 146-148 of Hostilities

Published 4 March 2024



Aerial view of destruction in Northern Gaza, Gaza Strip, February 2024. © 2024 UNRWA Photo by Abdallah El Hajj

1. Key points

The Gaza Strip

- Intense Israeli bombardment from air, land and sea continued to be reported across much of the Gaza Strip, resulting in further civilian casualties, displacement, and destruction of civilian infrastructure.

- According to UNICEF statement, "At least ten children have reportedly died because of dehydration and malnutrition in Kamal Adwan Hospital in the Northern Gaza Strip in recent days. There are likely more children fighting for their lives somewhere in one of Gaza's few remaining hospitals, and likely even more children in the north unable to obtain care at all. "These tragic and horrific deaths are man-made, predictable and entirely preventable. The widespread lack of nutritious food, safe water and medical services, a direct consequence of the impediments to access and multiple dangers facing UN humanitarian operations, is impacting children and mothers, hindering their ability to breastfeed their babies, especially in the Northern Gaza Strip. People are hungry, exhausted and traumatized. Many are clinging to life."

- The first two days of March have seen a marginal increase in the number of trucks entering with an average 120 trucks per day entering Gaza, well below the operational capacity of both border crossings. February saw a very low number of trucks entering Gaza with an average of nearly 99 trucks entering per day. The number of trucks entering Gaza remains well below the target of 500 per day, with challenges bringing supplies in through both Karem Abu Salem (Kerem Shalom) and Rafah. UNRWA trucks have struggled to enter the Gaza Strip due to the war and the inconsistent opening of both crossings. Security to manage the crossing has been severely impacted due to the killing of several Palestinian policemen in Israeli airstrikes near the crossings in early February.

- As of 2 March, the total number of UNRWA colleagues killed since the beginning of hostilities is now **160.**
- As of 2 March, 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 Area in recent weeks, a significant number of displaced people have moved further south.

*This includes one million individuals residing in or near emergency shelters or informal shelters. As of 12 October, approximately 160,000 internally displaced persons (IDPs) were recorded in UNRWA shelters in North Gaza and Gaza governorates. UNRWA currently estimates that the population of North Gaza and Gaza governorates to be up to 300,000 people. 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 Security Forces (ISF), and the constant need for safer locations have resulted in people being displaced multiple times.

**UNRWA reported in Situation Report 64 that up to 1.9 million IDPs were 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

The next update for the West Bank, including East Jerusalem will be published on 5 March 2024.

2. Overall situation

The Gaza Strip

- According to the Ministry of Health in Gaza as of 1 March, at least 30,228 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 71,377 Palestinians have been reportedly injured.

The West Bank, including East Jerusalem

- According to OCHA, between 7 October 2023– 1 March 2024, 409 Palestinians, including 103 children, have been killed in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem.

3. Humanitarian access & protection of civilians

The Gaza Strip

UNRWA has not recorded any new conflict related incidents affecting UNRWA's installations for the period 29 February – 2 March 2024. The total number of incidents remains as reported below:

- **335*** 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 50 incidents of military use and/or interference at UNRWA premises. **155** different UNRWA installations have been impacted.

- UNRWA estimates that in total at least **404*** internally displaced people (IDPs) sheltering in UNRWA shelters have been killed and at least a further **1,385*** 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 and limited internet connectivity, we have been unable to provide any additional updates since Sitrep 75.

UNRWA Shelters

- As of 2 March, nearly **1.7 million displaced people are now sheltering across emergency shelters (UNRWA and public shelters), informal sites or in the vicinity of UNRWA shelters and distribution sites and within host communities.**

Health

- As of 26 February, seven (out of 22) UNRWA health centres were operational. Of these, one is in the north, two are in Middle Area, one is in Khan Younis and three are in Rafah. Health centres provideprimary health care services, including outpatient services, non-communicable disease care, medication, vaccination, antenatal health care, postnatal health care and dressing for injured patients.

- A total of 766 health care staff continue to work in seven operational health centres and on 26 February they provided 13,937 medical consultations.

- Another 9,714 medical consultations were conducted by 301 staff at shelters, and at the newly established medical points in al-Mawasi area to serve an influx of displaced persons from Khan Younis. The total registered population in al-Mawasi is currently 377,854.

- Between 7 October–26 February, UNRWA has provided over 2.5 million medical consultations across UNRWA health centres and UNRWA shelters.

- As of 26 February, mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) services continued in the Middle and Khan Younis areas with teams of health professionals consisting of psychiatrists and three supervisors to assist special cases referred from health centres and shelters. The teams responded to 1,197 cases in health centres and 52 in medical points through individual consultations, awareness sessions and support for cases of gender-based violence. Medical care for post-natal and high-risk pregnant women was provided at health centres, supporting 377 women.

Psychosocial support (PSS)

- UNRWA continues to provide psychosocial support services including psychosocial first aid services, PSS consultations and intervention sessions, sessions on handling psychological fatigue, and group and recreational activities. Since the war, over 148,000 IDPs have been supported.

Food security

- As of 2 March, UNRWA continued to distribute flour outside of shelters in the southern governorates. To date, a total of 372,057 families have been assisted, of which 104,328 have received two rounds of flour.

Water and Sanitation Services (WASH)

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

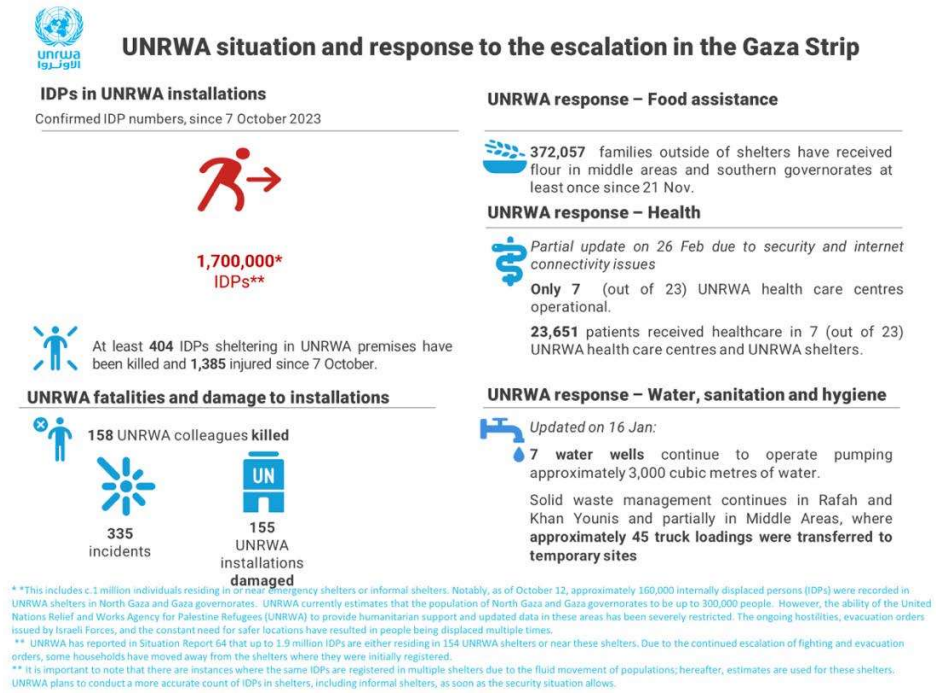
Quote from UNRWA Commissioner-General Philippe Lazzarini:

"Our UNRWA colleague and photojournalist Abdallah was severely injured in bombardments in northern Gaza. He lost his legs. Over the past weeks, he's been sending very powerful footage about the scale of destruction and misery. In this war of "superlatives", we are recording the highest number of aid workers and journalists killed in any conflict. They are #NotATarget"



"The situation is catastrophic. There is not a single house that was not damaged", Abdallah El Hajj, Northern Gaza, Gaza Strip, February 2024. © 2024 UNRWA Photo by Abdallah El Hajj

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UNRWA Situation Report #86 on the situation in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank, including East Jerusalem

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Day 149-150 of Hostilities

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Displaced girl among makeshift tents, Khan Younis, Gaza Strip, March 2024. © 2024 UNRWA Photo by Mohamed Hinnawi

1. Key points

The Gaza Strip

- Intense Israeli bombardment from air, land and sea continued to be reported across much of the Gaza Strip, resulting in further civilian casualties, displacement, and destruction of civilian infrastructure. Israeli airstrikes continue in heavily populated Rafah in southern Gaza, where on 2 March there were reports of airstrikes near an MSF supported primary maternal field hospital.

- WHO and UNICEF raised concerns that child malnutrition levels in northern Gaza were particularly extreme, with now at least 15 children reported to have died from malnutrition and dehydration in Kamal Adwan Hospital in North Gaza, with a further six acutely malnourished children at risk of death. UNICEF spokesperson stated that malnutrition rates for children under five in northern Gaza, where access to aid has been limited, were three times higher than those in the south.

- The first three days of March saw a marginal increase in the number of trucks entering with an average of 127 trucks per day entering Gaza, well below the operational capacity of both

border crossings. February saw a very low number of trucks entering Gaza with an average of nearly 99 trucks entering per day. The number of trucks entering Gaza remains well below the target of 500 per day, with challenges bringing supplies in through both Karem Abu Salem (Kerem Shalom) and Rafah. UNRWA trucks have struggled to enter the Gaza Strip due to the war and the inconsistent opening of both crossings. Security to manage the crossing has been severely impacted due to the killing of several Palestinian policemen in Israeli airstrikes near the crossings in early February.

- As of 4 March, the total number of UNRWA colleagues killed since the beginning of hostilities is now **162, an increase of two.**
- As of 4 March, 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 Area in recent weeks, a significant number of displaced people have moved further south.

*This includes one million individuals residing in or near emergency shelters or informal shelters. As of 12 October, approximately 160,000 internally displaced persons (IDPs) were recorded in UNRWA shelters in North Gaza and Gaza governorates. UNRWA currently estimates that the population of North Gaza and Gaza governorates to be up to 300,000 people. 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 Security Forces (ISF), and the constant need for safer locations have resulted in people being displaced multiple times.

**UNRWA reported in Situation Report 64 that up to 1.9 million IDPs were 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

- Between 29 February and 4 March, 138 ISF search and arrest operations were recorded across the West Bank, with at least 90 Palestinians detained during this period. There were eight Palestinian fatalities reported, of whom three were children.
- On the night of 3 March, a large ISF operation took place in Nur Shams Camp, northern West Bank. Significant damage to infrastructure including roads was reported. UNRWA schools inside the refugee camp were forced to close for a day. In the early morning of 4 March, an ISF operation in Al Am'ari Camp in the central West Bank resulted in the killing of one Palestine refugee during the exchange of fire.
- On 1 March, settlers reportedly established a new outpost on Palestinian-owned land south of Al Lubban a-Sharqiya village (northern West Bank), enforced by access restrictions on Palestinians by ISF. This followed the confiscation of land in the area by ISF on 29 February. West of Bethlehem, bulldozing of Palestinian land was reported on 4 March near Husan village, purportedly to facilitate the expansion of the West Bank Barrier.

2. Overall situation

The Gaza Strip

- According to the Ministry of Health in Gaza as of 4 March, at least 30,534 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 71,920 Palestinians have been reportedly injured.

The West Bank, including East Jerusalem

- According to OCHA, between 7 October 2023– 4 March 2024, 412 Palestinians, including 106 children, have been killed in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem.

3. Humanitarian access & protection of civilians

The Gaza Strip

- UNRWA is working to verify the details of incidents reportedly affecting the Agency's premises. Further information will be provided once it becomes available.
- Different incidents have been reported impacting UNRWA installations and IDPs sheltering there. While verification of details and casualty figures remain ongoing, initial reports indicate:
    - On 15 January 2024, a health centre in Khan Younis was directly hit by several tank shells. Additionally, IDF reportedly demolished parts of the outer courtyard of the health centre and made excavations inside the health centre's yard. No injuries were reported, but the building structure sustained damages.

- **337*** 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 51 incidents of military use and/or interference at UNRWA premises. **155** different UNRWA installations have been impacted.

- UNRWA estimates that in total at least **404*** IDPs sheltering in UNRWA shelters have been killed and at least a further **1,385*** 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 and limited internet connectivity, we have been unable to provide any additional updates since Sitrep 75.

UNRWA Shelters

- As of 4 March, nearly **1.7 million displaced people are now sheltering across emergency shelters (UNRWA and public shelters), informal sites or in the vicinity of UNRWA shelters and distribution sites and within host communities.**

Health

- As of 2 March, seven (out of 22) UNRWA health centres were operational. Of these, one is in the north, two are in Middle Area, one is in Khan Younis and three are in Rafah. Health centres provide primary health care services, including outpatient services, non-communicable disease care, medication, vaccination, antenatal health care, postnatal health care and dressing for injured patients.

- A total of 693 health care staff continue to work in seven operational health centres and on 2 March they provided 15,607 medical consultations.

- Another 9,262 medical consultations were conducted by 313 staff at shelters, including at the newly established medical points in al-Mawasi area to serve an influx of displaced persons from Khan Younis. The total registered population in al-Mawasi is currently 377,854.

- Between 7 October and 3 March, UNRWA has provided over 2.7 million medical consultations across UNRWA health centres and UNRWA shelters.

- As of 2 March, mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) services continued in the Middle and Khan Younis areas with teams of health professionals consisting of psychiatrists and three supervisors to assist special cases referred from health centres and shelters. The teams responded to 1,471 cases in health centres and 52 in medical points through individual consultations, awareness sessions and support for cases of gender-based violence. Medical care for post-natal and high-risk pregnant women was provided at health centres, supporting 386 women.

Psychosocial support (PSS)

- UNRWA continues to provide psychosocial support services including psychosocial first aid services, PSS consultations and intervention sessions, sessions on handling psychological fatigue, and group and recreational activities. Since the war, over 148,000 IDPs have been supported.

Food security

- As of 2 March, UNRWA continued to distribute flour outside of shelters in the southern governorates. To date, a total of 372,064 families have been assisted, of which 104,631 have received two rounds of flour.

Water and Sanitation Services (WASH)

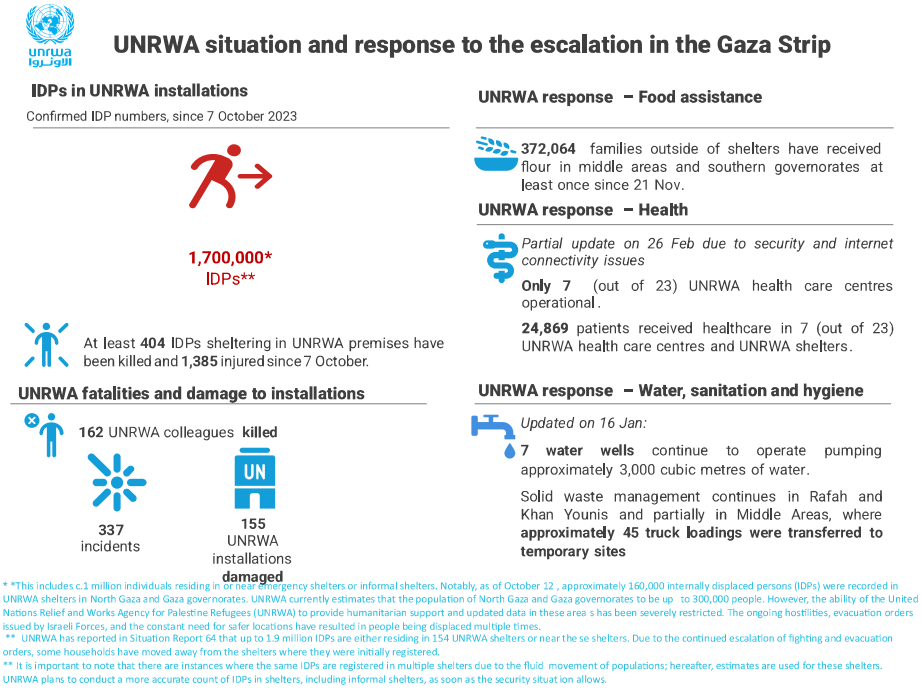
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Quote from the statement of the UNRWA Commissioner-General Philippe Lazzarini to the UN General Assembly, 4 March 2024:

"The death toll in Gaza is staggering. More than 30,000 Palestinians have reportedly been killed in just 150 days. Five per cent of the population is dead, injured or missing. […] Hunger is everywhere. A man-made famine is looming. […] Babies – just a few months old – are dying of malnutrition and dehydration. I shudder to think of what will still be revealed about the horrors that have taken place in this narrow strip of land. What is the fate of an estimated 300,000 Gazans isolated in the north, cut off from humanitarian supplies? How many people remain buried under the rubble across the Gaza Strip? What will become of the estimated 17,000 children who are orphaned, abandoned in an increasingly lawless and dangerous place?"

Read the full [Statement of the Commissioner-General of UNRWA to the General Assembly]

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UNRWA Situation Report #87 on the situation in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank, including East Jerusalem

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Day 151-152 of Hostilities

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Displaced family among makeshift tents, Deir al-Balah, Gaza Strip, March 2024. © 2024 UNRWA Photo by Ashraf Amra

1. Key points

The Gaza Strip

- Intense Israeli bombardment from air, land and sea continued to be reported across much of the Gaza Strip, resulting in further civilian casualties, displacement and destruction of civilian infrastructure. Israeli airstrikes continue in heavily populated Rafah in southern Gaza.
- According to UN Women[1], that an estimated 9,000 women have been reported killed by Israeli forces in Gaza to date, not including those believed to be buried under the rubble. UN Women estimates that 37 mothers are killed every day and at the current rate, 63 women will continue to be killed on average every day.
- The WASH cluster, including UNRWA and partners, conducted a rapid WASH assessment in February 2024. Preliminary observations show a deterioration of water and sanitation conditions, with 61 per cent of assessed sites having no showers, 93 per cent of sites with

[1] Press release: 9,000 women have been killed in Gaza since early October | UN Women – Headquarters

visible waste, and 20 per cent of sites with water points at risk of contamination. According to UNICEF[2], up to 81 per cent of households lack access to safe and clean water. Limited food, lack of access to humanitarian services and lack of safe drinking water continue to lead to increased numbers of malnourished children. According to Ministry of Health in Gaza, child malnutrition levels in northern Gaza are particularly extreme, with now at least 18 children reported to have died from malnutrition and dehydration in northern Gaza. UNFPA has cautioned that "malnutrition rates amount pregnant and breastfeeding women have spiked, posing significant health risks".

- The first six days of March saw an increase in the number of trucks entering Gaza with an average of 155 trucks per day crossing. This remains well below the operational capacity of both border crossings and the target of 500 per day, with challenges at both Karem Abu Salem (Kerem Shalom) and Rafah. UNRWA trucks have struggled to enter the Gaza Strip due to the war and the inconsistent opening of both crossings. Security to manage the crossing has been severely impacted due to the killing of several Palestinian policemen in Israeli airstrikes near the crossings in early February.

- As of 6 March, the total number of UNRWA colleagues killed since the beginning of hostilities is now **162.**
- As of 6 March, 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 Area in recent weeks, a significant number of displaced people have moved further south.

*This includes one million individuals residing in or near emergency shelters or informal shelters. As of 12 October, approximately 160,000 internally displaced persons (IDPs) were recorded in UNRWA shelters in North Gaza and Gaza governorates. UNRWA currently estimates that the population of North Gaza and Gaza governorates to be up to 300,000 people. 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 Security Forces (ISF), and the constant need for safer locations have resulted in people being displaced multiple times.

**UNRWA reported in Situation Report 64 that up to 1.9 million IDPs were 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.

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The West Bank, including East Jerusalem

- Between 5 and 6 March, at least 67 Israeli Security Forces (ISF) search and arrest operations were reported across the West Bank. More than 55 Palestinians were detained during this period. There were three Palestinians killed in these two days, including one child.

[2] Hostilities in the Gaza Strip and Israel | Flash Update #133 [EN/AR/HE] - occupied Palestinian territory | ReliefWeb

- On the morning of 5 March, ISF opened fire during a search operation in Balata Camp, northern West Bank, with one Palestinian injured with live ammunition and two detained. A search operation in Dheisheh camp, southern West Bank, on the evening of 6 March resulted in armed clashes between ISF and camp residents, with seven Palestinians reportedly injured with live ammunition.
- On 6 March, a Palestinian teenager reportedly stabbed and injured a settler near Neve Ya'akov settlement, in East Jerusalem. The child was detained by ISF, with the checkpoints of both Shu'fat and Qalandiya camps closed following the incident.

2. Overall situation

The Gaza Strip

- According to the Ministry of Health in Gaza as of 6 March, at least 30,717 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 72,156 Palestinians have been reportedly injured.

The West Bank, including East Jerusalem

- According to OCHA, between 7 October 2023– 6 March 2024, 415 Palestinians, including at least 106 children, have been killed in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem.

3. Humanitarian access & protection of civilians

The Gaza Strip

The following reported incidents occurred earlier but information only became available during the reporting period.

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

- Different incidents have been reported impacting UNRWA installations and internal displaced people (IDPs) sheltering there. While verification of details and casualty figures remain ongoing, initial reports indicate:

    - On 3 Jan 2024 (estimated date), the ISF troops reportedly entered a school in Khan Younis, destroyed the school's southern perimeter wall and carried out an excavation in the schoolyard. No injuries were reported.

    - On 3 Jan 2024 (estimated date), the ISF reportedly fired tank rounds at a school in Khan Younis. The school's perimeter wall was destroyed and some of the classrooms sustained fire damage. The ISF also carried out an excavation in the schoolyard. No injuries were reported.

- On 8 February 2024, the ISF reportedly entered an UNRWA Relief Services Office in Khan Younis destroyed its perimeter wall and the office building and carried out an excavation in the yard. No injuries were reported.

- On 20 February 2024, the ISF reportedly entered a school in Khan Younis. It was reported that several tank shells were fired, destroying parts of the perimeter wall and that an excavation was carried out in the schoolyard. No injuries were reported.

- On 29 February 2024, the ISF reported entered a training college in Khan Younis and destroyed parts of its southern perimeter wall. It was also reported that the building sustained structural damage in a number of places. No injuries were reported.

- ***339*** 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 **51** incidents of military use and/or interference at UNRWA premises. **156** different UNRWA installations have been impacted.*

- *UNRWA estimates that in total at least **404*** internally displaced people (IDPs) sheltering in UNRWA shelters have been killed and at least a further **1,385*** 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 and limited internet connectivity, we have been unable to provide any additional updates since Sitrep 75.

UNRWA Shelters

- As of 6 March, nearly **1.7 million displaced people are now sheltering across emergency shelters (UNRWA and public shelters), informal sites or in the vicinity of UNRWA shelters and distribution sites and within host communities.**

Health

- As of 3 March, seven (out of 22) UNRWA health centres were operational. Of these, one is in the north, two are in Middle Area, one is in Khan Younis and three are in Rafah. Health centres provide primary health care services, including outpatient services, non-communicable disease care, medication, vaccination, antenatal health care, postnatal health care and dressing for injured patients.

- A total of 797 health care staff continue to work in seven operational health centres and on 2 March they provided 14,664 medical consultations.

- Another 9,205 medical consultations were conducted by 302 staff at shelters, including at the newly established medical points in al-Mawasi area to serve an influx of displaced persons from Khan Younis. The total registered population in al-Mawasi is currently 377,854.

- Between 7 October and 3 March, UNRWA has provided over 2.7 million medical consultations across its health centres and shelters.

- As of 3 March, mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) services continued in the Middle and Khan Younis areas with teams of health professionals consisting of psychiatrists and three supervisors to assist special cases referred from health centres and shelters. The teams responded to 1,397 cases in health centres and in medical points through individual consultations, awareness sessions and support for cases of gender-based violence. Medical care for post-natal and high-risk pregnant women was provided at health centres, supporting 384 women.

Psychosocial support (PSS)

- UNRWA continues to provide psychosocial support services including psychosocial first aid services, PSS consultations and intervention sessions, sessions on handling psychological fatigue, and group and recreational activities. Since the war, over 148,000 IDPs have been supported.

Food security

- As of 3 March, UNRWA continued to distribute flour outside of shelters in the southern governorates. To date, a total of 373,193 families have been assisted, of which 130,486 have received two rounds of flour.

Water and Sanitation Services (WASH)

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

Quote from an UNRWA nurse in Deir al-Balah Health Centre:

"I work in the respiratory unit where I treat 60-70 children with nebulizers every day. Before the war, […] there were no more than 20 cases a day. […] The caseload is high because of displacement. People are in tents with no blankets or mattresses and no warmth at all. […] I try as much as possible to help and serve my people because this is the duty of all of us."

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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 **404** IDPs sheltering in UNRWA premises have been killed and **1,385** injured since 7 October.

UNRWA fatalities and damage to installations

162 UNRWA colleagues **killed**

339
incidents

156
UNRWA installations **damaged**

UNRWA response – Food assistance

373,193 families outside of shelters have received flour in middle areas and southern governorates at least once since 21 Nov.

UNRWA response – Health

Partial update on 26 Feb due to security and internet connectivity issues

Only 7 (out of 23) UNRWA health care centres operational.

23,869 patients received healthcare in 7 (out of 23) 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**

* *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 UNRWA shelters in North Gaza and Gaza governorates. UNRWA currently estimates that the population of North Gaza and Gaza governorates to be up to 300,000 people. However, the ability of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA) to provide humanitarian support and updated data in these area s 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 Situation Report #88 on the situation in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank, including East Jerusalem

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Day 153-155 of Hostilities

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Children play with Ramadan lights and lanterns in Deir al-Balah, Gaza Strip, March 2024. © 2024 UNRWA Photo by Ashraf Amra

1. Key points

The Gaza Strip

- Intense Israeli Security Forces (ISF) bombardment from the air, land and sea continued to be reported across much of the Gaza Strip, resulting in further civilian casualties, displacement and destruction of civilian infrastructure. Israeli forces airstrikes continue in heavily populated Rafah in southern Gaza.

- According to UNICEF latest sitep hospitals continue to experience severe disruptions in providing health care in the Gaza Strip. UNICEF report that up to 155 health facilities have been damaged, and 32 hospitals and 53 health centres are non-functional due to hostilities or shortages of essential medicines. UNRWA continues to operate 7 out of its original 23 health centres.

- According to UNICEF, child malnutrition levels in northern Gaza are particularly extreme, with now at least 18 children reported to have died from malnutrition and dehydration in northern Gaza. UNFPA has cautioned that "malnutrition rates amount pregnant and breastfeeding women have spiked, posing significant health risks".

- The first nine days of March saw an average of 168 aid trucks per day crossing into the Gaza Strip. This remains well below the operational capacity of both border crossings and the target of 500 per day, with challenges at both Karem Abu Salem (Kerem Shalom) and Rafah. Security to manage the crossing has been severely impacted due to the killing of several Palestinian policemen in Israeli airstrikes near the crossings in early February.

- As of 9 March, the total number of UNRWA colleagues killed since the beginning of hostilities is now **162.**
- As of 9 March, 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 Area in recent weeks, a significant number of displaced people have moved further south.

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The West Bank, including East Jerusalem

- The next update for West Bank, including East Jerusalem will be published on 12 March 2023.

2. Overall situation

The Gaza Strip

- According to the Ministry of Health in Gaza as of 8 March, at least 30,878 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 72,402 Palestinians have been reportedly injured.

The West Bank, including East Jerusalem

- According to OCHA, between 7 October 2023– 8 March 2024, 417 Palestinians, including at least 106 children, have been killed in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem. Since the beginning of the year, a total of 102 Palestinians have been killed, compared with 71 in the same period in 2023, the majority by ISF.

3. Humanitarian access & protection of civilians

The Gaza Strip

The following reported incidents occurred earlier but information only became available during the reporting period.

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

- Different incidents have been reported impacting UNRWA installations and internally displaced people (IDPs) sheltering there. While verification of details and casualty figures remain ongoing, initial reports indicate:
    - On 15 February 2024, ISF reportedly fired several tank shells towards a school in Khan Younis causing damage to several classrooms and destroying parts of the perimeter wall. The ISF also excavated the schoolyard. No injuries were reported.
    - On 15 February 2024, ISF reportedly destroyed the perimeter wall of a school in Khan Younis causing damage to another wall in the school. No injuries were reported.
    - On 15 February 2024, ISF reportedly entered a school in Khan Younis and destroyed the main gate and school walls. It was also reported that the school's western and northern buildings have sustained structural damage and that several classrooms were damaged by fire. No injuries were reported.
- **342*** incidents impacting UNRWA premises and people inside them have been reported since the beginning of the war (some with multiple incidents impacting the same location), including at least **51** incidents of military use and/or interference at UNRWA premises. **157** different UNRWA installations have been impacted.

- UNRWA estimates that in total at least **404*** IDPs sheltering in UNRWA shelters have been killed and at least another **1,385*** 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 and limited internet connectivity, we have been unable to provide any additional updates since Sitrep 75.

UNRWA Shelters

- As of 9 March, nearly **1.7 million displaced people are now sheltering across emergency shelters (UNRWA and public shelters), informal sites or in the vicinity of UNRWA shelters and distribution sites and within host communities.**

Health

- As of 4 March, seven (out of 22) UNRWA health centres were operational. Of these, one is in the north, two are in Middle Area, one is in Khan Younis and three are in Rafah. These health centres provide primary health care services, including outpatient services, non-communicable disease care, medication, vaccination, antenatal and postnatal health care and dressing for injured patients.

- A total of 785 health care staff continue to work in operational health centres and on 4 March they provided 13,419 medical consultations.

- Another 9,955 medical consultations were conducted by 312 staff at shelters, including at the newly established medical points in al-Mawasi area to serve an influx of displaced persons from Khan Younis. The total registered population in al-Mawasi is currently 377,854.

- Between 7 October and 4 March, UNRWA has provided over 2.8 million medical consultations across its health centres and shelters.

- As of 4 March, mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) services continued in the Middle and Khan Younis areas with teams of health professionals consisting of psychiatrists and three supervisors to assist special cases referred from health centres and shelters. The teams responded to 1,488 cases in health centres and in medical points through individual consultations, awareness sessions and support for cases of gender-based violence. Medical care for post-natal and high-risk pregnant women was provided at health centres, supporting 488 women.

Psychosocial support (PSS)

- UNRWA continues to provide PSS~~psychosocial support~~ services including psychosocial first aid services, PSS consultations and intervention sessions, sessions on handling psychological fatigue, and group and recreational activities. Since the war, over 148,000 IDPs have been supported.

Food security

- As of 3 March, UNRWA continued to distribute flour outside of shelters in the southern governorates. To date, a total of 373,193 families have been assisted, of which 130,486 have received two rounds of flour.

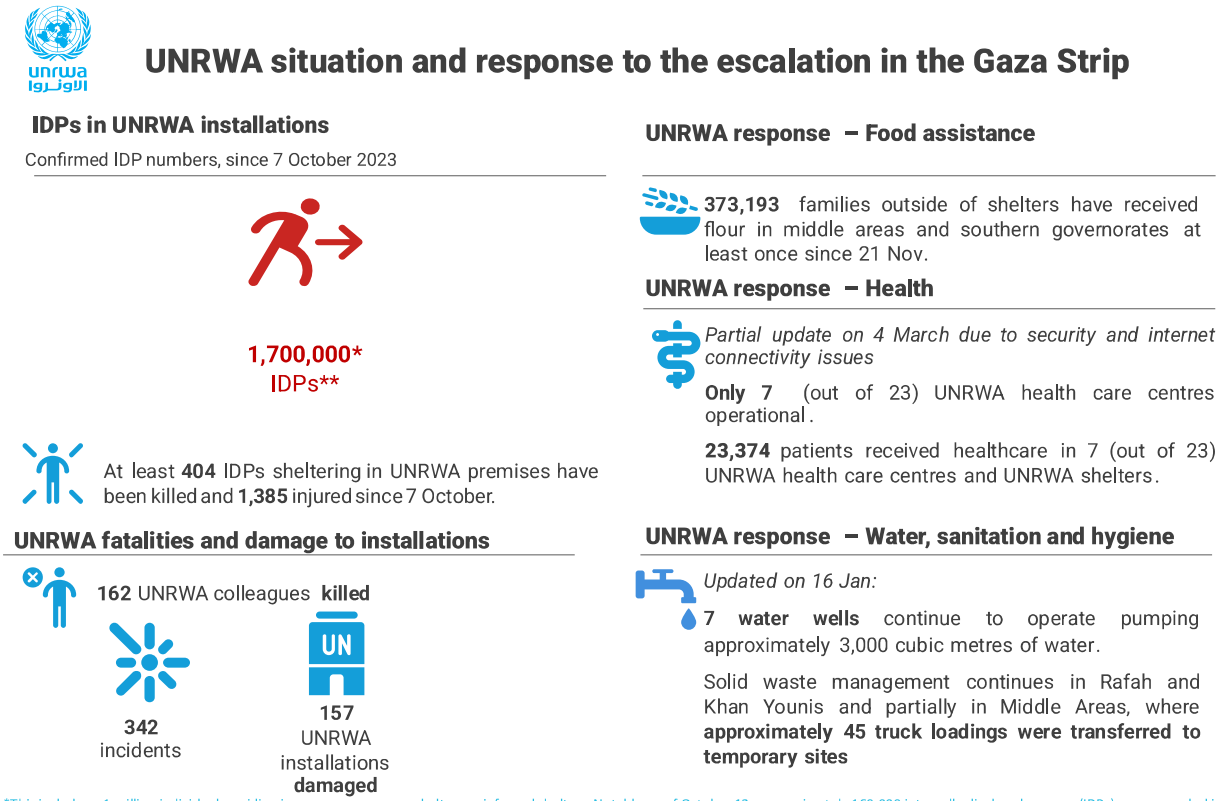
Water and Sanitation Services (WASH)

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Quote from Shadia, displaced with her family in Rafah:

"We left everything behind […]. Our home, our belongings, our sense of security. Now we're living in these temporary shelters, struggling to find enough to eat and facing the harsh reality of our displacement."

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* *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 UNRWA shelters in North Gaza and Gaza governorates. UNRWA currently estimates that the population of North Gaza and Gaza governorates to be up to 300,000 people. However, the ability of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA) to provide humanitarian support and updated data in these area s 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 situat ion allows.

UNRWA Situation Report #89 on the situation in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank, including East Jerusalem

All information from 10-11 March 2024, is valid as of 11 March 2024 at 22:30 (local time)

Day 156-157 of Hostilities

Published 13 March 2024



Child displaced in Deir al-Balah (middle area), Gaza Strip, March 2024. © 2024 UNRWA Photo by Ashraf Amra

1. Key points

The Gaza Strip

- Intense Israeli Security Forces (ISF) bombardment from the air, land and sea continued to be reported across much of the Gaza Strip, resulting in further civilian casualties, displacement and destruction of civilian infrastructure. Israeli forces airstrikes continue in heavily populated Rafah in southern Gaza.

- According to UNICEF's latest situation report, hospitals continue to experience severe disruptions in providing health care in the Gaza Strip. On 11 March, a team of WHO staff and partners delivered 24,050 litres of fuel, food, and medical supplies for 42,000 patients to a hospital in northern Gaza; supplies included anesthetic drugs, surgical materials and medicines. More regular supplies are needed. UNRWA continues to operate seven out of its original 23 health centres.

- According to OCHA, child malnutrition levels in northern Gaza are extreme, with now at least 23 children reported to have died from malnutrition and dehydration in northern Gaza.

- The first 11 days of March saw an average of 169 aid trucks per day crossing into the Gaza Strip. This remains well below the operational capacity of both border crossings and the target of 500 per day, with challenges at both Karem Abu Salem (Kerem Shalom) and Rafah. Security to manage the crossings has been severely impacted due to the killing of several Palestinian policemen in Israeli airstrikes near the crossings in early February.

- As of 11 March, the total number of UNRWA colleagues killed since the beginning of hostilities is now **165, an increase of three since our last report.**

- As of 11 March, 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 Area in recent weeks, a significant number of displaced people have moved further south.

*This includes one million individuals residing in or near emergency shelters or informal shelters. As of 12 October, approximately 160,000 internally displaced persons (IDPs) were recorded in UNRWA shelters in North Gaza and Gaza governorates. UNRWA currently estimates that the population of North Gaza and Gaza governorates is up to 300,000 people. 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 Security Forces (ISF), and the constant need for safer locations have resulted in people being displaced multiple times.

**UNRWA reported on 15 January in Situation Report 64 that up to 1.9 million IDPs were 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.

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The West Bank, including East Jerusalem

- Between 7 and 11 March, at least 110 ISF search and arrest operations were recorded across the West Bank, with more than 114 Palestinians detained during this period. There were three Palestinian fatalities recorded, with two the result of an ISF undercover operation in Attil, northern West Bank, on the evening of 11 March.

- Large-scale ISF operations occurred in Nur Shams Camp, in the northern West Bank, on the mornings of 9 and 11 March. On both days, there was an exchange of fire between Palestinians and the ISF. Heavy damage to camp infrastructure, including roads, was also reported as a result of the use of armoured bulldozers by ISF. Clashes were also reported on the morning of 11 March in the nearby Tulkarm Camp, where bulldozing of camp roads was similarly observed.

- On 11 March, ISF reportedly opened fire at a group of Palestinians protesting the bulldozing of land and uprooting of trees in Husan, southern West Bank, purportedly to expand a road for settlers. Armed settlers installed a fence around a new outpost in Al Mu'arrajat area in Jericho, central West Bank, on 11 March.

- The beginning of the Holy Month of Ramadan saw heightened tensions in and around the Al Aqsa Mosque and Jerusalem's Old City. On 11 March, the ISF installed barbed wire on the wall adjacent to the Bab Al Asbat (Lions' Gate); and at least one guard of the Al Aqsa Mosque was detained in the Jerusalem Old City.

2. Overall situation

The Gaza Strip

- According to the Ministry of Health in Gaza as of 11 March, at least 31,184 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 72,889 Palestinians have been reportedly injured.

The West Bank, including East Jerusalem

- According to OCHA, between 7 October 2023– 8 March 2024, 417 Palestinians, including at least 106 children, have been killed in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem. Since the beginning of the year, a total of 102 Palestinians have been killed, compared with 80 in the same period in 2023, the majority by ISF.

3. Humanitarian access & protection of civilians

The Gaza Strip

No new incidents have been reported since the last update.

Total (updated) numbers are as follows:

- **345*** 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 **51** incidents of military use and/or interference at UNRWA premises. **157** different UNRWA installations have been impacted.

- UNRWA estimates that in total at least **404*** IDPs sheltering in UNRWA facilities have been killed and at least a further **1,385*** 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 and limited internet connectivity, we have been unable to provide any additional updates since Sitrep 75.

UNRWA Shelters

- As of 11 March, nearly **1.7 million displaced people are now sheltering across emergency shelters (UNRWA and public shelters), informal sites or in the vicinity of UNRWA shelters and distribution sites and within host communities.**

Health

- As of 5 March, seven (out of 22) UNRWA health centres were operational. Of those, one is in the north, two are in Middle Area, one is in Khan Younis and three are in Rafah. These health centres provide primary health care services, including outpatient services, non-communicable disease care, medication, vaccination, antenatal and postnatal health care and dressing for injured patients.

- A total of 741 health care staff continue to work in operational health centres and on 5 March they provided 12,254 medical consultations.

- Another 9,327 medical consultations were conducted by 337 staff at shelters, including at the newly established medical points in al-Mawasi area to serve an influx of displaced persons from Khan Younis. The total registered population in al-Mawasi is currently 377,854.

- Between 7 October and 5 March, UNRWA has provided over 2.9 million medical consultations across its health centres and shelters.

- As of 5 March, mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) services continued in the Middle and Khan Younis areas with teams of health professionals consisting of psychiatrists and three supervisors to assist special cases referred from health centres and shelters. The teams responded to 1,487 cases in health centres and in medical points through individual consultations, awareness sessions and support for cases of gender-based violence. Medical care for post-natal and high-risk pregnant women was provided at health centres, supporting 381 women.

Psychosocial support (PSS)

- UNRWA counselors continue to provide psychosocial support services, including psychosocial first aid, PSS consultations, group awareness sessions including sessions on managing psychological fatigue, in addition to implementing recreational activities.

- During the last week, 16,630 IDPs, including 10,006 children, received PSS services. Since the onset of the conflict, around 570,000 IDPs have received support, including more than

300,000 children. During the reporting period, a total of 2,203 sessions/activities were conducted, contributing to an overall count of 145,583 sessions/activities since the start of the conflict.

Food security

- As of 3 March, UNRWA continued to distribute flour outside of shelters in the southern governorates. To date, a total of 373,193 families have been assisted, of which 130,486 have received two rounds of flour.

Water and Sanitation Services (WASH)

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

Tweet from Philippe Lazzarini, UNRWA Commissioner-General:

"Staggering. The number of children reported killed in just over four months in Gaza is higher than the number of children killed in four years of wars around the world combined. This war is a war on children. It is a war on their childhood and their future. Ceasefire now for the sake of children in Gaza."

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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 **404** IDPs sheltering in UNRWA premises have been killed and **1,385** injured since 7 October.

UNRWA fatalities and damage to installations

165 UNRWA colleagues **killed**

345
incidents

157
UNRWA installations **damaged**

UNRWA response – Food assistance

373,193 families outside of shelters have received flour in middle areas and southern governorates at least once since 21 Nov.

UNRWA response – Health

Partial update on 4 March due to security and internet connectivity issues

Only 7 (out of 23) UNRWA health care centres operational.

21,581 patients received healthcare in 7 (out of 23) 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 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.

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UNRWA Situation Report #90 on the situation in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank, including East Jerusalem

All information from 12-13 March 2024, is valid as of 13 March 2024 at 22:30 (local time)

Day 158-159 of Hostilities

Published 15 March 2024



A child at an UNRWA health centre in Rafah, Southern Gaza Strip, March 2024. © UNRWA Photo by Muhammad Al-Hinnawi

1. Key points

The Gaza Strip

- Intense Israeli Security Forces (ISF) bombardment from the air, land and sea continued across much of the Gaza Strip, resulting in further civilian casualties, displacement and destruction of civilian infrastructure. Israeli forces airstrikes continue also in heavily populated Rafah in southern Gaza.

- On 13 March 2024, UNRWA released a statement on at least one UNRWA staff member killed and another 22 injured when Israeli Forces hit a food distribution centre and a warehouse in the eastern part of Rafah in the southern Gaza Strip. The distribution centre that was hit is one of the two main distribution centres in Rafah which provides life-saving emergency food assistance and other basic supplies like blankets, clothes and hygiene kits.

- UNFPA reported that only two out of the 12 partially functional hospitals are providing maternity services, and that up to 180 women are giving birth every day. Safe spaces for pregnant women and new mothers to deliver are becoming increasingly difficult to find, leading to an increased risk of infection and communicable diseases, compounded by the lack

of clean water[1]. UNRWA continues to provide essential health services in seven out of 22 health centres, including support to complex pregnancy cases. On 12 March, Save the Children published a report[2] highlighting that children's repeated and long-term exposure to traumatic events and oppressive living conditions in Gaza had already created a mental health catastrophe.

- Access to people in Gaza City and Northern Gaza remains insufficient. According to OCHA, only 25 per cent of aid missions planned to the North to date have been facilitated by the Israeli Authorities.

- According to OCHA, child malnutrition levels in northern Gaza are extreme, with now at least 23 children reported to have died from malnutrition and dehydration in northern Gaza.

- The first 14 days of March saw an average of 169 aid trucks per day crossing into the Gaza Strip. This remains well below the operational capacity of both border crossings and the target of 500 per day, with challenges at both Karem Abu Salem (Kerem Shalom) and Rafah. Security to manage the crossings has been severely impacted due to the killing of several Palestinian policemen in Israeli airstrikes near the crossings in early February.

- As of 13 March, the total number of UNRWA colleagues killed since the beginning of hostilities is **166.**

- As of 13 March, 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 Area in recent weeks, a significant number of displaced people have moved further south.

*This includes 1 million individuals residing in or near emergency shelters or informal shelters. As of 12 October, approximately 160,000 internally displaced persons (IDPs) were recorded in UNRWA shelters in Northern Gaza and Gaza City governorates. UNRWA currently estimates that the population of Northern Gaza and Gaza City governorates is up to 250,000 people. 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 ISF, and the constant need for safer locations have resulted in people being displaced multiple times.

**UNRWA reported on 15 January in Situation Report 64 that up to 1.9 million IDPs were 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

[1] "Gaza is at breaking point": Health workers and patients describe an unfolding catastrophe in Rafah - occupied Palestinian territory | ReliefWeb
[2] Trapped and Scarred: The compounding mental harm inflicted on Palestinian children in Gaza | Save the Children's Resource Centre

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 12 and 13 March, six Palestinians were killed in the West Bank, including three children. One was reported to be a 12-year-old boy shot by ISF in Shu'fat Camp in East Jerusalem.
- During the same period, 38 ISF search and arrest operations were recorded with 35 detentions. ISF operations continued to operate in Jenin Camp and Jenin city in the northern West Bank, with two Palestinians killed. Significant damage to camp infrastructure, including roads, was reported. One of these operations took place during working hours on the morning of 12 March, forcing UNRWA staff and camp residents to shelter inside UNRWA installations.
- On 13 March, ISF reportedly made preparations for a demolition in Hebron delivering a demolition order for a house belonging to a Palestinian resident from Jenin Camp believed to be in Israeli detention.
- Israeli settler' violence was reported in northern West Bank, with settlers reportedly throwing stones at Palestinian houses and setting fire to a Palestinian vehicle in Burin on 12 March. On 13 March, Israeli settlers shot at Palestinian houses, causing property damage.

2. Overall situation

The Gaza Strip

- According to the Ministry of Health in Gaza as of 13 March, at least 31,272 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 73,024 Palestinians have been reportedly injured.

The West Bank, including East Jerusalem

- According to OCHA, between 7 October 2023– 13 March 2024, 418 Palestinians, including at least 106 children, have been killed in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem. Since the beginning of the year, a total of 109 Palestinians have been killed, compared with 80 in the same period in 2023, the majority by ISF.

3. Humanitarian access & protection of civilians

The Gaza Strip

So far one incident was recorded between **12 and 13 March 2024.** There is one reported incident which occurred earlier but information only became available during this reporting period.

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

- Different incidents have been reported impacting UNRWA installations and internal displaced people (IDPs) sheltering there. While verification of details and casualty figures remain ongoing, initial reports indicate:

[LATE REPORT] On 7 February 2024 (estimated date), at an unknown time, ISF reportedly fired tank shells at the eastern building of school in Gaza town causing damage to several classrooms. It was reported that an ISF tank also caused damage to classrooms. The IDF also excavated the schoolyard. No injuries were reported.

On 13 March 2024, at 11:47, an ISF drone with a mounted weapon fired at the yard located between the Rafah warehouse and Distribution Centre (east of Rafah). Five people were killed, including one UNRWA staff member and another 22 UNRWA team members injured.

Total numbers are as follows:

- **348*** 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 **51** incidents of military use and/or interference at UNRWA premises. **160** different UNRWA installations have been impacted.

- UNRWA estimates that in total at least **408*** internally displaced people (IDPs) sheltering in UNRWA shelters were killed and at least another **1,406*** injured since the start of the war. UNRWA continues to verify 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.

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

4. UNRWA response

The Gaza Strip

Due to the security situation and limited internet connectivity, we have been unable to provide any additional updates since Sitrep 75.

UNRWA Shelters

- As of 13 March, nearly **1.7 million displaced people are now sheltering across emergency shelters (UNRWA and public shelters), informal sites or in the vicinity of UNRWA shelters and distribution sites and within host communities.**

Health

- As of 7 March, seven (out of 22) UNRWA health centres were operational. Of those, one is in the north, two are in the Middle Area, one is in Khan Younis and three are in Rafah. These health centres provide primary health care services, including outpatient services, non-communicable disease care, medication, vaccination, antenatal and postnatal health care and dressing for injured patients.

- A total of 722 health care staff continue to work in operational health centres and on 5 March they provided 12,752 medical consultations.

- Another 9,019 medical consultations were conducted by 332 staff at shelters, including at the newly established medical points in al-Mawasi area to serve an influx of displaced persons from Khan Younis. The total registered population in al-Mawasi is currently 377,854.

- Between 7 October and 7 March, UNRWA provided over 3 million medical consultations across its health centres and shelters.

- As of 7 March, UNRWA provided mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) services in the Middle and Khan Younis areas with teams of psychiatrists and supervisors to assist special cases referred from health centres and shelters. UNRWA teams responded to 1,331 cases in health centres and in medical points through individual consultations, awareness sessions and support for cases of gender-based violence. UNRWA teams provided medical care for post-natal and high-risk pregnant women to 330 women.

Psychosocial support (PSS)

- UNRWA counselors continue to provide psychosocial support services, including psychosocial first aid, PSS consultations, group awareness sessions including sessions on managing psychological fatigue, in addition to implementing recreational activities.

- In the last week, 16,630 IDPs, including 10,006 children, received PSS services. Since the onset of the conflict, around 570,000 IDPs have received support, including more than 300,000 children. During the reporting period, UNRWA teams conducted a total of 2,203 sessions/activities bringing the total to 145,583 sessions/activities since the start of the conflict.

Food security

- As of 13 March, UNRWA continued to distribute flour outside of shelters in the southern governorates. To date, a total of 374,800 families were reached, of those 164,082 have received two rounds of flour.

Water and Sanitation Services (WASH)

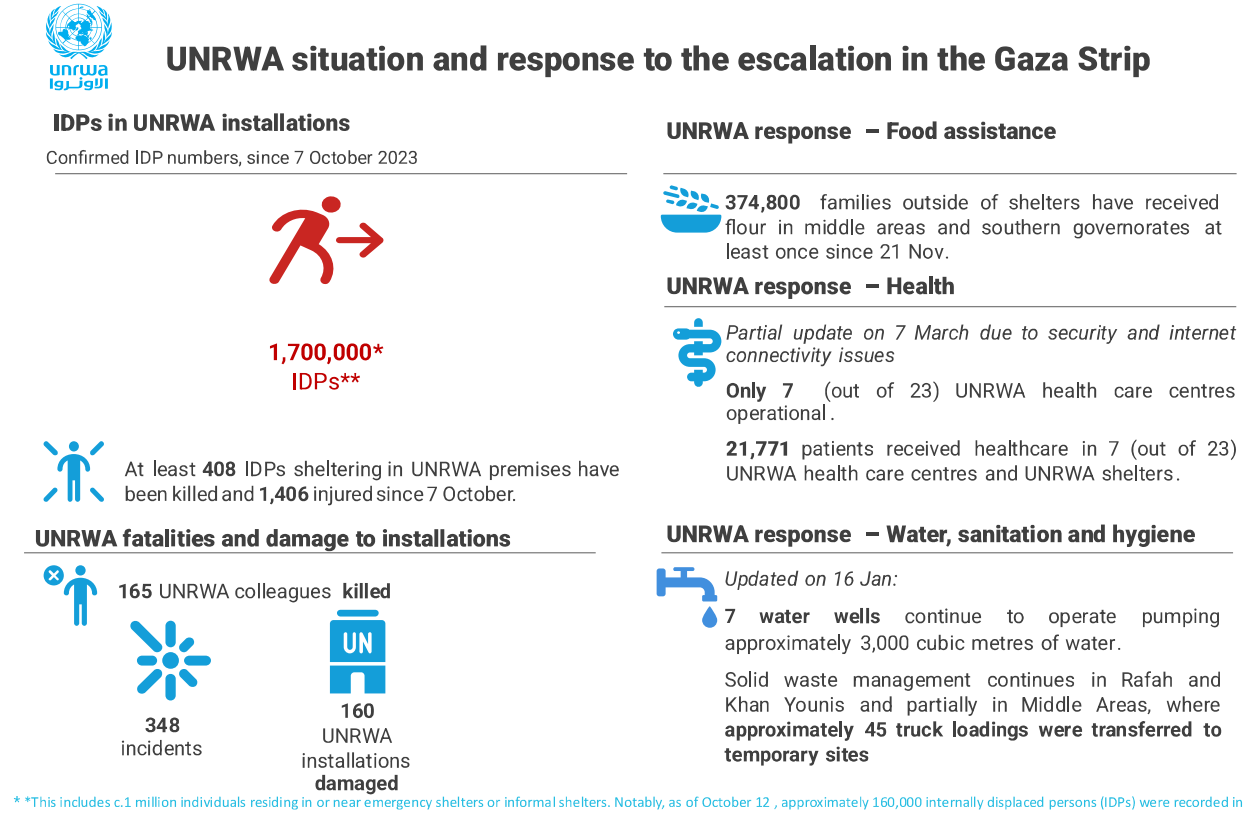
Due to the security situation, in combination with challenges to internet connectivity, we have been unable to provide any additional updates since Sitrep 67.

Statement from Philippe Lazzarini, UNRWA Commissioner-General:

"Today's attack on one of the very few remaining UNRWA distribution centres in the Gaza Strip comes as food supplies are running out, hunger is widespread and, in some areas, turning into famine. […] The United Nations, its personnel, premises and assets must be protected at all times. Since this war began, attacks against UN facilities, convoys and personnel have become commonplace in blatant disregard to international humanitarian law."

Read the full statement: [At Least One Unrwa Staff Killed When Israeli Forces Hit Unrwa Centre Used For Food And Lifesaving Supplies]

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UNRWA Situation Report #91 on the situation in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank, including East Jerusalem

All information from 14-16 March 2024, is valid as of 16 March 2024 at 22:30 (local time)

Day 160-162 of Hostilities

Published 17 March 2024



A displaced woman making bread in Rafah, Southern Gaza Strip, March 2024. © UNRWA Photo by Muhammad Al-Hinnawi

1. Key points

The Gaza Strip

- Intense Israeli Security Forces (ISF) bombardment from the air, land and sea continued across much of the Gaza Strip, resulting in further civilian casualties, displacement and destruction of civilian infrastructure. ISF airstrikes continue also in heavily populated Rafah in southern Gaza.

- On 15 March, UNICEF[1] reported the number of children under the age of two suffering from acute malnutrition is increasing at an alarming rate in the northern Gaza Strip. One in three children are now malnourished, compared to 15.6 per cent in January 2024. In addition to the north, concerns remain in Rafah, Middle Areas and Khan Younis, where screenings conducted for the first time in Khan Younis, in the central Gaza Strip, revealed that 28 per cent of children under the age of two were acutely malnourished and more than 10 per cent severely wasted. Malnourished children in Gaza are also at high risk of medical complications and death if they

[1] Acute malnutrition doubles in the space of a month in the northern Gaza Strip - UNICEF - occupied Palestinian territory | ReliefWeb

do not receive urgent therapeutic food and appropriate treatment which are currently unavailable in Gaza. According to UNICEF, at least 23 children have reportedly died of malnutrition and dehydration in recent weeks in the north of the Gaza Strip. Another 13,450 children in the Gaza Strip have been killed during the war.

- Access to people in Gaza City and Northern Gaza remains very restricted. According to OCHA, only 25 per cent of aid missions planned to the north in February had been facilitated by Israeli Authorities.

- The first 15 days of March saw an average of 165 aid trucks per day crossing into the Gaza Strip. This remains well below the operational capacity of both border crossings and the target of 500 per day, with challenges at both Karem Abu Salem (Kerem Shalom) and Rafah. Security to manage the crossings has been severely impacted due to the killing of several Palestinian policemen in Israeli airstrikes near the crossings in early February.

- As of 16 March, the total number of UNRWA colleagues killed since the beginning of hostilities is **168, an increase of two since the last UNRWA sit rep.**

- As of 16 March, 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 Area in recent weeks, a significant number of displaced people have moved further south.

*This includes 1 million individuals residing in or near emergency shelters or informal shelters. As of 12 October, approximately 160,000 internally displaced persons (IDPs) were recorded in UNRWA shelters in Northern Gaza and Gaza City governorates. UNRWA currently estimates that the population of Northern Gaza and Gaza City governorates is up to 250,000 people. 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 ISF, and the constant need for safer locations have resulted in people being displaced multiple times.

**UNRWA reported on 15 January in Situation Report 64 that up to 1.9 million IDPs were 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.

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The West Bank, including East Jerusalem

The next update for The West Bank, including East Jerusalem will be published 19 May 2024.

2. Overall situation

The Gaza Strip

- According to the Ministry of Health in Gaza as of 14 March, at least 31,490 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 73,439 Palestinians have been reportedly injured.

The West Bank, including East Jerusalem

- According to OCHA, between 7 October 2023– 14 March 2024, 418 Palestinians, including at least 106 children, have been killed in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem. Since the beginning of the year, a total of 109 Palestinians have been killed, compared with 80 in the same period in 2023, the majority by ISF.

3. Humanitarian access & protection of civilians

The Gaza Strip

No incidents were recorded between **14 and 16 March 2024.**

Total numbers remain as follows:

- **348*** 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 **51** incidents of military use and/or interference at UNRWA premises. **160** different UNRWA installations have been impacted.

- UNRWA estimates that in total at least **408*** internally displaced people (IDPs) sheltering in UNRWA shelters have been killed and at least a further **1,406*** 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.

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

4. UNRWA response

The Gaza Strip

Due to the security situation and limited internet connectivity, we have been unable to provide any additional updates since Sitrep 75, published on 10 February 2024.

UNRWA Shelters

- As of 16 March, nearly **1.7 million displaced people are now sheltering across emergency shelters (UNRWA and public shelters), informal sites or in the vicinity of UNRWA shelters and distribution sites and within host communities.**

Health

- As of 9 March, seven (out of 22) UNRWA health centres were operational. Of those, one is in the north, two are in the Middle Area, one is in Khan Younis and three are in Rafah. These health centres provide primary health care services, including outpatient services, non-communicable disease care, medication, vaccination, antenatal and postnatal health care and dressing for injured patients.

- A total of 708 health care staff continue to work in operational health centres and on 9 March they provided 13,417 medical consultations.

- Another 9,368 medical consultations were conducted by 332 staff at shelters, including at the newly established medical points in al-Mawasi area to serve an influx of displaced persons from Khan Younis. The total registered population in al-Mawasi is currently 377,854.

- Between 7 October and 9 March, UNRWA provided over 3 million medical consultations across its health centres and shelters.

- As of 9 March, UNRWA provided mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) services in the Middle and Khan Younis areas with teams of psychiatrists and supervisors to assist special cases referred from health centres and shelters. UNRWA teams responded to 1,428 cases in health centres and in medical points through individual consultations, awareness sessions and support for cases of gender-based violence. UNRWA teams provided medical care for post-natal and high-risk pregnant women to 419 women.

Psychosocial support (PSS)

- UNRWA counselors continue to provide psychosocial support services, including psychosocial first aid, PSS consultations, group awareness sessions including sessions on managing psychological fatigue, in addition to implementing recreational activities.

- In the last week, UNRWA provided 16,630 IDPs, including 10,006 children, with PSS services. Since the onset of the conflict, around 570,000 IDPs have received support, including more than 300,000 children. During the reporting period, UNRWA teams conducted a total of 2,203 sessions/activities bringing the total to 145,583 sessions/activities since the start of the conflict.

Food security

- As of 13 March, UNRWA continued to distribute flour outside of shelters in the southern governorates. To date, a total of 374,800 families were reached, of who 164,082 have received two rounds of flour.

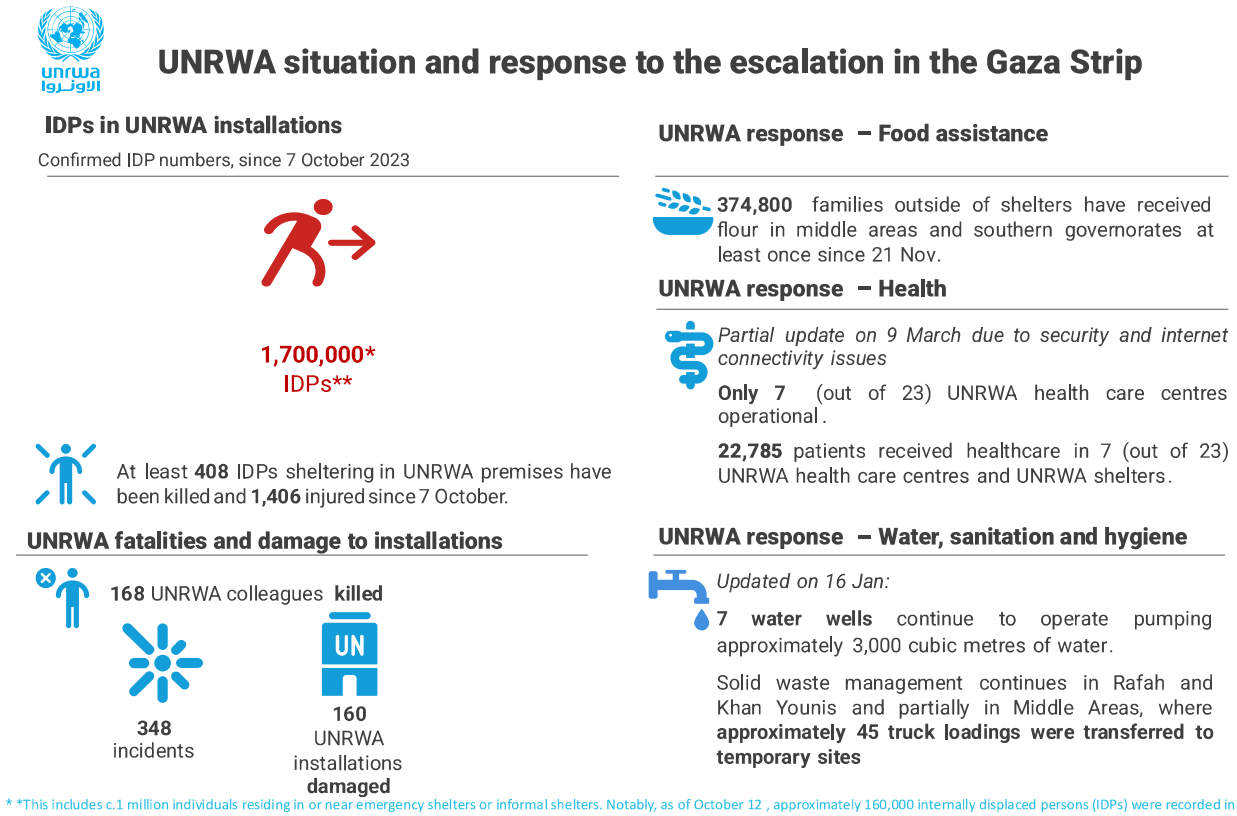
Water and Sanitation Services (WASH)

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

Quote from Nisreen, a displaced mother from Gaza:

"Our home was destroyed in bombings, leaving us without shelter. With the arrival of Ramadan, we didn't know how we will survive without enough money or shelter. Now, the daily food parcels from UNRWA keep us hopeful, especially as we try to feed our hungry children."

ENDs –



* *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 UNRWA shelters in North Gaza and Gaza governorates. UNRWA currently estimates that the population of North Gaza and Gaza governorates to be up to 250,000 people. However, the ability of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA) to provide humanitarian support and updated data in these area s 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 situat ion allows.

UNRWA Situation Report #92 on the situation in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank, including East Jerusalem

All information from 17-18 March 2024, is valid as of 18 March 2024 at 22:30 (local time)

Day 163-164 of Hostilities

Published 19 March 2024



An UNRWA staff member assesses a child to be severely acutely malnourished, Rafah, Southern Gaza Strip, March 2024. © 2024 UNRWA Photo by Muhammad Al-Hinnawi

1. Key points

The Gaza Strip

- Intense Israeli Security Forces (ISF) bombardment from the air, land and sea continued across much of the Gaza Strip, resulting in further civilian casualties, displacement and destruction of civilian infrastructure. ISF airstrikes continue also in heavily populated Rafah in southern Gaza.

- Famine[1] is imminent in Gaza, especially to isolated populations in northern Gaza, deprived of humanitarian assistance. On 18 March Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC) released its latest food security outlook and concluded that up to 1.1 million people in Gaza are facing catastrophic levels of food insecurity. The report highlights the fast-deteriorating food security conditions, including a nearly 80 per cent increase in the number of people facing the highest classification of food insecurity since December, when the initial assessment was conducted. The increase has been triggered by the intensity of hostilities,

[1] Famine imminent in northern Gaza, new report warns | World Food Programme (wfp.org)

extremely limited humanitarian access and severe limitations on the supply of goods and basic services. Nutrition screenings conducted in February by UNICEF and UNRWA show that rates of acute malnutrition among children in northern Gaza and Rafah have nearly doubled since January. The IPC report also predicts a worsening of malnutrition rates unless aid increases and reaches the most vulnerable and hard to reach populations.

- The first 17 days of March saw an average of 159 aid trucks per day crossing into the Gaza Strip. This remains well below the operational capacity of both border crossings and the target of 500 per day, with challenges at both Karem Abu Salem (Kerem Shalom) and Rafah. Security to manage the crossings has been severely impacted due to the killing of several Palestinian policemen in Israeli airstrikes near the crossings in early February.

- As of 16 March, the total number of UNRWA colleagues killed since the beginning of hostilities is **168.**

- As of 18 March, up to 1.7 million* people (over 75 per cent of the population) ** have been displaced across the Gaza Strip, the majority multiple times.*** Families are forced to move repeatedly in search of safety. Following intense Israeli bombardments and fighting in Khan Younis and the Middle Area in recent weeks, a significant number of displaced people have moved further south.

*This includes 1 million individuals residing in or near emergency shelters or informal shelters. As of 12 October, approximately 160,000 internally displaced persons (IDPs) were recorded in UNRWA shelters in Northern Gaza and Gaza City governorates. UNRWA currently estimates that the population of Northern Gaza and Gaza City governorates is up to 250,000 people. 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 ISF, and the constant need for safer locations have resulted in people being displaced multiple times.

**UNRWA reported on 15 January in Situation Report 64 that up to 1.9 million IDPs were 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.

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The West Bank, including East Jerusalem

- Between 14 and 18 March, more than 120 Israeli Security Forces (ISF) search and arrest operations were recorded across the West Bank, with at least 120 Palestinians detained during this period. Two Palestinians were killed.
- The first Friday of the Holy Month of Ramadan saw worshippers gathering in Jerusalem's Old City and Al Aqsa mosque for prayers. Thousands of Palestinians were denied access to Jerusalem for not possessing requisite permits. Increased mobile checkpoints and movement restrictions including road closures were also reported in and around Jerusalem.
- There were several escalations in Israeli settler violence between 14 and 18 March, particularly concentrated in the central and southern West Bank. In the central West Bank, early on 15

March settlers opened fire at Palestinians and their sheep at Kafr Ni'ma, burning Palestinian vehicles and land. Two settler attacks were recorded in Sinjil on 14 and 15 March. A new settlement outpost was reported on 17 March on Palestinian land at Al Lubban al Gharbiya. In the southern West Bank, armed settlers physically assaulted Palestinian shepherds in Masafer Yatta on 15 March, damaging crops and injuring a child.

- ISF reportedly bulldozed land and uprooted at least 150 olive trees belonging to Palestinians west of Husan, in the southern West Bank, on 18 March.

2. Overall situation

The Gaza Strip

- According to the Ministry of Health in Gaza as of 18 March, at least 31,726 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 73,792 Palestinians have been reportedly injured.

The West Bank, including East Jerusalem

- According to OCHA, between 7 October 2023– 18 March 2024, 418 Palestinians, including at least 106 children, have been killed in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem. Since the beginning of the year, a total of 109 Palestinians have been killed, compared with 80 in the same period in 2023, the majority by ISF.

3. Humanitarian access & protection of civilians

The Gaza Strip

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

- One new incident impacting UNRWA installations and internally displaced people (IDPs) sheltering there has been reported. While verification of details and casualty figures remain ongoing, initial reports indicate:

- [LATE REPORT] On 7 February 2024, (estimated date) at an unknown time, ISF reportedly carried out an air strike that completely destroyed the northern and southern buildings of an UNRWA school in Gaza Town. In addition, several classrooms in the school's eastern building sustained fire damage. The IDF also reportedly excavated the schoolyard. No injuries were reported.

- Total numbers are as follows:

    - 349* 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 51 incidents of military use and/or interference at UNRWA premises. 160 different UNRWA installations have been impacted.

- UNRWA estimates that in total at least 408* IDPs sheltering in UNRWA shelters have been killed and at least a further 1,406* 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 and limited internet connectivity, we have been unable to provide any additional updates since Sitrep 75, published on 10 February 2024.

UNRWA Shelters

- As of 18 March, nearly **1.7 million displaced people are now sheltering across emergency shelters (UNRWA and public shelters), informal sites or in the vicinity of UNRWA shelters and distribution sites and within host communities.**

Health

- As of 13 March, eight (out of 24) UNRWA health centres were operational. Of those, one is in the north, two are in the Middle Area, two are in Khan Younis and three are in Rafah. These health centres provide primary health care services, including outpatient services, non-communicable disease care, medication, vaccination, antenatal and postnatal health care and dressing for injured patients.

- On 13 March, UNRWA built a temporary health centre to provide health services for the people in al-Mawasi, West Khan Younis.

- A total of 740 health care staff continue to work in operational health centres and on 13 March they provided 11,876 medical consultations.

- Another 8,076 medical consultations were conducted by 340 staff at shelters, including at the newly established medical points in al-Mawasi area to serve an influx of displaced persons from Khan Younis. The total registered population in al-Mawasi is currently 377,854.

- Between 7 October and 13 March, UNRWA provided over 3.2 million medical consultations across its health centres and shelters.

- As of 13 March, UNRWA provided mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) services in the Middle and Khan Younis areas with teams of psychiatrists and supervisors to assist special cases referred from health centres and shelters. UNRWA teams responded to 1,061 cases in health centres and in medical points through individual consultations, awareness sessions and support for cases of gender-based violence. UNRWA teams provided medical care for post-natal and high-risk pregnant women to 419 women.

Psychosocial support (PSS)

- UNRWA counselors continue to provide psychosocial support services, including psychosocial first aid, PSS consultations, group awareness sessions including sessions on managing psychological fatigue, in addition to implementing recreational activities.

- In the last week, UNRWA provided 19,278 IDPs, including 12,096 children, with PSS services. Since the onset of the conflict, around 570,000 IDPs have received support, including more than 300,000 children. During the reporting period, UNRWA teams conducted a total of 2,310 sessions/activities bringing the total to 147,893 sessions/activities since the start of the conflict.

Food security

- As of 13 March, UNRWA continued to distribute flour outside of shelters in the southern governorates. To date, a total of 374,800 families were reached, of whom 164,082 have received two rounds of flour.

Water and Sanitation Services (WASH)

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

Tweet from Philippe Lazzarini, UNRWA Commissioner-General:

"On the day new data is out on famine in Gaza, the Israeli Authorities deny my entry to Gaza. […] UNRWA has by far the largest presence among all humanitarian organizations in Gaza. My visit today was supposed to coordinate & improve the humanitarian response. This man-made starvation under our watch is a stain on our collective humanity. Too much time was wasted, all land crossings must open now. Famine can be averted with political will."

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 **408** IDPs sheltering in UNRWA premises have been killed and **1,406** injured since 7 October.

UNRWA fatalities and damage to installations

168 UNRWA colleagues **killed**

349
incidents

160
UNRWA installations **damaged**

UNRWA response – Food assistance

374,800 families outside of shelters have received flour in middle areas and southern governorates at least once since 21 Nov.

UNRWA response – Health

Partial update on 13 March due to security and internet connectivity issues

Only 8 (out of 24) UNRWA health care centres operational.

19,952 patients received healthcare in 8 (out of 24) 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**

* *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 UNRWA shelters in North Gaza and Gaza governorates. UNRWA currently estimates that the population of North Gaza and Gaza governorates to be up to 250,000 people. However, the ability of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA) to provide humanitarian support and updated data in these area s 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.

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UNRWA Situation Report #93 on the situation in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank, including East Jerusalem

All information from 19-20 February 2024, is valid as of 20 February 2024 at 22:30 (local time)

Day 165-166 of Hostilities

Published 22 March 2024



A displaced family in Deir al-Balah, Gaza Strip, March 2024. © 2024 UNRWA Photo by Ashraf Amra

1. Key points

The Gaza Strip

- There is very little respite for Palestinians in Gaza, even during the holy month of Ramadan as the conflict across the Gaza Strip continues. Israeli Security Forces (ISF) continue military operations across the Gaza Strip. ISF airstrikes continue in heavily populated Rafah in southern Gaza, where UNRWA estimates a total of 1.2 million people are now living, the vast majority in formal and informal shelters.

- Intense Israeli bombardment and ground operations are ongoing. Meanwhile, heavy fighting between ISF and Palestinian armed groups continue in southeastern Gaza City and areas surrounding Al Shifa Hospital in the city. This has resulted in further civilian casualties, displacement, and the destruction of homes and other civilian infrastructure.

- The Israeli military operation inside and around Al Shifa hospital in Gaza City continued for the third successive day. The World Health Organization's Director General, Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus stated on 18 March that: "Hospitals should never be battlegrounds. WHO are

terribly worried about the situation at Al Shifa Hospital, which is endangering health workers, patients and civilians."[1]

- UNOSAT satellite imagery analysis[2] showed that approximately one third (or 35 per cent) of the total structures in the Gaza Strip have been either damaged or destroyed. The governorates of Gaza and Khan Younis experienced the highest amount of destruction. Famine[3] is imminent in Gaza, especially amongst isolated populations in northern Gaza, who have been deprived of humanitarian assistance.

- On 18 March, the Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC) partnership released its latest food security outlook. It concluded that up to 1.1 million people in Gaza are facing catastrophic levels of food insecurity. The report highlights the fast-deteriorating food security conditions, including a nearly 80 per cent increase in the number of people facing the highest classification of food insecurity since December, when the initial assessment was conducted. The increase has been triggered by the intensity of hostilities, extremely limited humanitarian access and severe limitations on the supply of goods and basic services. According to UNICEF and UNRWA nutrition screenings in February, the rates of acute malnutrition among children in northern Gaza and Rafah have nearly doubled in just one month. The IPC report also predicts a worsening of malnutrition rates unless aid increases and reaches the most vulnerable and hard to reach populations.

- Following the announcement that famine is imminent there has been no significant change in the volume of supplies entering Gaza or improved access to the north. The first 20 days of March saw an average of 159 aid trucks per day crossing into the Gaza Strip. This remains well below the operational capacity of both border crossings and the target of 500 per day, with challenges at both Karem Abu Salem (Kerem Shalom) and Rafah. Security to manage the crossings has been severely impacted due to the killing of several Palestinian policemen in Israeli airstrikes near the crossings in early February.

- As of 16 March, the total number of UNRWA colleagues killed since the beginning of hostilities is **169, an increase of one.**
- As of 20 March, up to 1.7 million* people (over 75 per cent of the population) ** have been displaced across the Gaza Strip, the majority multiple times.*** Families are forced to move repeatedly in search of safety. Following intense Israeli bombardments and fighting in Khan Younis and the Middle Area in recent weeks, a significant number of displaced people have moved further south.

*This includes 1 million individuals residing in or near emergency shelters or informal shelters. As of 12 October, approximately 160,000 internally displaced persons (IDPs) were recorded in UNRWA shelters in Northern Gaza and Gaza City governorates. UNRWA currently estimates that the population of Northern Gaza and Gaza City governorates is up to 250,000 people. The ability of UNRWA to provide humanitarian support and updated data in these areas has been severely restricted. The ongoing

[1] Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus on X: "The hunger situation in #Gaza is devastating: famine is imminent and it could have grave immediate and long-term health consequences. There was no reason for this catastrophe to happen. Before October 2023 there was enough food in Gaza to feed the population. Malnutrition was... https://t.co/deTyatUBN2" / X (twitter.com)

[2] Occupied Palestinian Territory - Gaza Strip Imagery Analysis 29 February 2024 (Published 20 March 2024) - occupied Palestinian territory | ReliefWeb

[3] Famine imminent in northern Gaza, new report warns | World Food Programme (wfp.org)

hostilities, evacuation orders issued by ISF, and the constant need for safer locations have resulted in people being displaced multiple times.

**UNRWA reported on 15 January in Situation Report 64 that up to 1.9 million IDPs were 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.

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The West Bank, including East Jerusalem

- Between 19 and 20 March, there were at least 60 ISF search and arrest operations recorded, and 50 Palestinians detained. This includes four Palestinian children who were detained al Bab Al Zahra (Herod's Gate) in Jerusalem's Old City on 20 March, at a time when the city is subject to heightened security measures during Ramadan.
- The night of 20 March was one of the deadliest recorded to date in the West Bank during 2024. Five Palestine Refugees were killed in two ISF drone strikes: three in Jenin city and two in Nur Shams Camp. Subsequently, a large-scale ISF search and arrest operation was launched in Nur Shams Camp, killing two more Palestinians, including a child. On the same evening, an operation including the use of armoured bulldozers took place in Tulkarm Camp and city, leaving roads and camp infrastructure damaged.
- During the reporting period there were numerous clashes between Israeli settlers and Palestinians, including attacks on land and property. On 19 March, settlers took over 20 residential structures belonging to Palestinians in Al Mu'arrajat, in the central West Bank. On 20 March, a Palestinian farmer was physically assaulted in Burqa, in the northern West Bank, with settlers setting fire to his vehicle.
- On 20 March, Israeli protesters gathered outside of the UNRWA West Bank Field Office and the UNRWA HQ in East Jerusalem.

2. Overall situation

The Gaza Strip

- According to the Ministry of Health in Gaza as of 19 March, at least 31,923 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 74,096 Palestinians have been reportedly injured.

The West Bank, including East Jerusalem

- According to OCHA, between 7 October 2023– 19 March 2024, 422 Palestinians, including at least 106 children, have been killed in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem. Since the beginning of the year, a total of 109 Palestinians have been killed, compared with 85 in the same period in 2023, the majority by ISF.

3. Humanitarian access & protection of civilians

The Gaza Strip

No new incidents have been reported since our last update.

Total numbers remain as follows:

- **349*** 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 **51** incidents of military use and/or interference at UNRWA premises. **160** different UNRWA installations have been impacted.

- UNRWA estimates that in total at least **408*** internally displaced people (IDPs) sheltering in UNRWA shelters have been killed and at least a further **1,406*** 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

Due to the security situation and limited internet connectivity, we have been unable to provide any additional updates since Sitrep 75 published on 10 February 2024.

UNRWA Shelters

- As of 20 March, nearly **1.7 million** displaced people are now sheltering across emergency shelters (UNRWA and public shelters), informal sites or in the vicinity of UNRWA shelters and distribution sites and within host communities.

Health

- As of 19 March, eight (out of 24) UNRWA health centres were operational. Of those, one is in the north, two are in the Middle Area, two are in Khan Younis and three are in Rafah. These health centres provide primary health care services, including outpatient services, non-communicable disease care, medication, vaccination, antenatal and postnatal health care and dressing for injured patients.

- On 13 March, UNRWA opened a temporary health centre to provide health services for the people in al-Mawasi, west of Khan Younis.

- Nearly 700 healthcare staff continue to work in operational health centres. On 19 March, they provided close to 10,000 medical consultations.

- Another 8,005 medical consultations were conducted by 343 staff at shelters, including at the newly established medical points in al-Mawasi area to serve an influx of displaced persons from Khan Younis. The total registered population in al-Mawasi is currently 377,854.

- Between 7 October and 19 March, UNRWA provided over 3.3 million medical consultations across its health centres and shelters.

- As of 19 March, UNRWA provided mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) services in the Middle and Khan Younis areas with teams of psychiatrists and supervisors to assist special cases referred from health centres and shelters. UNRWA teams responded to 776 cases in health centres and in medical points through individual consultations, awareness sessions and support for cases of gender-based violence. UNRWA teams provided medical care for 419 post-natal and pregnant women at high risk.

Psychosocial support (PSS)

- UNRWA counselors continue to provide psychosocial support services, including psychosocial first aid, PSS consultations, group awareness sessions including sessions on managing psychological fatigue, in addition to implementing recreational activities.

- In the last week, UNRWA provided PSS services to 19,278 IDPs, including 12,096 children. Since the onset of the conflict, around 570,000 IDPs have received support, including more than 300,000 children. During the reporting period, UNRWA teams conducted a total of 2,310 sessions/activities, bringing the total to 147,893 sessions/activities since the start of the conflict.

Food security

- As of 20 March, UNRWA continued to distribute flour outside of shelters in the southern governorates. To date, a total of 377,054 families (1,837,805 individuals) have been reached, of whom 206,234 have received two rounds of flour.

Water and Sanitation Services (WASH)

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

Quote from Randa, a student in Gaza:

"I lost 11 members of my family. I don't have the time to think of them. I don't have time to think of my dreams. […] I don't know if this war ends, will I be normal again? Will I think of the 11 people I lost? Or will I think of the dreams I had? I don't know....."

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 **408** IDPs sheltering in UNRWA premises have been killed and **1,406** injured since 7 October.

UNRWA fatalities and damage to installations

169 UNRWA colleagues **killed**

349
incidents

160
UNRWA installations **damaged**

UNRWA response – Food assistance

377,054 families outside of shelters have received flour in middle areas and southern governorates at least once since 21 Nov.

UNRWA response – Health

Partial update on 19 March due to security and internet connectivity issues

Only 8 (out of 24) UNRWA health care centres operational.

17,876 patients received healthcare in 8 (out of 24) 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 #94 on the situation in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank, including East Jerusalem

All information from 21-23 March 2024, is valid as of 23 March 2024 at 22:30 (local time)

Day 167-169 of Hostilities

Published 25 March 2024



UNRWA staff distributing food parcels to displaced people in an UNRWA shelter, Rafah, Southern Gaza Strip, March 2024.
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1. Key points

The Gaza Strip

- There is very little respite for Palestinians in Gaza, even during the holy month of Ramadan, as the conflict across the Gaza Strip continues unabated. The Israeli Security Forces (ISF) continue military operations across the Gaza Strip including in southern Gaza with airstrikes and bombardment also in Rafah where UNRWA estimates a total of 1.2 million people are now living, the vast majority in formal and informal shelters.

- On 22 March, the charity "Christian Aid"[1] reported that food prices in Gaza have dramatically increased as the clock ticks fast towards famine. In northern Gaza basic commodities are 25 times more expensive than they were before the war, a 25kg bag of flour was on sale in northern Gaza for over US$ 400.

[1] Food prices skyrocket as Gaza on the brink of famine - occupied Palestinian territory | ReliefWeb

- On 23 March, Antonio Guterres, Secretary-General (SG) of the United Nations visited Al Arish and Rafah, Egypt. The SG[2] continued to call on the international community to support UNRWA, that he defined as the "backbone of the humanitarian aid inside Gaza."

- On 21 March, WHO reported[3] that hospitals in Rafah were overwhelmed and struggling to keep up with the needs. Out of 15 hospitals in the south of Gaza (including MOH, NGO, and field hospitals), only two field hospitals were fully functional; five were non-functional and two operating at minimal functionality. The same report stated that across Gaza only one in three of all hospitals in Gaza were partially functioning and that there had been up to 410 reports of attacks on health facilities. Malnutrition rates continue to increase, given extreme levels of food insecurity and disease outbreaks. WHO reports that a total of 27 children have died in northern Gaza due to complications linked to severe malnutrition.

- On 18 March, the Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC) concluded that up to 1.1 million people in Gaza are facing catastrophic levels of food insecurity. The IPC also projected a worsening of malnutrition rates unless aid increases and reaches the most vulnerable and hard to reach populations.[4]

- Following the announcement that famine is imminent there has been no significant change in the volume of supplies entering Gaza or improved access to the north. The first 23 days of March saw an average of 157 aid trucks per day crossing into the Gaza Strip. This remains well below the operational capacity of both border crossings and the target of 500 per day, with challenges at both Karem Abu Salem (Kerem Shalom) and Rafah. Security to manage the crossings has been severely impacted due to the killing of several Palestinian policemen in Israeli airstrikes near the crossings in early February.

- Israeli authorities continue to reject urgent UNRWA food convoys to northern Gaza. Since 21 March, UNRWA has submitted daily requests to the Israeli authorities, all of which have been denied with no reason given. A fourth request, submitted on 24 March, was also denied.

- On 24 March, Philippe Lazzarini, UNRWA Commissioner-General, confirmed[5] that Israeli Authorities informed the UN that they will no longer approve any UNRWA food convoys to northern Gaza.

- UNRWA is the largest humanitarian organization in Gaza with over 1.8 million people, or 85 per cent of the population, reached with flour since 7 October. In addition to flour, nearly 600,000[6] people have received emergency food parcels. UNRWA continues to provide storage and distribution of other agencies' food commodities.

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[2] Secretary-General's press encounter in Al Arish, Egypt - occupied Palestinian territory | ReliefWeb
[3] oPt Emergency Situation Update 25 (as of 12 March 2024 at 16:00) - occupied Palestinian territory | ReliefWeb
[4] IPC Report: GAZA STRIP: Famine is imminent as 1.1 million people, half of Gaza, experience catastrophic food insecurity
[5] Philippe Lazzarini on X: "📍# Gaza: as of today, @UNRWA, the main lifeline for #Palestine Refugees, is denied from providing lifesaving assistance to northern Gaza. Despite the tragedy unfolding under our watch, the Israeli Authorities informed the UN that they will no longer approve any @UNRWA food… https://t.co/lfp9xRQuh1" / X (twitter.com)
[6] UNRWA and other UN parcels distributed by UNRWA

- As of 23 March, the total number of UNRWA colleagues killed since the beginning of hostilities is **171, an increase of three.**
- As of 23 March, up to 1.7 million* people (over 75 per cent of the population) ** have been displaced across the Gaza Strip, the majority multiple times.*** Families are forced to move repeatedly in search of safety. Following intense Israeli bombardments and fighting in Khan Younis and the Middle Area in recent weeks, a significant number of displaced people have moved further south.

*This includes 1 million individuals residing in or near emergency shelters or informal shelters. As of 12 October, approximately 160,000 internally displaced persons (IDPs) were recorded in UNRWA shelters in Northern Gaza and Gaza City governorates. UNRWA currently estimates that the population of Northern Gaza and Gaza City governorates is up to 250,000 people. 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 ISF, 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, including East Jerusalem will be published on 26 March 2024.

2. Overall situation

The Gaza Strip

- According to the Ministry of Health in Gaza as of 21 March, at least 31,998 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 74,188 Palestinians have been reportedly injured.

The West Bank, including East Jerusalem

- According to OCHA, between 7 October 2023– 21 March 2024, 434 Palestinians, including at least 106 children, have been killed in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem.

3. Humanitarian access & protection of civilians

The Gaza Strip

- UNRWA is working to verify the details of incidents reportedly affecting its premises. Further information will be provided once it becomes available.
- One new incident impacting UNRWA installations and IDPs sheltering there has been reported. While verification of details and casualty figures remain ongoing, initial reports indicate:

On 18 March 2024, an Israeli Security Forces drone fired at an UNRWA food distribution centre (northern Gaza) causing damage to it. No injuries were reported.

- **350*** 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 **51** incidents of military use and/or interference at UNRWA premises. **161** different UNRWA installations have been impacted.

- UNRWA estimates that in total at least **408*** IDPs sheltering in UNRWA shelters have been killed and at least a further **1,406*** 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 and limited internet connectivity, we have been unable to provide any additional updates since Sitrep 75 published on 10 February 2024.

UNRWA Shelters

- As of 23 March, nearly **1.7 million** displaced people are now sheltering across emergency shelters (UNRWA and public shelters), informal sites or in the vicinity of UNRWA shelters and distribution sites and within host communities.

Health

- As of 19 March, eight (out of 24) UNRWA health centres were operational. Of those, one is in the north, two are in the Middle Area, two are in Khan Younis and three are in Rafah. These health centres provide primary health care services, including outpatient services, non-communicable disease care, medication, vaccination, antenatal and postnatal health care and dressing for injured patients.

- On 13 March, UNRWA opened a temporary health centre to provide health services for the people in al-Mawasi, west of Khan Younis.

- Nearly 700 healthcare staff continue to work in operational health centres. On 19 March, they provided close to 10,000 medical consultations.

- Another 8,005 medical consultations were conducted by 343 staff at shelters, including at the newly established medical points in al-Mawasi area to serve an influx of displaced persons from Khan Younis. The total registered population in al-Mawasi is currently 377,854.

- Between 7 October and 19 March, UNRWA provided over 3.3 million medical consultations across its health centres and shelters.

- As of 19 March, UNRWA provided mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) services in the Middle and Khan Younis areas with teams of psychiatrists and supervisors to assist special cases referred from health centres and shelters. UNRWA teams responded to 776 cases in health centres and in medical points through individual consultations, awareness sessions and support for cases of gender-based violence. UNRWA teams provided medical care for 419 post-natal and pregnant women at high risk.

Psychosocial support (PSS)

- UNRWA counselors continue to provide psychosocial support services, including psychosocial first aid, PSS consultations, group awareness sessions including sessions on managing psychological fatigue, in addition to implementing recreational activities.

- In the last week, UNRWA provided PSS services to 19,278 IDPs, including 12,096 children. Since the onset of the conflict, around 570,000 IDPs have received support, including more than 300,000 children. During the reporting period, UNRWA teams conducted a total of 2,310 sessions/activities, bringing the total to 147,893 sessions/activities since the start of the conflict.

Food security

- As of 20 March, UNRWA continued to distribute flour outside of shelters in the southern governorates. To date, a total of 377,054 families (1,837,805 individuals) have been reached, of whom 206,234 have received two rounds of flour.

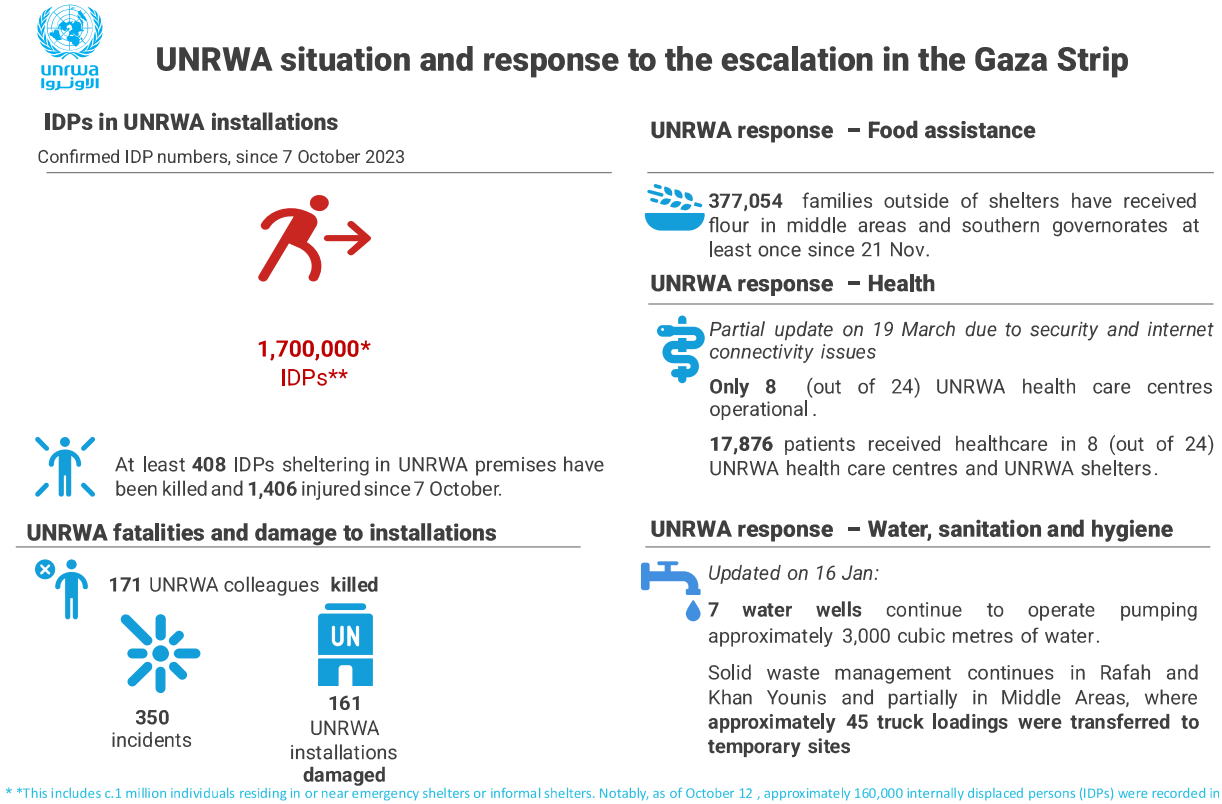
Water and Sanitation Services (WASH)

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

Quote from Yamin, a 10-year-old student displaced in Rafah:

"I started watching the news instead of cartoons, and I dreamed of hearing the news of a ceasefire. I dreamed of returning to my normal life."

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UNRWA Situation Report #95 on the situation in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank, including East Jerusalem

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Day 170-171 of Hostilities

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Displaced family living in a camp in Deir al-Balah, Central Gaza Strip, March 2024. © 2024 UNRWA Photo by Ashraf Amra

1. Key points

The Gaza Strip

- On 24 March, UNRWA Commissioner-General, Philippe Lazzarini, [1] that Israeli Authorities had informed the UN that they will no longer approve any UNRWA food convoys to northern Gaza. Since 22 March, five UNRWA food convoy requests to access the north have been denied by Israeli Authorities.

- On 25 March the UN Security Council adopted a resolution demanding an immediate ceasefire in Gaza during the holy month of Ramadan. It called for increasing the flow of humanitarian aid, ensuring humanitarian access and the immediate and unconditional release of all Israeli hostages in Gaza.

[1] Philippe Lazzarini on X: "📍# Gaza: as of today, @UNRWA, the main lifeline for #Palestine Refugees, is denied from providing lifesaving assistance to northern Gaza. Despite the tragedy unfolding under our watch, the Israeli Authorities informed the UN that they will no longer approve any @UNRWA food… https://t.co/lfp9xRQuh1" / X (twitter.com)

- Despite the adoption of the resolution, Israeli Security Forces (ISF) continued military operations across Gaza, particularly in Al Rimal area near Al Shifa Hospital in Gaza city, central Khan Younis, and the vicinity of Al Amal and Nasser hospitals also in Khan Younis. This has resulted in further civilian casualties, displacement, and destruction of houses and other civilian infrastructure. Airstrikes and bombardment continued tin Rafah where UNRWA estimates a total of 1.2 million people are now living, the vast majority in formal and informal shelters.

- UNICEF confirmed[2] that 13,750 children have now been killed, and cited reports of a near double digit number of children killed overnight, hours after the Security Council resolution was passed.

- According to the Gaza Health Cluster[3] hospitals in the north Gaza and Gaza face challenges due to recent military operations, and are in dire need of fuel, medical supplies and medical staff. Hospitals are operating with limited resources, facing electricity shortages and witnessing an increase in trauma cases and malnutrition. This highlights the urgent need for continued support and assistance from all clusters/sectors.

- Restoration of health services in Nasser hospital is ongoing. On the 17 March WHO, UNRWA, UNMAS and UNOCHA conducted a mission to provide 10,000 litres of fuel to Nasser hospital, and conducted a rapid needs assessment of the hospital (WASH and health equipment).

- There has been no significant change in the volume of supplies entering Gaza or improved access to the north. The first 25 days of March saw an average of 155 aid trucks per day crossing. The highest number this month was on 11 March, when 236 trucks entered Gaza via the Karem Abu Salem (Kerem Shalom) and Rafah land crossing. This remains well below the operational capacity of both border crossings and the target of 500 per day. UNRWA is the largest humanitarian organization in Gaza with over 1.8 million people, or 85 per cent of the population, reached with flour since 7 October as one example. In addition, nearly 600,000[4] people have received emergency food parcels and almost 3.5m patient consultations provided at health centres and health points. UNRWA continues to provide storage and distribution of other agencies' food commodities.

- As of 25 March, the total number of UNRWA colleagues killed since the beginning of hostilities is **171.**
- As of 25 March, up to 1.7 million* people (over 75 per cent of the population) ** have been displaced across the Gaza Strip, the majority multiple times.*** Families are forced to move repeatedly in search of safety. Following intense Israeli bombardments and fighting in Khan Younis and the Middle Area in recent weeks, a significant number of displaced people have moved further south.

[2] Gaza: 'Double-digit' number of children reported killed overnight - occupied Palestinian territory | ReliefWeb
[3] Gaza Health Cluster Bi-Weekly Report_March 22 2024: Gaza Health Cluster Partners Bi-Weekly Update 03 (Mar 20, 2024) - occupied Palestinian territory | ReliefWeb
[4] UNRWA and other UN parcels distributed by UNRWA.

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The West Bank, including East Jerusalem

- Between 21 and 25 March, **more than 150** ISF search and arrest operations were recorded across the West Bank, with at least 84 Palestinians detained during this period. During one of the operations nine Palestinians including three from Gaza were detained on 25 March in Jalazone Camp (central West Bank).
- During the above period, six Palestinians were killed, including one who was killed during an ISF operation in Aqbat Jabr Camp and another killed during an ISF operation in Al Am'ari Camp, both on 21 March.
- ISF has imposed additional access impediments in the southern West Bank, with concrete blocks and iron gates installed at the entrances of three villages on 25 March: Umm al Khair, Ma'in, and Masafer Yatta. These restrictions have increased since October, limiting Palestinian movement across the West Bank.
- The security situation in East Jerusalem remained tense, with checkpoints around the city tightened on 22 March ahead of Friday prayers. On the evening of 25 March, several Israeli settlers attacked Palestinians and their commercial property in the Old City.

2. Overall situation

The Gaza Strip

- According to the Ministry of Health in Gaza as of 25 March, at least 32,333 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 74,694 Palestinians have been reportedly injured.

The West Bank, including East Jerusalem

According to OCHA, between 7 October 2023– 21 March 2024, 434 Palestinians, including at least 106 children, have been killed in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem.

3. Humanitarian access & protection of civilians

The Gaza Strip

No additional armed conflict incidents impacting UNRWA installations and the people inside them have been reported.

UNRWA continues to work to verify the details of incidents reportedly affecting its premises. Further information will be provided once it becomes available.

The total number of incidents remains the same since the last update:

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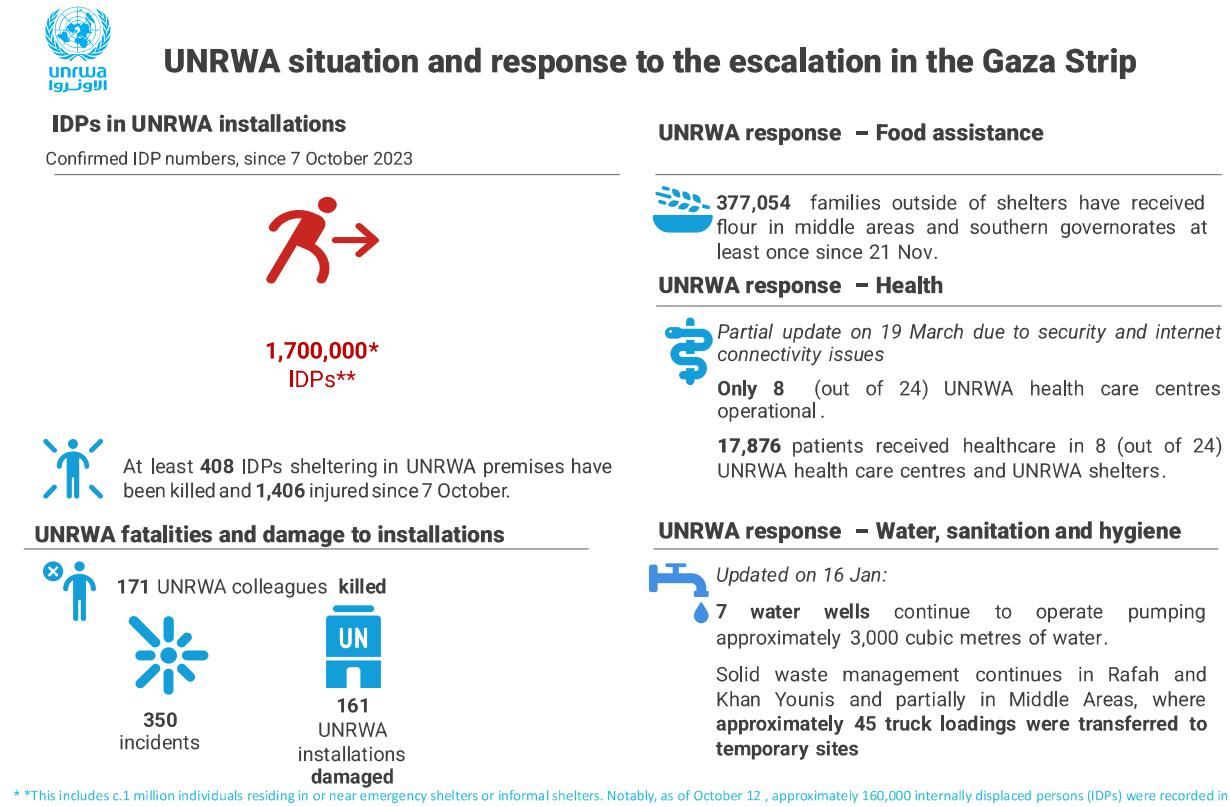
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Tweet from Philippe Lazzarini, UNRWA Commissioner-General:

"Despite the tragedy unfolding under our watch, the Israeli Authorities informed the UN that they will no longer approve any UNRWA food convoys to the north. This is outrageous & makes it intentional to obstruct lifesaving assistance during a man-made famine. These restrictions must be lifted. UNRWA is the largest organization with the highest reach to

displaced communities in Gaza. By preventing UNRWA to fulfill its mandate in Gaza, the clock will tick faster towards famine & many more will die of hunger, dehydration + lack of shelter. This cannot happen, it would only stain our collective humanity."

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UNRWA Situation Report #96 on the situation in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank, including East Jerusalem

All information from 26-27 March 2024, is valid as of 27 March 2024 at 22:30 (local time)

Day 172-173 of Hostilities

Published 29 March 2024



UNRWA staff at work in an UNRWA clinic in Deir al-Balah, Middle Areas Gaza Strip, March 2024. © 2024 UNRWA Photo by Ashraf Amra

1. Key points

The Gaza Strip

- Israeli Security Forces (ISF) continued military operations across Gaza, particularly in the Al Rimal area of Gaza City near Al Shifa Hospital, and in central Khan Younis. This has resulted in further civilian casualties, displacement and destruction of houses and other civilian infrastructure. Airstrikes and bombardment continued in Rafah where UNRWA estimates a total of 1.2 million people are now living, the vast majority in formal and informal shelters.

- UNFPA Executive Director made a statement on impending famine in Gaza[1] and of reports of newborns dying because they are underweight. UNFPA stated that the current situation significantly impacts pregnant women and newborns every day, with the odds of women delivering undernourished and undersized babies.

[1] Statement by the Executive Director on Impending Famine in Gaza - occupied Palestinian territory | ReliefWeb

- WHO[2] continues to report that the health system in Gaza is collapsing due the conflict and access constraints. As of 27 March, according to WHO, two thirds (or 24 out of 36) of hospitals in Gaza are non-functional, two are minimally functional in northern Gaza, and 10 are partially functional including four in northern Gaza and six in southern Gaza. Similarly, the International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies reported that health services in northern Gaza have been largely destroyed, and the southern Gaza Strip's healthcare system is on the brink of collapse.

- The education cluster assessed that up to 212[3] schools in Gaza have been hit directly since 7 October 2023. Satellite analysis found that at least 53 schools were totally destroyed. It is estimated that at least two out of three schools in Gaza will need to be completely rebuilt or require major rehabilitation to function again. The Education Cluster report so states that it received several concerning reports, pictures and videos, showing that schools are being used for military purposes by Israeli Security Forces (ISF) including as detention, interrogation centres, and military bases. The satellite-derived images provide further evidence for the military use of schools.

- There has been no significant change in the volume of humanitarian supplies entering Gaza or improved access to the north. From 1 - 27 March there has been an average of 159 aid trucks crossing per day. The highest number this month was on 11 March, when 236 trucks entered Gaza via the Karem Abu Salem (Kerem Shalom) and Rafah land crossings. This remains well below the operational capacity of both border crossings and the target of 500 per day. UNRWA is the largest humanitarian organisation in Gaza with over 1.8 million people, or 85 per cent of the population, reached with flour since 7 October as one example. In addition, nearly 600,000[4] people have received emergency food parcels and almost 3.5 million patient consultations have been provided at health centres and points. UNRWA continues to provide storage and distribution of other agencies' food commodities.

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[2] Hostilities in the Gaza Strip and Israel | Flash Update #147 [EN/AR/HE] - occupied Palestinian territory | ReliefWeb

[3] Verification of damages to schools based on proximity to damaged sites - Gaza, Occupied Palestinian Territory (26 March 2024) - occupied Palestinian territory | ReliefWeb

[4] UNRWA and other UN parcels distributed by UNRWA.

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2. Overall situation

The Gaza Strip

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The West Bank, including East Jerusalem

- According to OCHA, between 7 October 2023–27 March 2024, 438 Palestinians, including at least 106 children, have been killed in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem.

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.
- One incident has been reported impacting UNRWA installations and IDPs sheltering there. While verification of details and casualty figures remain ongoing, initial reports indicate that:
    - On 27 March 2024, a displaced woman was killed and an unconfirmed number of IDPs were injured inside a school in the Middle Area when shrapnel fell inside the school as a result of a strike on an adjacent building.

- **351*** 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 **51** incidents of military use and/or interference at UNRWA premises. **161** different UNRWA installations have been impacted.

- UNRWA estimates that in total at least **409*** IDPs sheltering in UNRWA shelters have been killed and at least a further **1,409*** 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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Quote from Yahya, eight -year-old displaced with his grandparents:

> "I miss my mother, father, and siblings. I haven't been away from them for so long in my life. Ramadan without my mother is very difficult. I thought I would return after a few days. Who knows when I'll go back!"

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UNRWA situation and response to the escalation in the Gaza Strip

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UNRWA Situation Report #97 on the situation in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank, including East Jerusalem

All information from 28-30 March 2024, is valid as of 30 March 2024 at 22:30 (local time)

Day 174-176 of Hostilities

Published 1 April 2024



A displaced woman takes shelter in an UNRWA school in Deir al-Balah, Middle Areas Gaza Strip, March 2024. © 2024 UNRWA Photo by Ashraf Amra

1. Key points

The Gaza Strip

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The West Bank, including East Jerusalem

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2. Overall situation

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3. Humanitarian access & protection of civilians

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Quote from Juliette Touma, UNRWA Director of Communications, on the need to deliver aid by road:

"Reports of fatalities (during air-drops) underline that the best way to deliver aid to people in Gaza is by road and with the United Nations, including UNRWA. This is the most efficient, fastest, cheapest and, most importantly, safest way to reach people with much-needed humanitarian assistance."

Read the full article from The Guardian: 'Death at any moment': fights break out as Gazans compete over airdropped aid

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UNRWA Situation Report #98 on the situation in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank, including East Jerusalem

All information from 31 March- 1 April 2024, is valid as of 1 April 2024 at 22:30 (local time)

Day 177-178 of Hostilities

Published 2 April 2024



People waiting to receive primary health care in UNRWA's Tal al Sultan Health Centre, Rafah, Southern Gaza Strip, March 2024. © 2024 UNRWA Photo by Mohammed Hinnawi

1. Key points

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- WHO confirmed the destruction of Al-Shifa Hospital, the largest hospital in Gaza and one of the oldest Palestinian health institutions. This followed a two-week military operation and siege by the Israeli Army, where according to WHO at least 21 patients died.

- Access impediments continue to severely compromise the ability of humanitarian organizations to reach people in need in the Gaza Strip. According to WHO,[1] aid teams have

[1] Gaza: UN aid teams still waiting for Israeli green light to relieve stricken northern hospital - occupied Palestinian territory | ReliefWeb

been waiting for days on end for Israeli authorities' permission to reach Al-Shifa hospital in Gaza city.

- According to OCHA, since 1 March, Israeli authorities denied 30 per cent of humanitarian aid missions to northern Gaza. UNRWA is disproportionately impacted, with Israeli authorities continuing to deny UNRWA access to the north to deliver emergency food assistance and other basic supplies.

- Save the Children[2] confirmed that so far 27 children have already been died due to starvation and disease and warned that children in Gaza are not getting the food and medical care they need to survive with food being blocked at every turn and the health system obliterated. According to UNICEF[3] over 13,000 children have been reported killed in Gaza since 7 October.

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[2] "It's not fair to die of hunger" - The lives of malnourished children in Gaza endangered by obliteration and obstruction of medical care - occupied Palestinian territory | ReliefWeb

[3] Over 13,000 children killed in Gaza, others severely malnourished: UNICEF | Israel War on Gaza News | Al Jazeera

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The West Bank, including East Jerusalem

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2. Overall situation

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3. Humanitarian access & protection of civilians

The Gaza Strip

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Tweet from Philippe Lazzarini, UNRWA Commissioner-General:

"Gaza: a war on children, their education, their futures. […] More than 300,000 girls & boys attended our schools before the war. Dismantling UNRWA -in the absence of a functioning administration- also means preventing children from education. This cannot continue. The children of Gaza & the region deserve better."

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UNRWA Situation Report #99 on the situation in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank, including East Jerusalem

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Day 179-180 of Hostilities

Published 4 April 2024



Displaced Palestinians preparing food to break the fast in the centre of Deir al-Balah, Middle Area, Gaza Strip, April 2024. © 2024 UNRWA Photo by Ashraf Amra

1. Key points

As of 8 April, the Gaza Strip update will shift to twice a week, every Monday and Thursday.

The Gaza Strip

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- Seven World Central Kitchen (WCK) staff were killed in multiple Israeli airstrikes while travelling in a convoy in Deir al Balah (middle area) after reportedly informing the Israeli army of their movement.

- Following the Israeli attack on WCK convoy, both WCK[1] and ANERA[2] confirmed that they will be suspending operations due to concerns of safety and security of staff. Similarly, the Secretary-General's spokesman confirmed that the United Nations has decided to suspend its night movements in Gaza for at least the next 48 hours due to security concerns, which "impact our personnel on the ground and the civilian population we are trying to help."

- UN experts condemned the destruction and killing at Al-Shifa Hospital following a two-week siege and urged UN Member States to use all their powers to stop the ongoing genocide in Gaza. Al-Shifa was the largest hospital and main referral centre in the Gaza Strip, with 750 beds, 26 operating rooms, 32 intensive care rooms, a dialysis department and a central laboratory. Its destruction now means that only 10 of Gaza's 36 hospitals remain functional, several only operating partially.

- Oxfam reported[3] that people in northern Gaza have been forced to survive on an average of 245 calories a day since January. Over 300,000 people are believed to still be trapped there, unable to leave and are surviving on less than 12 per cent of the average daily calorie needs.

- Gaza is a death trap for children. According to Save the Children[4] more than 13,800 children have been killed in Gaza and over 12,009 children have been injured in Gaza. UNICEF meanwhile reported at least 1,000 children have had one or both legs amputated.

- The United Nations, World Bank and European Union released a joint Interim Damage Assessment summary[5]. Using satellite imagery to assess damage the report found the following:
    - The ongoing conflict has damaged or destroyed approximately 62 per cent of all homes in Gaza,
    - The conflict has damaged or destroyed 84 per cent of all health facilities.
    - 625,000 children in Gaza are out of school as the education system has collapsed.

  The ongoing conflict has caused unprecedented devastation, with severe social and mental health consequences for women, youth, and vulnerable populations.

    - The majority of the nearly 980 NGOs registered in Gaza have ceased operations.

- There has been no significant change in the volume of humanitarian supplies entering Gaza or improved access to the north. Since the beginning of April, a daily average of 169 aid trucks have crossed into Gaza per day via the Karem Abu Salem (Kerem Shalom) and Rafah land crossings. This remains well below the operational capacity of both border crossings and the target of 500 trucks per day.

[1] Aid organizations suspend Gaza operations after World Central Kitchen workers' deaths | AP News
[2] Anera Pauses Gaza Operations Amid Rising Threats and Attack on WCK - Anera
[3] People in northern Gaza forced to survive on 245 calories a day, less than a can of beans – Oxfam - occupied Palestinian territory | ReliefWeb
[4] Gaza: Over 2% of Gaza's child population killed or injured in six months of war - occupied Palestinian territory | ReliefWeb
[5] Gaza Strip - Interim Damage Assessment Summary Note - March 29, 2024 - occupied Palestinian territory | ReliefWeb

- Since 7 October, UNRWA provided over 1.8 million people, or 85 per cent of the population, with flour. In addition, nearly 600,000[6] people have received emergency food parcels and almost 3.6 million patient consultations have been provided at health centres and points. UNRWA continues to provide storage and distribution for other agencies' food commodities.

- As of 3 April, the total number of UNRWA colleagues killed since the beginning of hostilities is **177, an increase of one.**
- As of 1 April, up to 1.7 million* people (over 75 per cent of the population)** have been displaced across the Gaza Strip, the majority multiple times.*** Families are forced to move repeatedly in search of safety. Following intense Israeli bombardments and fighting in Khan Younis and the Middle Area in recent weeks, a significant number of displaced people have moved further south.

*This includes 1 million people living in or near emergency shelters or informal shelters. As of 12 October, approximately 160,000 internally displaced persons (IDPs) were recorded in UNRWA shelters in Northern Gaza and Gaza City governorates. UNRWA currently estimates that the population of Northern Gaza and Gaza City governorates is up to 300,000 people. 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 ISF, and the constant need for safer locations have resulted in people being displaced multiple times.

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From 8 April the West Bank, including East Jerusalem update will shift to once a week, every Monday.

The West Bank, including East Jerusalem

- Between 2 and 3 April, there were at least 67 ISF search and arrest operations recorded, and 86 Palestinians detained. This included seven Palestinians who were detained from Qalandiya refugee camp during an ISF operation early on 2 April, and six Palestinians who were detained from Shu'fat refugee Camp during an ISF operation on the morning of 3 April. Both refugee camps are in the East Jerusalem area.
- As a result of the use of bulldozers in ISF operations, damage to infrastructure including roads was reported in Far'a refugee Camp and Jenin, both in the northern West Bank, on 3 April. There were two Palestinians killed between 2 and 3 April, both died from earlier-incurred injuries.

[6] UNRWA and other UN parcels distributed by UNRWA.

- In the southern West Bank, Israeli settlers chased and assaulted Palestinians in Masafer Yatta on 2 April, continuing a pattern of settler harassment in the area. On 3 April, settlers confiscated livestock belonging to Palestinians in Tuqu', also in the southern West Bank.
- Intra factional violence on 30 March in Tulkarm, northern West Bank, resulted in injuries, with the main road of Nur Shams closed the following day.

2. Overall situation

The Gaza Strip

- According to the Ministry of Health in Gaza as of 3 April, at least 32,975 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 75,577 Palestinians have been reportedly injured.

The West Bank, including East Jerusalem

- According to OCHA, between 7 October 2023– 1 April 2024, 440 Palestinians, including at least 110 children, have been killed in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem.

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.

Please note that no new armed conflict incident was reported between 2 - 3 **April 2024.**

- **352*** 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 **52** incidents of military use and/or interference at UNRWA premises. **161** different UNRWA installations have been impacted.

- UNRWA estimates that in total at least **409*** IDPs sheltering in UNRWA shelters have been killed and at least a further **1,409*** 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.

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

4. UNRWA response

The Gaza Strip

UNRWA Shelters

- As of 3 April, nearly **1.7 million** displaced people are now sheltering across emergency shelters (UNRWA and public shelters), informal sites or in the vicinity of UNRWA shelters and distribution sites and within host communities.

Health

- As of 28 March, eight (out of 24[7]) UNRWA health centres were operational. Of those, one is in the north, two are in the Middle Area, two are in Khan Younis and three are in Rafah. These health centres provide primary health care services, including outpatient services, non-communicable disease care, medication, vaccination, antenatal and postnatal health care and dressing for injured patients.

- On 13 March, UNRWA opened a temporary health centre to provide health services for the people in al-Mawasi, west of Khan Younis.

- Nearly 747 healthcare staff continue to work in operational health centres. On 28 March, they provided 12,352 medical consultations.

- UNRWA conducted another 8,323 medical consultations through 339 staff at shelters, including at the newly established medical points in al-Mawasi area to serve an influx of displaced persons from Khan Younis. The total registered population in al-Mawasi is currently 403,447.

- As of 28 March, UNRWA provided mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) services in the Middle and Khan Younis areas with teams of psychiatrists and supervisors to assist special cases referred from health centres and shelters. UNRWA teams responded to 1,173 cases in health centres and in medical points through individual consultations, awareness sessions and support for cases of gender-based violence. UNRWA teams provided medical care for 363 post-natal and pregnant women at high risk.

Psychosocial support (PSS)

- With the support of 300 counselors, UNRWA continues to provide life-saving psychosocial support (PSS) services in Gaza, including psychosocial first aid, individual and group counseling, fatigue management sessions, recreational activities, Explosive Ordnance Risk Education (EORE) for children and youth, as well as protection case assistance.
- Since the onset of the conflict, it is estimated that 570,000 IDPs, including over 300,000 children, have benefited from a total of 150,407 PSS sessions/activities. During the period 18-25 March, 21,768 IDPs, including 13,946 children, benefited from these services. Specifically, UNRWA conducted 1,129 individual consultations and provided 643 group awareness sessions benefiting 6,285 adults. Moreover, UNRWA organized 506 recreational

[7] Pre-conflict UNRWA had 22 health centres, following the conflict an additional 2 temporary health centres are operational in the Mawasi area.

activities engaging 12,131 children. Additionally, UNRWA delivered 134 EORE sessions reaching 1,537 adults and 1,815 children and contributed to supporting 152 protection cases.

Food security

- As of 28 March, UNRWA continued to distribute flour outside of shelters in the southern governorates. To date, a total of 379,461 families (1,837,805 individuals) have been reached, of whom 236,505 families have received two rounds of flour and a further 34,321 families have received three rounds of flour.

Water and Sanitation Services (WASH)

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

Interview from The Telegraph with Juliette Touma, UNRWA Director of Communications

"Too many aid workers have been killed. Too many medical workers, too many journalists, too many children."

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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 **409** IDPs sheltering in UNRWA premises have been killed and **1,409** injured since 7 October.

UNRWA fatalities and damage to installations

176 UNRWA colleagues **killed**

352
incidents

161
UNRWA installations **damaged**

UNRWA response – Food assistance

379,461 families outside of shelters have received flour in middle areas and southern governorates at least once since 21 Nov.

UNRWA response – Health

Partial update on 28 March due to security and internet connectivity issues

Only 8 (out of 24) UNRWA health care centres operational.

20,675 patients received healthcare in 8 (out of 24) 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 #100 on the situation in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank, including East Jerusalem

All information from 4-7 April 2024, is valid as of 7 April 2024 at 22:30 (local time)

Day 181-184 of Hostilities

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UNRWA staff carrying out psychosocial activities with children in a shelter centre in Nuseirat, Gaza Strip, April 2024. © 2024 UNRWA Photo by Mohammed Hinnawi

1. Key points

The Gaza Strip update will shift to twice a week, every Monday and Thursday.

The Gaza Strip

- Israeli Security Forces (ISF) continued military operations across the Gaza Strip, resulting in further civilian casualties, displacement and destruction of houses and other civilian infrastructure. Airstrikes and bombardment continued in north Gaza, Khan Younis and Rafah where UNRWA estimates a total of 1.2 million people are now living, the vast majority in formal and informal shelters.

- OCHA released its Gaza Humanitarian Access Snapshot for March 2024[1]. The report highlighted that The Gaza Strip is undergoing unparalleled humanitarian crisis marked by relentless hostilities and mounting challenges in accessing critical aid and services. Despite ongoing humanitarian efforts, the situation is exacerbated by frequent aerial bombardments

[1] Humanitarian Access Snapshot - Gaza Strip | 1-31 March 2024 - occupied Palestinian territory | ReliefWeb

in densely populated urban zones, extensive military ground operations, risks posed by unexploded ordnance (UXO), pervasive insecurity, closures of key crossing points, restrictions on movement and access by Israeli authorities, and damage to infrastructure.

- In March 2024, a total of 420 trucks food trucks were denied or impeded by Israeli authorities. Following reports of imminent famine, 40.5 per cent of all food missions have been denied in February and March. Gaza is on the brink of famine, with 1.1 million people—half of its population—experiencing catastrophic food insecurity due to the intense conflict and severe restrictions on humanitarian access. Immediate action is imperative from Israeli authorities and all involved parties to ensure safe and unhindered access for humanitarian organizations. This is crucial to address the urgent needs of Gaza's population. UNRWA continues to be disproportionate restrictions on access, with no food convoys approved since March 2024. UNRWA was last able to deliver food to the north at the end of January.

- On 5 April, a multi-agency mission led by WHO gained access to Al-Shifa Hospital in Gaza City for a preliminary assessment of the damage and to determine the needs. Leading up to the mission, WHO's attempts to reach the hospital for medical evacuations and assessments were repeatedly denied, delayed, or obstructed six times between 25 March and 1 April. Despite coordination with Israeli authorities, the mission experienced significant delays at the military checkpoint on the way to Al-Shifa Hospital. Simultaneously, another WHO-led mission headed for Al-Awda and Kamal Adwan hospitals in northern Gaza faced setbacks. This mission aimed to deliver medical supplies, fuel, deploy emergency medical teams, and facilitate the referral of critical patients. However, it encountered unnecessary delays, including the detention of a supply truck driver who was part of the convoy. He was detained for over an hour at a separate location, away from the mission team. Eventually, due to safety concerns, the mission had to be aborted.

- On 7 April, on World Health Day, out of the 36 primary hospitals that once catered to the needs of over 2 million Gazans, only 10 are currently operational, albeit with significant restrictions on the range of services they can provide. Similarly, only eight UNRWA health centres continue to operate out of 24, where two have been temporarily set up due to growing displaced populations.

- There has been no significant change in the volume of humanitarian supplies entering Gaza or improved access to the north. Since the beginning of April, an average of 177 aid trucks have crossed into Gaza per day via the Karem Abu Salem (Kerem Shalom) and Rafah land crossings. This remains well below the operational capacity of both border crossings and the target of 500 trucks per day.

- Since 7 October, UNRWA provided over 1.8 million people, or 85 per cent of the population, with flour. In addition, nearly 600,000[2] people have received emergency food parcels and almost 3.6 million patient consultations have been provided at health centres and points. UNRWA continues to provide storage and distribution for other agencies' food commodities.

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- As of 1 April, up to 1.7 million* people (over 75 per cent of the population)** have been displaced across the Gaza Strip, the majority multiple times.*** Families are forced to move repeatedly in search of safety. Following intense Israeli bombardments and fighting in Khan Younis and the Middle Area in recent weeks, a significant number of displaced people have moved further south.

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The West Bank, including East Jerusalem

The West Bank, including East Jerusalem update will shift to once a week, every Monday.

- Between 4 and 7 April there were at least 94 ISF search and arrest operations recorded, and 100 Palestinians detained, including Palestine refugees. This includes 12 Palestinians who were detained in an ISF search operation in Biddu, central West Bank, on 4 April.
- Two Palestinians were killed during this period: one during an ISF operation in Nur Shams Camp on 5 April; and one during an ISF operation in Ya'bad on 4 April - both in the northern West Bank.
- The last Friday of Ramadan, 5 April, saw a number of incidents in and around Al Aqsa Mosque and Jerusalem's Old City. Reports were received of Palestinians being detained while leaving the Al Aqsa Mosque compound, and of Palestinians being physically assaulted by ISF personnel.
- In the southern West Bank, settlers harassed and attacked Palestinian shepherds and farmers in Masafer Yatta and Az Zuweidin on 7 April. They prevented Palestinians from reaching their fields and began grazing their own sheep on Palestinian-owned land.

2. Overall situation

The Gaza Strip

- According to the Ministry of Health in Gaza as of 5 April, at least 33,091 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 75,750 Palestinians have been reportedly injured.

The West Bank, including East Jerusalem

- According to OCHA, between 7 October 2023– 1 April 2024, 440 Palestinians, including at least 110 children, have been killed in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem.

3. Humanitarian access & protection of civilians

The Gaza Strip

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- UNRWA estimates that in total at least **409*** IDPs sheltering in UNRWA shelters have been killed and at least a further **1,409*** 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 7 April, nearly **1.7 million** displaced people are now sheltering across emergency shelters (UNRWA and public shelters), informal sites or in the vicinity of UNRWA shelters and distribution sites and within host communities.

Health

- As of 28 March, eight (out of 24[3]) UNRWA health centres were operational. Of those, one is in the north, two are in the Middle Area, two are in Khan Younis and three are in Rafah. These health centres provide primary health care services, including outpatient services, non-communicable disease care, medication, vaccination, antenatal and postnatal health care and dressing for injured patients.

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- On 13 March, UNRWA opened a temporary health centre to provide health services for the people in al-Mawasi, west of Khan Younis.

- Nearly 747 healthcare staff continue to work in operational health centres. On 28 March, they provided 12,352 medical consultations.

- UNRWA conducted another 8,323 medical consultations through 339 staff at shelters, including at the newly established medical points in al-Mawasi area to serve an influx of displaced persons from Khan Younis. The total registered population in al-Mawasi is currently 403,447.

- As of 28 March, UNRWA provided mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) services in the Middle and Khan Younis areas with teams of psychiatrists and supervisors to assist special cases referred from health centres and shelters. UNRWA teams responded to 1,173 cases in health centres and in medical points through individual consultations, awareness sessions and support for cases of gender-based violence. UNRWA teams provided medical care for 363 post-natal and pregnant women at high risk.

Psychosocial support (PSS)

- With the support of 300 counsellors, UNRWA continues to provide live-saving psychosocial support (PSS) services in Gaza, including psychosocial first aid, individual and group counselling, fatigue management sessions, recreational activities, Explosive Ordnance Risk Education (EORE) for children and youth as well as protection case assistance.

- Since the onset of the conflict, it is estimated that 590,000 IDPs including over 320,000 children have benefited from a total of 165,222 PSS sessions/activities. During the period from 1 – 8 April 2024, a total of 20,078 IDPs, including 13,108 children, benefited from these services. Specifically, counselors addressed 758 individual consultations and provided 605 group awareness sessions benefiting 5,399 adults. Additionally, they conducted 490 recreational activities engaging 11,140 children. Counsellors also provided 133 EORE sessions to 1,422 adults and 1,968 children and contributed to supporting 149 protection cases.

Food security

- As of 28 March, UNRWA continued to distribute flour outside of shelters in the southern governorates. To date, a total of 379,461 families (1,837,805 individuals) have been reached, of whom 236,505 families have received two rounds of flour and a further 34,321 families have received three rounds of flour.

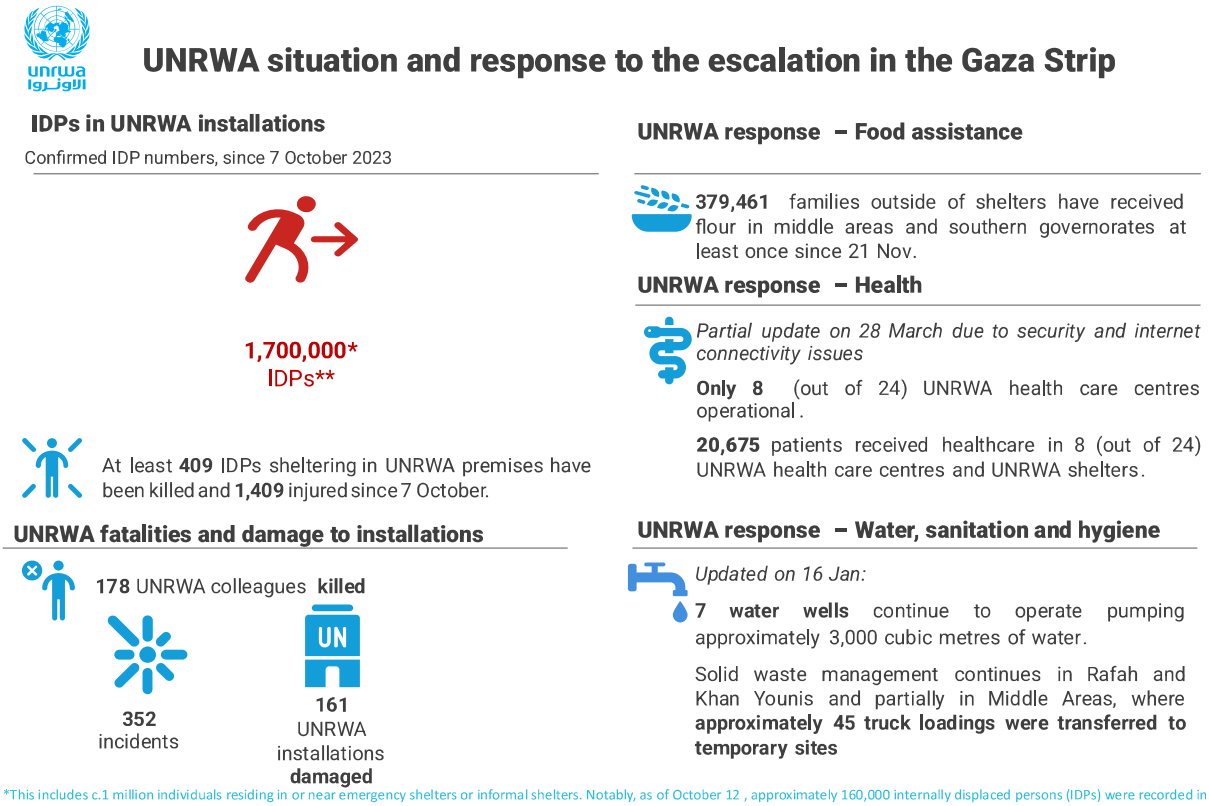
Water and Sanitation Services (WASH)

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Quote from Malak, a 12-year-old girl displaced in Rafah:

"I was hoping to spend Ramadan with loved ones, hoping for the free and democratic world to act towards a ceasefire, allowing us to reclaim our lost homes. I dream of a joyous Eid al-Fitr celebrated in our neighborhood back at home."

ENDs -



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UNRWA Situation Report #101 on the situation in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank, including East Jerusalem

All information from 8-14 April 2024, is valid as of 14 April 2024 at 22:30 (local time)

Day 185-191 of Hostilities

Published 16 April 2024



A displaced child receives an Eid parcel from UNRWA staff, Gaza Strip, April 2024. © UNRWA Photo by Mohammed Hinnawi

1. Key points

The Gaza Strip update will shift to twice a week, every Monday and Thursday.

The Gaza Strip

- Israeli Security Forced (ISF) operations from air, land and sea continue across the Gaza Strip. On 11 April, ISF announced that a ground operation had begun in central Gaza. ISF operations continue to cause civilian casualties, displacement and destruction of houses and other civilian infrastructure.

- Following the withdrawal of ISF from Khan Younis on 11 April, UNRWA alongside other UN agencies participated in a UN inter-agency assessment mission. The mission concluded there are significant challenges in operating safely due to the presence of unexploded ordnance (UXOs), including 1,000-pound bombs inside schools and on roads. Thousands of internally displaced persons (IDPs) require a range of lifesaving assistance, including health, water and sanitation and food.

- On 11 April, UN relief chief says safety of aid workers and civilians "remains paramount" in Gaza and welcomes all efforts to increase the amount of aid and delivery methods be it sea, air and most importantly by land.

- The March 2024, IPC report stated that famine is imminent as 1.1. million people experience catastrophic food insecurity. The same report stated that famine can be halted by restoring humanitarian access to the entire Gaza Strip through the delivery of health, food, nutrition and WASH services. OCHA's latest humanitarian needs and response update[1] highlights the challenges faced in the delivery of health, nutrition, food security and wash services especially with regards to reaching northern Gaza. Restrictions by Israel on UNRWA access to the north have been in place since 24 March. The last time UNRWA was able to deliver food supplies to the area was on 23 January 2024.

- OCHA released its Gaza Humanitarian Access Snapshot for March 2024[2]. According to the report, the Gaza Strip is undergoing an unparalleled humanitarian crisis marked by relentless hostilities and mounting challenges in accessing critical humanitarian aid and services. Despite ongoing efforts, the situation is further exacerbated by frequent aerial bombardments in densely populated urban areas, extensive military ground operations, risks from unexploded ordnance (UXO), pervasive insecurity, closures of key crossing points, restrictions on movement and access by Israeli authorities, and damage to infrastructure.

- There has been no significant change in the volume of humanitarian supplies entering Gaza or improved access to the north. Since the beginning of April, an average of 181 aid trucks have crossed into Gaza per day via the Karem Abu Salem (Kerem Shalom) and Rafah land crossings. This remains well below the operational capacity of both border crossings and the target of 500 trucks per day.

- As of 14 April, the total number of UNRWA colleagues killed since the beginning of hostilities is **178.**
- As of 14 April, up to 1.7 million* people (over 75 per cent of the population)** have been displaced across the Gaza Strip, the majority multiple times.*** Families are forced to move repeatedly in search of safety. Following intense Israeli bombardments and fighting in Khan Younis and the Middle Area in recent weeks, a significant number of displaced people have moved further south.

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[1] Humanitarian Needs and Response Update | 2-8 April 2024 - occupied Palestinian territory | ReliefWeb
[2] Humanitarian Access Snapshot - Gaza Strip | 1-31 March 2024 - occupied Palestinian territory | ReliefWeb

evacuation orders, some households have moved away from the shelters where they were initially registered.

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The West Bank, including East Jerusalem

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- The disappearance and killing of an Israeli settler child on 12 April instigated two days of extreme settler violence across the West Bank, resulting in at least two Palestinians killed and dozens of injuries. One of the fatalities was a child killed in Beitin village, in the central West Bank. Israeli settlers attacked and destroyed Palestinian property, including houses, vehicles and agricultural equipment. The village of Al Mughayyer in the northern West Bank was particularly affected by settler violence, with at least 40 Palestinians injured due to violence from Israeli settlers and ISF between 12 and 14 April. Widespread movement restrictions including road closures and mobile checkpoints were in place during the ISF search operation for the Israeli settler child.
- An ISF operation in El Far'a refugee camp in the northern West Bank on the morning of 12 April resulted in one Palestinian killed and three others injured. A house inside the camp was reportedly directly hit by an ISF anti-tank missile during the operation.
- UNRWA schools across the West Bank moved to remote learning on 14 April following the overnight air attack by Iran against Israel.

2. Overall situation

The Gaza Strip

- According to the Ministry of Health in Gaza as of 12 April, at least 33,634 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 76,214 Palestinians have been reportedly injured.

The West Bank, including East Jerusalem

- According to OCHA, between 7 October 2023– 1 April 2024, 444 Palestinians, including at least 110 children, have been killed in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem.

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.

Different incidents have been reported impacting UNRWA installations and IDPs sheltering there. While verification of details and casualty figures remain ongoing, initial reports indicate:

• On 15 March 2024, a school in Khan Younis (south) was reportedly directly hit by several tank shells resulting in severe damages to the school structure.

• On 15 March 2024, another school in Khan Younis was reportedly directly hit by several missiles resulting in severe damages to the school structure.

• On 11 April 2024, two incidents occurred at a school in Nuseirat Camp, in the Middle Area. At different times on the same day, the school was reportedly directly hit twice by tank shells resulting in the killing of four IDPs while an unconfirmed number of IDPs were injured. Approximately 1,600 IDPs were sheltering in the school at the time of the incident. Following the incidents, most of the IDPs evacuated the school.

• On 12 April 2024, one IDP was reportedly killed and nine IDPs were injured as a result of one tank shell that directly hit a school in the Middle Area. Approximately 4,850 IDPs were sheltering in the school at the time of the incident. The majority of IDPs evacuated the school following the incident, with only around 200 IDPs remaining.

• On 12 April 2024, three IDPs were reportedly killed and an unconfirmed number were injured as a result of a tank shell that directly hit the same school that was already struck on 11 April in the Middle Area. Most IDPs had evacuated the school following the previous incidents. However, around 50 IDPs were still sheltering in the school when the new incident happened.

• On 14 April 2024, an internally displaced boy was reportedly shot in the head by ISF inside a school in the Middle Area. He was seriously injured and transferred to the hospital where he later succumbed to his wounds.

359* 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 50 incidents of military use and/or interference at UNRWA premises. 163 different UNRWA installations have been impacted.

UNRWA estimates that in total at least **418*** IDPs sheltering in UNRWA shelters have been killed and at least a further **1,418*** 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 14 April, nearly **1.7 million** displaced people are now sheltering across emergency shelters (UNRWA and public shelters), informal sites or in the vicinity of UNRWA shelters and distribution sites and within host communities.

Health

- As of 9 April, nine (out of 24[3]) UNRWA health centres were operational. Of those, one is in the north, three are in the Middle Area, two in Khan Younis and three in Rafah. These health centres provide primary health care services, including outpatient services, non-communicable disease care, medication, vaccination, antenatal and postnatal health care and dressing for injured patients.

- On 13 March, UNRWA opened a temporary health centre to provide health services for the people in al-Mawasi, west of Khan Younis.

- Nearly 705 healthcare staff continue to work in operational health centres. On 9 April, they provided 9,039 medical consultations.

- UNRWA conducted another 5,637 medical consultations through 343 staff at the shelters, including at the newly established medical points in al-Mawasi area to serve an influx of displaced persons from Khan Younis. The total registered population in al-Mawasi is currently 403,447.

- As of 9 April, UNRWA provided mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) services in the Middle and Khan Younis areas with teams of psychiatrists and supervisors to assist special cases referred from health centres and shelters. UNRWA teams responded to 8,045 cases in health centres and in medical points through individual consultations, awareness sessions and support for cases of gender-based violence. UNRWA teams provided medical care for 363 post-natal and pregnant women at high risk.

Psychosocial support (PSS)

- With the support of 300 counsellors, UNRWA continues to provide live saving psychosocial support (PSS) services in Gaza, including psychosocial first aid, individual and group counselling, fatigue management sessions, recreational activities, Explosive Ordnance Risk Education (EORE) for children and youth as well as protection case assistance.

- Since the onset of the conflict, it is estimated that 590,000 IDPs, including over 320,000 children, have benefited from a total of 165,222 PSS sessions/activities. During the period from 1 – 8 April 2024, a total of 20,078 IDPs, including 13,108 children, benefited from these services. Specifically, counselors addressed 758 individual consultations and provided 605 group awareness sessions benefiting 5,399 adults. Additionally, they conducted 490 recreational activities engaging 11,140 children. Counsellors also provided 133 EORE sessions to 1,422 adults and 1,968 children and contributed to supporting 149 protection cases.

[3] Pre-conflict UNRWA had 22 health centres, following the conflict an additional 2 temporary health centres are operational in the Mawasi area.

Food security

- As of 8 April, UNRWA continued to distribute flour outside of shelters in the southern governorates. To date, a total of 380,224 families (nearly 1.9 million people) have been reached, of those 276,447 families have received two rounds of flour and another 75,423 families have received three rounds.

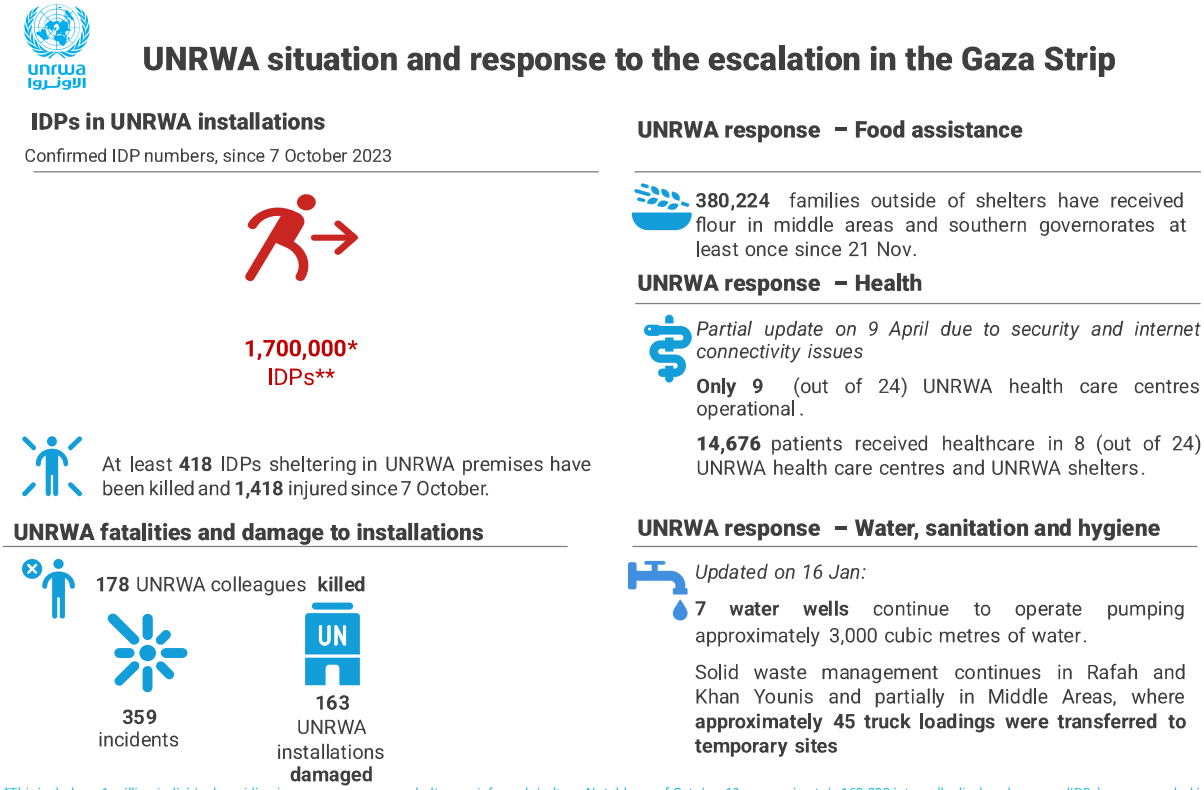
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Quote from UNRWA Commissioner-General Philippe Lazzarini on X:

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UNRWA Situation Report #102 on the situation in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank, including East Jerusalem

All information from 15-17 April 2024, is valid as of 17 April 2024 at 22:30 (local time)

Day 192-194 of Hostilities

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Flour distribution in Khan Younis, southern Gaza Strip, April 2024. © UNRWA Photo by Mohammed Hinnawi

1. Key points

The Gaza Strip

- Israeli Security Forced (ISF) operations from air, land and sea continue across the Gaza Strip. On 11 April, ISF announced that a ground operation had begun in central Gaza. ISF operations continue to cause civilian casualties, displacement and destruction of houses and other civilian infrastructure.

- On 17 April, OCHA launched the Occupied Palestinian Territory Flash Appeal with a requirement of US$ 2.82 billion for UN agencies, INGOs and NGO partners to address humanitarian needs of 3 million people for nine months in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank, including East Jerusalem. Within the Flash Appeal, UNRWA requires US$ 1.2 billion, 42 per cent of all the requirements, demonstrating the critical importance of UNRWA, its presence and reach both within Gaza and the West Bank.

- The Flash Appeal highlights a number of critical changes in the operating environment to be able to provide humanitarian assistance at scale, such as:

- Safe and sustained access to all people in need across the Gaza Strip and West Bank, including East Jerusalem.
- More entry and supply routes, including increase via land and the opening of maritime corridors.
- Improved ability to move within Gaza to effectively deliver assistance to the north.
- Entry of critical humanitarian items, including communications equipment and protective gear for humanitarian staff.
- Funding must be timely and flexible to allow humanitarian actors to adapt programming to a highly dynamic context.
- Visas and permits for UN and INGO staff to support Gaza operations from Jerusalem, and for staff to move within the West Bank.

- On 17 April, the Commissioner-General of UNRWA addressed the Security Council on the unprecedented humanitarian crisis in Gaza and the unprecedented threats and challenges facing the agency.

- On 16 April, UNRWA released a brief on detentions and ill-treatment of detainees from Gaza in Israeli detention centres. U The Israeli Security Forces (ISF) started to release Palestinian detainees in early November 2023. UNRWA interviewed several of the detainees among them men, women, children and UNRWA staff.

- [1] According to UN WOMEN, more than 10,000 women have been killed in Gaza to date, among them an estimated 6,000 women who left 19,000 children behind. Women who have survived have been displaced, widowed and are facing starvation. More than 1 million women and girls in Gaza have almost no food, no access to safe water, latrines, washrooms, or sanitary pads, with diseases spreading amid inhumane living conditions.

- OCHA's latest humanitarian needs and response update[2], covering humanitarian needs and response between 9–15 April, highlights the challenges faced in the delivery of health, nutrition, food security and wash services especially with regards to reaching northern Gaza. Restrictions by Israel on UNRWA access to the north have been in place since 24 March. The last time UNRWA was able to deliver food supplies to the area was on 23 January 2024.

- There has been very little significant change in the volume of humanitarian supplies entering Gaza or improved access to the north. Since the beginning of April, an average of 182 aid trucks have crossed into Gaza per day via the Karem Abu Salem (Kerem Shalom) and Rafah land crossings. This remains well below the operational capacity of both border crossings and the minimum target of 500 trucks per day.

- As of 17 April, the total number of UNRWA colleagues killed since the beginning of hostilities is **178.**

- As of 17 April, up to 1.7 million* people (over 75 per cent of the population)** have been displaced across the Gaza Strip, the majority multiple times.*** Families are forced to move repeatedly in search of safety. Following intense Israeli bombardments and fighting in Khan

[1] Gender alert: Scarcity and fear: A gender analysis of the impact of the war in Gaza on vital services essential to women's and girls' health, safety, and dignity – Water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) [EN/AR] - occupied Palestinian territory | ReliefWeb
[2] Humanitarian Needs and Response Update | 9-15 April 2024 - occupied Palestinian territory | ReliefWeb

Younis and the Middle Area in recent weeks, a significant number of displaced people have moved further south.

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The West Bank, including East Jerusalem

The West Bank, including East Jerusalem update will shift to once a week, every Monday.

2. Overall situation

The Gaza Strip

- According to the Ministry of Health in Gaza as of 17 April, at least 33,899 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 76,664 Palestinians have been reportedly injured.

The West Bank, including East Jerusalem

- According to OCHA, between 7 October 2023– 17 April 2024, 451 Palestinians, including at least 112 children, have been killed in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem.

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.
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- One incident has been reported impacting UNRWA installations and internal displaced people (IDPs) sheltering there. While verification of details and casualty figures remain ongoing, initial reports indicate:

- On 17 April 2024, a school in Beach camp in Gaza city was reportedly directly hit by the Israeli Air Forces causing severe damage to one of the school's buildings. At least 10 people sheltering in the school were killed (all of them women and children) and at least 12 others were injured, including an UNRWA staff member.

- **360*** 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 **50** incidents of military use and/or interference at UNRWA premises. **164** different UNRWA installations have been impacted.

- UNRWA estimates that in total at least **428*** internally displaced people (IDPs) sheltering in UNRWA shelters have been killed and at least a further **1,430*** 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 April, nearly **1.7 million** displaced people are now sheltering across emergency shelters (UNRWA and public shelters), informal sites or in the vicinity of UNRWA shelters and distribution sites and within host communities.

Health

- As of 13 April, eight (out of 24[3]) UNRWA health centres were operational. Of those, one is in the north, two are in the Middle Area, two in Khan Younis and three in Rafah. These health centres provide primary health care services, including outpatient services, non-communicable disease care, medication, vaccination, antenatal and postnatal health care and dressing for injured patients.

- On 13 March, UNRWA opened a temporary health centre to provide health services for the people in al-Mawasi, west of Khan Younis.

- Nearly 766 healthcare staff continue to work in operational health centres. On 13 April, they provided 11,022 medical consultations.

- UNRWA conducted another 7,562 medical consultations through 318 staff at the shelters, including at the newly established medical points in al-Mawasi area to serve an influx of displaced persons from Khan Younis. The total registered population in al-Mawasi is currently 403,447.

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- As of 13 April, UNRWA provided mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) services in the Middle and Khan Younis areas with teams of psychiatrists and supervisors to assist special cases referred from health centres and shelters. UNRWA teams responded to 1,060 cases in health centres and in medical points through individual consultations, awareness sessions and support for cases of gender-based violence. UNRWA teams provided medical care for 296 post-natal and pregnant women at high risk.

Psychosocial support (PSS)

- UNRWA counselors continues to provide live-saving psychosocial support services in Gaza, including psychosocial first aid, individual and group counselling, fatigue management sessions, recreational activities, Explosive Ordnance Risk Education (EORE) as well as protection cash assistance targeting children, youth, and adults.

- Since the onset of the conflict, it is estimated that 590,000 IDPs, including over 320,000 children, have benefited from a total of 167,559 PSS sessions/activities. During the period 9 – 19 April 2024, a total of 20,361 IDPs, including 13,399 children, benefited from these services. Specifically, counselors addressed 850 individual consultations and provided 644 group awareness sessions benefiting 5,543 adults. Additionally, they conducted 515 recreational activities engaging 11,431 children. Counsellors also provided 119 EORE sessions to 1,487 adults and 1,740 children and contributed to supporting 160 protection cases.

Food security

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Water and Sanitation Services (WASH)

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Quote from UNRWA Commissioner-General Philippe Lazzarini:

"UNRWA personnel detained by Israeli Security Forces have shared harrowing accounts of mistreatment and torture."

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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 **428** IDPs sheltering in UNRWA premises have been killed and **1,430** injured since 7 October.

UNRWA fatalities and damage to installations

178 UNRWA colleagues **killed**

360
incidents

164
UNRWA installations **damaged**

UNRWA response – Food assistance

380,224 families outside of shelters have received flour in middle areas and southern governorates at least once since 21 Nov.

UNRWA response – Health

Partial update on 13 April due to security and internet connectivity issues

Only 8 (out of 24) UNRWA health care centres operational.

18,584 patients received healthcare in 8 (out of 24) 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 #103 on the situation in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank, including East Jerusalem

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Day 195-198 of Hostilities

Published 23 April 2024



Destruction at the Nuseirat Preparatory Boys' school at Nuseirat refugee camp, Deir al-Balah, April 2024. © 2024 UNRWA Photo by Ashraf Amra

1. Key points

The Gaza Strip

- Israeli Security Forced (ISF) operations from air, land and sea continue across the Gaza Strip. On 11 April, ISF announced that a ground operation had begun in central Gaza. ISF operations continue to cause civilian casualties, displacement and destruction of houses and other civilian infrastructure.

- According to Save the Children and the World Health Organization, the rate of attacks per month on healthcare in Gaza is higher than in any other recent conflict globally. There have been at least 435 attacks on health facilities or personnel across Gaza in the last six months, equivalent to 73 attacks every month since the war began on 7 October.

- Aid missions to the north continue to be denied by Israel Authorities, between 1 and 19 April, 15 per cent (27 out of 181) of aid missions to northern Gaza and areas in southern Gaza that require coordination have been denied or impeded by Israeli Authorities. The last time UNRWA was able to deliver food supplies to the area was on 23 January 2024; however,

UNRWA remains critical in both the northern and southern response, with key distributions of food and non-food items such as medicines occurring in UNRWA installations such as health centres, emergency shelters and distribution centres.

- The destruction of waste management installations and medical waste disposal centres severely restricts the collection and disposal of solid waste management. In January and February, UNRWA and UNDP collected 10,000 tons of solid waste. Over 270,000 tons of solid waste across the entirety of the Gaza Strip remains uncollected.

- There has been very little significant change in the volume of humanitarian supplies entering Gaza or improved access to the north. Since the beginning of April, an average of 186 aid trucks have crossed into Gaza per day via the Karem Abu Salem (Kerem Shalom) and Rafah land crossings. This remains well below the operational capacity of both border crossings and the minimum target of 500 trucks per day.

- As of 21 April, the total number of UNRWA colleagues killed since the beginning of hostilities is **180, an increase of two.**

- As of 21 April, up to 1.7 million* people (over 75 per cent of the population)** have been displaced across the Gaza Strip, the majority multiple times.*** Families are forced to move repeatedly in search of safety. Following intense Israeli bombardments and fighting in Khan Younis and the Middle Area in recent weeks, a significant number of displaced people have moved further south.

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The West Bank, including East Jerusalem

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- Between 15 and 21 April there were more than 195 ISF operations reported across the West Bank, with at least 21 Palestinians killed during this period. Of these fatalities, two were children.
- A large-scale ISF operation commenced on 18 April in Nur Shams Camp in the northern West Bank, lasting approximately 50 hours and concluding on 20 April with significant casualties and massive damage sustained, including to UNRWA facilities. At least 14 Palestinians, including Palestine refugees, were killed during the course of the operation, with 25 reported injuries and eight Palestinians detained. Anti-tank missiles and armoured bulldozers were deployed by ISF during the operation, with Palestinian armed groups detonating improvised explosive devices. Widespread damage to private property as well as camp infrastructure was reported, with water, electricity and internet both cut. Ambulance access to Nur Shams camp was severely hampered during the operation, and a Palestinian Red Crescent Society ambulance was allegedly fired upon. ISF also reportedly blocked routes to the hospital in Tulkarm and temporarily held several paramedics.
- In a separate incident on 20 April a Palestinian Red Crescent Society paramedic was reportedly shot dead by Israeli settlers who opened fire on an ambulance transporting injured Palestinians following settler violence in the town of As Sawiya, in the northern West Bank. Settler violence continued across the West Bank, with violent confrontations also reported in Burka, in the central West Bank, where six Palestinians were injured in clashes with settlers and ISF on 21 April.

2. Overall situation

The Gaza Strip

- According to the Ministry of Health in Gaza as of 19 April, at least 34,012 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 76,833 Palestinians have been reportedly injured.

The West Bank, including East Jerusalem

- According to OCHA, between 7 October 2023– 17 April 2024, 451 Palestinians, including at least 112 children, have been killed in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem.

3. Humanitarian access & protection of civilians

The Gaza Strip

- All information remains the same as per last update.

- UNRWA is working to verify the details of incidents reportedly affecting UNRWA premises. Further information will be provided once it becomes available.
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- On 13 March, UNRWA opened a temporary health centre to provide health services for the people in al-Mawasi, west of Khan Younis.

- Nearly 816 healthcare staff continue to work in operational health centres. On 17 April, they provided 10,781 medical consultations.

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Tweet from Philippe Lazzarini, UNRWA Commissioner-General

"The situation in the West Bank is worsening by the day including in Palestine refugee camps. […] Hundreds of people among them at least 112 Palestinian children were killed in the West Bank since 7 October. Movement restrictions & Israeli settlers' violence hamper people's access to jobs and livelihoods + impose a state of constant fear. It is time to end the occupation & address the longest lasting unresolved conflict through political means + a genuine commitment to #peace."

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UNRWA situation and response to the escalation in the Gaza Strip

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UNRWA Situation Report #104 on the situation in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank, including East Jerusalem

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Day 199-201 of Hostilities

Published 26 April 2024



A child rides a bike among piles of waste in Rafah, Southern Gaza Strip, April 2024. © 2024 UNRWA Photo by Louise Wateridge

1. Key points

The Gaza Strip

- On 23 April, Israeli Security Forces (ISF) announced a new evacuation order in parts of Beit Lahiya, in the North Gaza governorate. OCHA estimate that the area is home to at least 18,300 Palestinians before 7 October and includes three schools, including one UNRWA school, and the Indonesian Hospital, which reportedly hosts internally displaced persons (IDPs). Furthermore, ISF operations continue from air, land and sea continue across the Gaza Strip.
- On 24 April, UNRWA launched its updated occupied Palestinian territory (oPt) flash appeal. UNRWA is seeking US$ 1.21 billion to address the unprecedented humanitarian crisis in the Gaza Strip and respond to needs in the West Bank as violence increases. The Agency's emergency appeal covers its humanitarian response until the end of 2024. It aims to respond to the most urgent needs of 1.7 million Palestinians in the Gaza Strip given the ongoing war, and more than 200,000 Palestine Refugees in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem.

- On 24 April Sigrid Kaag the Senior Humanitarian and Reconstruction Coordinator (SHRC) for Gaza briefed the Security Council. Kaag reiterated that UNRWA is pivotal to providing life-saving humanitarian aid and critical social services to Palestine Refugees. "As such, UNRWA is irreplaceable and indispensable as a humanitarian lifeline and must be allowed to deliver on its mandate." She also noted that further steps are needed to enable sustained flow of humanitarian and commercial goods into Gaza in terms of volume, need and reach.

- Since 7 October, according to OCHA more than two thirds of the population of the Gaza Strip have been placed under evacuation orders.

- According to the Health Cluster, as of 24 April, Israeli authorities had approved just over half of all medical evacuation requests (5,263 out of 9,817). These limitations span from age restrictions, which have at times prevented essential evacuations of newborn babies, to the requirement for companions to have passports, in a context in which an estimated 30 to 40 per cent of people in Gaza have lost their identification documents during displacement, according to the Protection Cluster. The criteria for selecting patients who may be evacuated remain unclear, with only eight per cent of male patients aged 19 to 60 years approved for evacuation, compared to 74 per cent of women of the same age range.

- Between 1 and 24 April, 57 per cent (39 out of 69) of humanitarian aid missions to northern Gaza were facilitated by Israeli authorities, 35 per cent (24) were denied or impeded, seven per cent were cancelled (five) due to logistical constraints, and one remains pending as of the time of reporting. The last time UNRWA was able to deliver food supplies to the area was on 23 January 2024. UNRWA remains critical in both the northern and southern parts of Gaza, with key distributions of food and non-food items including medicines in UNRWA health and distribution centres and emergency shelters.

- Commissioner-General of UNRWA on X highlighted that UNRWA Supplies and Dispatch Tracking Dashboard monitored that on 22 April more than 310 trucks of aid entered into the Gaza Strip via Kerem Shalom and Rafah land crossings. This is the highest number of trucks since the war began on 7 October. This increase, whilst welcomed, needs to be sustained, and access to commercial supplies expanded. So far in April the average number of trucks entering the Gaza Strip via Kerem Shalom and Rafah landing crossings is 192 trucks per day, which is still well below the operational capacity of both border crossings and the minimum target of 500 trucks per day.

- As of 24 April, the total number of UNRWA colleagues killed since the beginning of hostilities is **180.**

- As of 24 April, up to 1.7 million* people (over 75 per cent of the population)** have been displaced across the Gaza Strip, the majority multiple times.*** Families are forced to move repeatedly in search of safety. Following intense Israeli bombardments and fighting in Khan Younis and the Middle Area in recent weeks, a significant number of displaced people have moved further south.

*This includes 1 million people living in or near emergency shelters or informal shelters. As of 12 October, approximately 160,000 internally displaced persons (IDPs) were recorded in UNRWA shelters in Northern Gaza and Gaza City governorates. UNRWA currently estimates that the population of Northern Gaza and Gaza City governorates is up to 300,000 people. 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 ISF, and the constant need for safer locations have resulted in people being displaced multiple times.

**UNRWA reported on 15 January in Situation Report 64 that up to 1.9 million IDPs were 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.

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The West Bank, including East Jerusalem

The West Bank, including East Jerusalem update will shift to once a week, every Monday.

2. Overall situation

The Gaza Strip

- According to the Ministry of Health in Gaza as of 24 April, at least 34,262 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 77,229 Palestinians have been reportedly injured.

The West Bank, including East Jerusalem

- According to OCHA, between 7 October 2023– 24 April 2024, 469 Palestinians, including at least 112 children, have been killed in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem.

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.
- Two incidents have been reported impacting UNRWA installations and IDPs sheltering there. While verification of details and casualty figures remain ongoing, initial reports indicate:
    - On 13 March 2024 (estimated date, to be confirmed), a health centre in northern Gaza was directly hit resulting in damage to the building.
- On 23 April 2024 (estimated date, to be confirmed), a school in Beit Lahia, north of the Gaza Strip, sustained severe collateral damage as a result of bombardments in the area.

362* 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 **50** incidents of military use and/or interference at UNRWA premises. **165** different UNRWA installations have been impacted.

- UNRWA estimates that in total at least **428*** IDPs sheltering in UNRWA shelters have been killed and at least a further **1,430*** 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 24 April, nearly **1.7 million** displaced people are now sheltering across emergency shelters (UNRWA and public shelters), informal sites or in the vicinity of UNRWA shelters and distribution sites and within host communities.

Health

- As of 18 April, eight (out of 24[1]) UNRWA health centres were operational. Of those, one is in the north, two are in the Middle Area, two in Khan Younis and three in Rafah. These health centres provide primary health care services, including outpatient services, non-communicable disease care, medication, vaccination, antenatal and postnatal health care and dressing for injured patients.

- On 13 March, UNRWA opened a temporary health centre to provide health services for the people in al-Mawasi, west of Khan Younis.

- Nearly 820 healthcare staff continue to work in operational health centres. On 18 April, they provided 11,091 medical consultations.

- UNRWA conducted another 8,732 medical consultations through 351 staff at the shelters, including at the newly established medical points in al-Mawasi area to serve an influx of displaced persons from Khan Younis. The total registered population in al-Mawasi is currently 403,447 displaced people.

- As of 18 April, UNRWA provided mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) services in the Middle and Khan Younis areas with teams of psychiatrists and supervisors to assist special cases referred from health centres and shelters. UNRWA teams responded to 1,094 cases.

[1] Pre-conflict UNRWA had 22 health centres, following the conflict an additional 2 temporary health centres are operational in the Mawasi area.

UNRWA teams responded to cases in health centres and in medical points through individual consultations, awareness sessions and support for cases of gender-based violence. UNRWA teams provided medical care for 274 post-natal and pregnant women at high risk.

- In early January, UNRWA received vaccines from UNICEF for its health centres. Eleven different types of vaccines were received (refrigerated and freezer storage). Between 3 January and 14 April over 74,296 children were vaccinated against measles, mumps and rubella and other diseases.

Psychosocial support (PSS)

- UNRWA counsellors continue to provide live-saving psychosocial support in Gaza, including psychosocial first aid, individual and group counselling, fatigue management sessions, recreational activities, Explosive Ordnance Risk Education (EORE) as well as protection cash assistance targeting children, youth and adults.

- Since the onset of the conflict, it is estimated that 590,000 IDPs, including over 320,000 children, have benefited from a total of 167,559 PSS sessions/activities. During the period 9 – 19 April 2024, a total of 20,361 IDPs, including 13,399 children, received these services. Specifically, counsellors addressed 850 individual cases and provided 644 group awareness sessions benefiting 5,543 adults. Additionally, they conducted 515 recreational activities engaging 11,431 children. Counsellors also provided 119 EORE sessions to 1,487 adults and 1,740 children and contributed to supporting 160 protection cases.

Food security

- As of 8 April, UNRWA continued to distribute flour outside of shelters in the southern governorates. To date, a total of 380,224 families (nearly 1.9 million people) have been reached, of whom 276,447 families have received two rounds of flour and another 75,423 families have received three rounds.

Water and Sanitation Services (WASH)

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

Quote from UNRWA Commissioner-General Philippe Lazzarini:

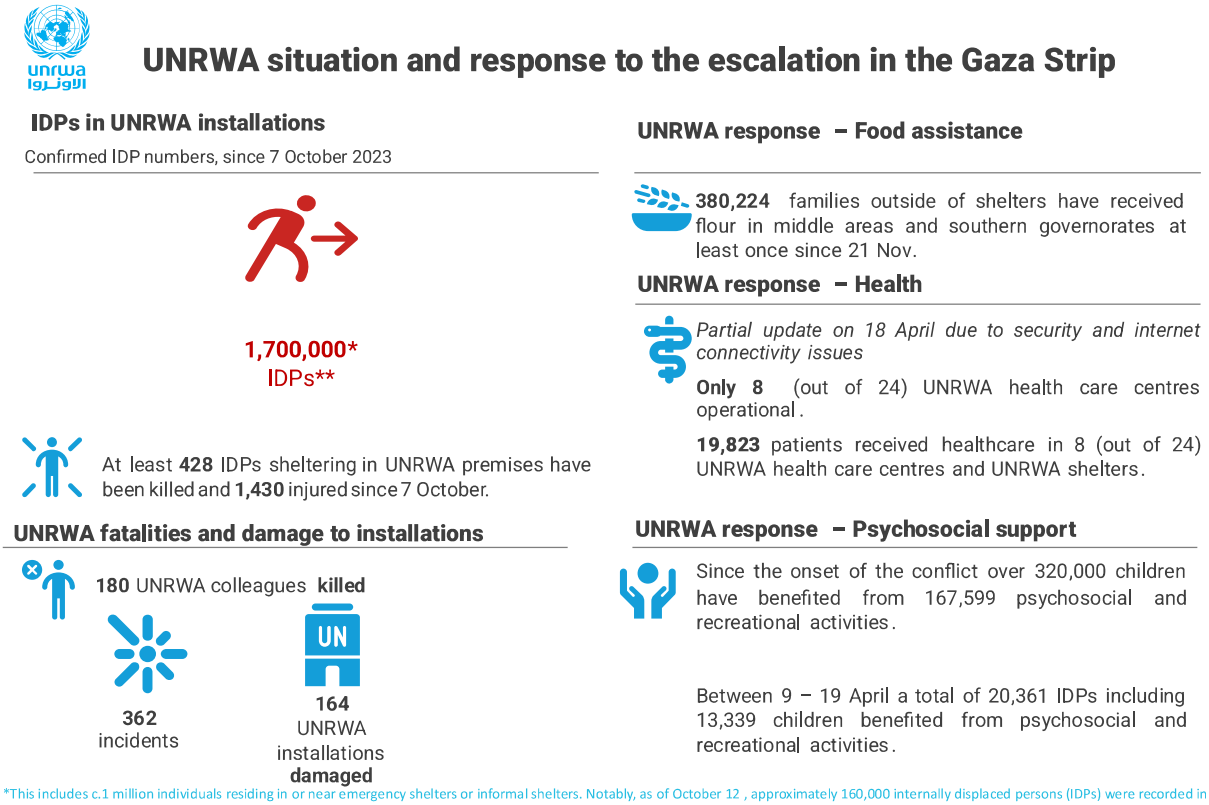
"This war should not become the new norm as we get into another sad milestone: 200 long days of brutality, loss, despair and anxiety. All efforts must be exerted to reach a long overdue ceasefire. Until then, much more support must come to UNRWA to allow us to respond to vast and growing humanitarian needs."

Read the news release: Nearly 2 Million People Depend On Assistance From UNRWA As War In Gaza Enters 200 Days And Violence Increases In The West Bank

Quote from a displaced man in Gaza:

"You have to queue for water. […] You also need to queue for the bathroom. […] Everything is in a queue. In displacement, everything means suffering; […] and everything needs time and fatigue."

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* *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 UNRWA shelters in North Gaza and Gaza governorates. UNRWA currently estimates that the population of North Gaza and Gaza governorates to be up to 300,000 people. However, the ability of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA) to provide humanitarian support and updated data in these area s 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 situat ion allows.

UNRWA Situation Report #105 on the situation in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank, including East Jerusalem

All information from 25-28 April 2024, is valid as of 28 April 2024 at 22:30 (local time)

Day 202-205 of Hostilities

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People line up to get clean water distributed through mobile tanks in Deir al-Balah, Gaza Middle Area, April 2024. © 2024 UNRWA Photo by Ashraf Amra

1. Key points

The Gaza Strip

- Israeli Security Forces (ISF) operations continue from air, land and sea continue across the Gaza Strip, resulting in further civilian casualties, infrastructure damage and displacement.

- According to WHO[1] the ongoing conflict continues to jeopardize the health system, with challenges to access to health, and delivery of lifesaving supplies. In northern Gaza, only five hospitals remain partially functional, providing limited health care services to the vulnerable population and in the south, only six hospitals are currently operational. Hospitals continue to be overstretched and only partially functional with an estimated average bed occupancy rate of over two and a half times. UNRWA continues to provide health services across the Gaza Strip with eight health centres and over 100 medical points operational.

[1] oPt Emergency Situation Update 28 (7 Oct 2023 - 20 Apr 2024 at 16:00) - occupied Palestinian territory | ReliefWeb

- Since 7 October, the Education Cluster has been monitoring damage to schools in Gaza. Its latest monitoring exercise indicates that nearly 86 per cent of schools sustained some level of damage. **A**t least 72 per cen**t** of schools in Gaza will either need full reconstruction or major rehabilitation work to be functional again. The Education Cluster assesses that at least 30 per cent of all schools damaged or directly hit were UNRWA schools. Since the beginning of the escalation, the Education Cluster has been receiving several reports, photos and videos, showing that schools are being used for military purposes by ISF including for detention, interrogation and as military bases.

- April has so far brought in the highest volume of humanitarian and commercial supplies since the opening of land routes into the Gaza Strip on 21 October 2023. From 1 – 27 April, 5,132 trucks (190 trucks per day) have entered via Kerem Shalom and Rafah land crossings into the Gaza Strip, which is already higher than the entirety of March where 4,993 trucks entered (161 trucks per day). While this is welcome, a significant expansion needs to occur to reach pre-conflict levels of 500 trucks a day.

- As of 28 April, the total number of UNRWA colleagues killed since the beginning of hostilities is **182, an increase of two since the last report.**

- As of 28 April, up to 1.7 million* people (over 75 per cent of the population)** have been displaced across the Gaza Strip, the majority multiple times.*** Families are forced to move repeatedly in search of safety. Following intense Israeli bombardments and fighting in Khan Younis and the Middle Area in recent weeks, a significant number of displaced people have moved further south.

*This includes 1 million people living in or near emergency shelters or informal shelters. As of 12 October, approximately 160,000 internally displaced persons (IDPs) were recorded in UNRWA shelters in Northern Gaza and Gaza City governorates. UNRWA currently estimates that the population of Northern Gaza and Gaza City governorates is up to 300,000 people. 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 ISF, 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 West Bank, including East Jerusalem update will shift to once a week, every Monday.

- Between 22 and 28 April, there were at least 158 ISF search and arrest operations recorded across the West Bank, including East Jerusalem – averaging more than 22 operations per day. At least 83 Palestinians, including Palestine Refugees, were detained during this period. This includes three Palestinian children detained from Jalazone refugee camp on 25 April.
- There were five Palestinians killed, including one in Aqbat Jabr refugee camp in the central West Bank on 23 April during an ISF search operation, and one child killed in Ramallah on 25 April.
- In Ramallah, the Israeli authorities issued a demolition order on 25 April on a house belonging to a Palestinian prisoner in Israeli detention. Punitive home demolitions are a form of collective punishment which are illegal under international law.
- Israeli settler violence remained prevalent, with at least 18 incidents involving Israeli settlers reported across the West Bank between 26 and 28 April. In the southern West Bank, armed settlers held Palestinian farmers at gunpoint in Nahhalin area, seized crops in Wadi al-Abyadh and assaulted shepherds in Masafer Yatta. In the north, armed settlers closed the Jenin-Nablus road near Bizzariya and threw stones at Palestinian vehicles. In the Jordan Valley, settlers entered and tore down Palestinian tents.

2. Overall situation

The Gaza Strip

- According to the Ministry of Health in Gaza as of 26 April, at least 34,356 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 77,368 Palestinians have been reportedly injured.

The West Bank, including East Jerusalem

- According to OCHA, between 7 October 2023– 24 April 2024, 469 Palestinians, including at least 112 children, have been killed in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem.

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 28 April 2024, UNRWA conducted a joint mission with the UN Mine Action Service (UNMAS) to assess six UNRWA installations in Khan Younis, including the Khan Younis Training Centre, a health centre, two schools, a sanitation office and a water well. The assessment was aimed at identifying any potential threats posed by explosive remnants of war (ERW) and/or unexploded ordnance (UXO) and to verify the information that these premises had been impacted by armed conflict incidents.

- According to the assessment, all six installations were impacted by armed conflict incidents resulting in damage to the buildings, ranging from minor to severe damage and destruction of the premises. Additionally, UXO was found in the Khan Younis Training Centre and was promptly signaled and cordoned off by UNMAS experts. To mitigate the threats posed by ERW and UXO, UNRWA teams are conducting awareness raising sessions among staff and IDPs on explosive ordnance risk education.
- No new armed conflict incidents involving UNRWA installations have been reported for the period 25 - 28 April 2024.

- The number of reported incidents impacting our installations therefore remains the same as per last update:
- 362* 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 50 incidents of military use and/or interference. 165 different UNRWA installations have been impacted.
- UNRWA estimates that in total at least 428* IDPs sheltering in UNRWA shelters have been killed and at least a further 1,430* 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 28 April, nearly **1.7 million** displaced people are now sheltering across emergency shelters (UNRWA and public shelters), informal sites or in the vicinity of UNRWA shelters and distribution sites and within host communities.

Health

- As of 22 April, eight (out of 24[2]) UNRWA health centres were operational. Of those, one is in the north, two are in the Middle Area, two in Khan Younis and three in Rafah. These health centres provide primary health care services, including outpatient services, non-communicable disease care, medication, vaccination, antenatal and postnatal health care and dressing for injured patients.

- On 13 March, UNRWA opened a temporary health centre to provide health services for the people in al-Mawasi, west of Khan Younis.

[2] Pre-conflict UNRWA had 22 health centres, following the conflict an additional 2 temporary health centres are operational in the Mawasi area.

- Nearly 820 healthcare staff continue to work in operational health centres. On 22 April, they provided 11,599 medical consultations.

- UNRWA conducted another 8,472 medical consultations through 364 staff at the shelters, including at the newly established medical points in al-Mawasi area to serve an influx of displaced persons from Khan Younis. The total registered population in al-Mawasi is currently 403,447 displaced people.

- As of 22 April, UNRWA provided mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) services in the Middle and Khan Younis areas with teams of psychiatrists and supervisors to assist special cases referred from health centres and shelters. UNRWA teams responded to 862 cases. UNRWA teams responded to cases in health centres and in medical points through individual consultations, awareness sessions and support for cases of gender-based violence. UNRWA teams provided medical care for 345 post-natal and pregnant women at high risk.

- In early January, UNRWA received vaccines from UNICEF for its health centres. Eleven different types of vaccines were received (refrigerated and freezer storage). On 22 April over 783 children were vaccinated against measles, mumps and rubella, hepatitis, tuberculosis and other diseases.

Psychosocial support (PSS)

- UNRWA counsellors continue to provide live-saving psychosocial support in Gaza, including psychosocial first aid, individual and group counselling, fatigue management sessions, recreational activities, Explosive Ordnance Risk Education (EORE) as well as protection cash assistance targeting children, youth and adults.

- Since the onset of the conflict, it is estimated that 590,000 IDPs, including over 320,000 children, have benefited from a total of 167,559 PSS sessions/activities. During the period 9 – 19 April 2024, a total of 20,361 IDPs, including 13,399 children, received these services. Specifically, counsellors addressed 850 individual cases and provided 644 group awareness sessions benefiting 5,543 adults. Additionally, they conducted 515 recreational activities engaging 11,431 children. Counsellors also provided 119 EORE sessions to 1,487 adults and 1,740 children and contributed to supporting 160 protection cases.

Food security

- As of 29 April, UNRWA continued to distribute flour outside of shelters in the southern governorates. To date, a total of 380,225 families (nearly 1.9 million people) have been reached, of whom 322,060 families have received two rounds of flour and another 189,182 families have received three rounds.

Water and Sanitation Services (WASH)

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

Quote from Louise Wateridge, UNRWA Communications Officer in Gaza:

"Buildings are skeletons. It's haunting. Any home still standing has entire walls missing – you can see into previous lives, frozen in time. "



Destruction in UNRWA Khan Younis Training Centre, Southern Gaza Strip, April 2024. © 2024 UNRWA Photo by Louise Wateridge

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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 **428** IDPs sheltering in UNRWA premises have been killed and **1,430** injured since 7 October.

UNRWA fatalities and damage to installations

182 UNRWA colleagues **killed**

362
incidents

164
UNRWA
installations
damaged

UNRWA response – Food assistance

380,225 families outside of shelters have received flour in middle areas and southern governorates at least once since 21 Nov.

UNRWA response – Health

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

Only 8 (out of 24) UNRWA health care centres operational.

20,071 patients received healthcare in 8 (out of 24) UNRWA health care centres and UNRWA shelters.

UNRWA response – Psychosocial support

Since the onset of the conflict over 320,000 children have benefited from 167,599 psychosocial and recreational activities.

Between 9 – 19 April a total of 20,361 IDPs including 13,339 children benefited from psychosocial and recreational activities.

* *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 UNRWA shelters in North Gaza and Gaza governorates. UNRWA currently estimates that the population of North Gaza and Gaza governorates to be up to 300,000 people. However, the ability of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA) to provide humanitarian support and updated data in these area s 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 Situation Report #106 on the situation in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank, including East Jerusalem

All information from 29-5 May 2024, is valid as of 5 May 2024 at 22:30 (local time)

Day 206-212 of Hostilities

Published 7 May 2024



People at risk of facing additional displacement in the face of a possible Israeli offensive in Rafah, Southern Gaza Strip, May 2024. © 2024 UNRWA Photo by Mohammed Hinnawi

1. Key points

The Gaza Strip

- Israeli Security Forces (ISF) operations from air, land and sea continue across the Gaza Strip, resulting in further civilian casualties, infrastructure damage and displacement.

- On 5 May, UNRWA's Commissioner-General released a statement highlighting the continual denial of humanitarian access by the Israeli Authorities, which is in violation of humanitarian law. For the second time UNRWA Commissioner-General has been denied entry to the Gaza Strip to meet UNRWA teams including those on the front line. Over the past two weeks, UNRWA has recorded over 10 incidents involving shooting at convoys and bullying and harassment of UN staff.

- On 30 April, UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres warned of "serious" consequences of a potential military operation on Rafah. Similarly on 3 May, the Global Protection Cluster released a statement that up to 2.3 million people in the Gaza Strip face death and injury from Israeli strikes, explosive ordnances and collapsing buildings. They added that the potential

military incursion in Rafah and the magnitude of consequences make the already catastrophic situation impossible.

- On 3 May, WHO confirmed[1] that only one third of Gaza's 36 hospitals and 30 per cent of primary health care centers are functional in some capacity amid repeated attacks and shortages of vital medical supplies, fuel, and staff. UNRWA currently operates eight out of 23 health centres across the Gaza Strip.

- On 1 May, OCHA released its weekly Humanitarian Needs and Response Update. Across Health, Education, Protection, Education and Nutrition Clusters, the same challenges continue to persist, with continued restrictions on the entry of critical lifesaving supplies and/or continued access and security concerns.

- In April, the highest volume of humanitarian and commercial supplies entered the Gaza Strip since the opening of land routes on 21 October 2023. The total number of trucks in April was 5,671 trucks (an average of 189 trucks per day) via Kerem Shalom and Rafah land crossings into the Gaza Strip. The first five days of May have seen a greater number of trucks entering with an average of 252 trucks per day. This is still much less than the daily average of 500 trucks per day needed.

- As of 5 May, the total number of UNRWA colleagues killed since the beginning of hostilities is **188, an increase of six since the last report.**

- As of 5 May, up to 1.7 million* people (over 75 per cent of the population)** have been displaced across the Gaza Strip, the majority multiple times.*** Families are forced to move repeatedly in search of safety. Following intense Israeli bombardments and fighting in Khan Younis and the Middle Area in recent weeks, a significant number of displaced people have moved further south.

*This includes 1 million people living in or near emergency shelters or informal shelters. As of 12 October, approximately 160,000 internally displaced persons (IDPs) were recorded in UNRWA shelters in Northern Gaza and Gaza City governorates. UNRWA currently estimates that the population of Northern Gaza and Gaza City governorates is up to 300,000 people. 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 ISF, and the constant need for safer locations have resulted in people being displaced multiple times.

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[1] Rafah incursion would substantially increase mortality and morbidity and further weaken an already broken health system [EN/AR] - occupied Palestinian territory | ReliefWeb

The West Bank, including East Jerusalem

The West Bank, including East Jerusalem update will shift to once a week, every Monday.

- Between 29 April and 5 May there were at least 159 ISF search and arrest operations recorded across the West Bank, including East Jerusalem. At least 105 Palestinians, including Palestine Refugees, were detained during this period.
- At least five Palestinians were reportedly killed in Deir al Ghusun, in the northern West Bank, on the night of 3-4 May following an exchange of fire between ISF and Palestinians. Anti-tank grenades were used against a house targeted in an ISF operation.
- A resident of Nur Shams Camp was killed in an exchange of fire with the Palestinian National Security Forces (PSF) on 1 Mayin Tulkarm, in the northern West Bank.

2. Overall situation

The Gaza Strip

- According to the Ministry of Health in Gaza as of 6 May, at least 34,735 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 78,108 Palestinians have been reportedly injured.

The West Bank, including East Jerusalem

- According to OCHA, between 7 October 2023– 24 April 2024, 469 Palestinians, including at least 112 children, have been killed in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem.

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.
- Six incidents have been reported impacting UNRWA installations and internal displaced people (IDPs) sheltering there. While verification of details and casualty figures remain ongoing, initial reports indicate:
    - On 29 April 2024, shrapnel fell inside the schoolyard of a school in Rafah as a result of a strike on a nearby location. No injuries or damages were reported.
    - On 1 May 2024, a stray bullet penetrated the roof of a store in the Logistics Base in Rafah falling on the tents inside the store. The stray bullet caused minor damage, no injuries were reported.
    - On 2 May 2024, a school in Rafah sustained collateral damage (several windows shattered) as a result of strikes that hit a residential area adjacent to the school.
    - On 5 May 2024, the IDF instructed the UNRWA logistics team at the Kerem Shalom crossing to suspend operations and evacuate the location. The evacuation order was

given after Palestinian armed groups had fired mortars towards the Israeli Army in the vicinity of Karem Shalom Crossing, reportedly killing four Israeli soldiers. The Israeli Forces responded with tank shells.

- On 5 May 24, as a result of a strike on a house adjacent to the Health Centre in Rafah, a displaced child who was inside the health centre sustained a minor injury due to shrapnel that hit his foot. The health centre sustained damages whereby the solar panels, windows, water tanks and walls were damaged.
- On 5 May 2024, containers inside a school in Nuseirat, in the Middle Area, were directly hit by a strike. Casualties were reported, further verification is ongoing.

- **368*** 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 **51** incidents of military use and/or interference at UNRWA premises. **169** different UNRWA installations have been impacted.
- UNRWA estimates that in total at least **429*** IDPs sheltering in UNRWA shelters have been killed and at least a further **1,430*** 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 5 May, nearly **1.7 million** displaced people are now sheltering across emergency shelters (UNRWA and public shelters), informal sites or in the vicinity of UNRWA shelters and distribution sites and within host communities.

Health

- As of 2 May, 113 medical points and eight (out of 24[2]) UNRWA health centres were operational. Of those, one is in the north, two are in the Middle Area, two in Khan Younis and three in Rafah. These health centres provide primary health care services, including outpatient services, non-communicable disease care, medication, vaccination, antenatal and postnatal health care and dressing for injured patients.

[2] Pre-conflict UNRWA had 22 health centres, following the conflict an additional 2 temporary health centres are operational in the Mawasi area.

- On 1 May UNRWA health operations expanded further into northern Gaza where four medical points became operational.

- On 13 March, UNRWA opened a temporary health centre to provide health services for the people in al-Mawasi, west of Khan Younis.

- Nearly 803 healthcare staff continue to work in operational health centres. On 2 May, they provided 12,333 medical consultations.

- UNRWA conducted another 10,197 medical consultations through 375 staff at the shelters, including at the newly established medical points in al-Mawasi area to serve an influx of displaced persons from Khan Younis. The total registered population in al-Mawasi is currently 403,447 displaced people.

- As of 2 May, UNRWA provided mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) services in the Middle and Khan Younis areas with teams of psychiatrists and supervisors to assist special cases referred from health centres and shelters. UNRWA teams responded to 991 cases. UNRWA teams responded to cases in health centres and in medical points through individual consultations, awareness sessions and support for cases of gender-based violence. UNRWA teams provided medical care for 479 post-natal and pregnant women at high risk.

- In early January, UNRWA received vaccines from UNICEF for its health centres. Eleven different types of vaccines were received (refrigerated and freezer storage). On 2 May, over 782 children were vaccinated against measles, mumps and rubella, hepatitis, tuberculosis and other diseases.

Psychosocial support (PSS)

- UNRWA counsellors continue to provide live-saving psychosocial support in Gaza, including psychosocial first aid, individual and group counselling, fatigue management sessions, recreational activities, Explosive Ordnance Risk Education (EORE) as well as protection cash assistance targeting children, youth and adults.

- Since the onset of the conflict, it is estimated that 590,000 IDPs, including over 320,000 children, have benefited from a total of 167,559 PSS sessions/activities. During the period 9 – 19 April 2024, a total of 20,361 IDPs, including 13,399 children, received these services. Specifically, counsellors addressed 850 individual cases and provided 644 group awareness sessions benefiting 5,543 adults. Additionally, they conducted 515 recreational activities engaging 11,431 children. Counsellors also provided 119 EORE sessions to 1,487 adults and 1,740 children and contributed to supporting 160 protection cases.

Food security

- As of 29 April, UNRWA continued to distribute flour outside of shelters in the southern governorates. To date, a total of 380,225 families (nearly 1.9 million people) have been reached, of whom 322,060 families have received two rounds of flour and another 189,182 families have received three rounds.

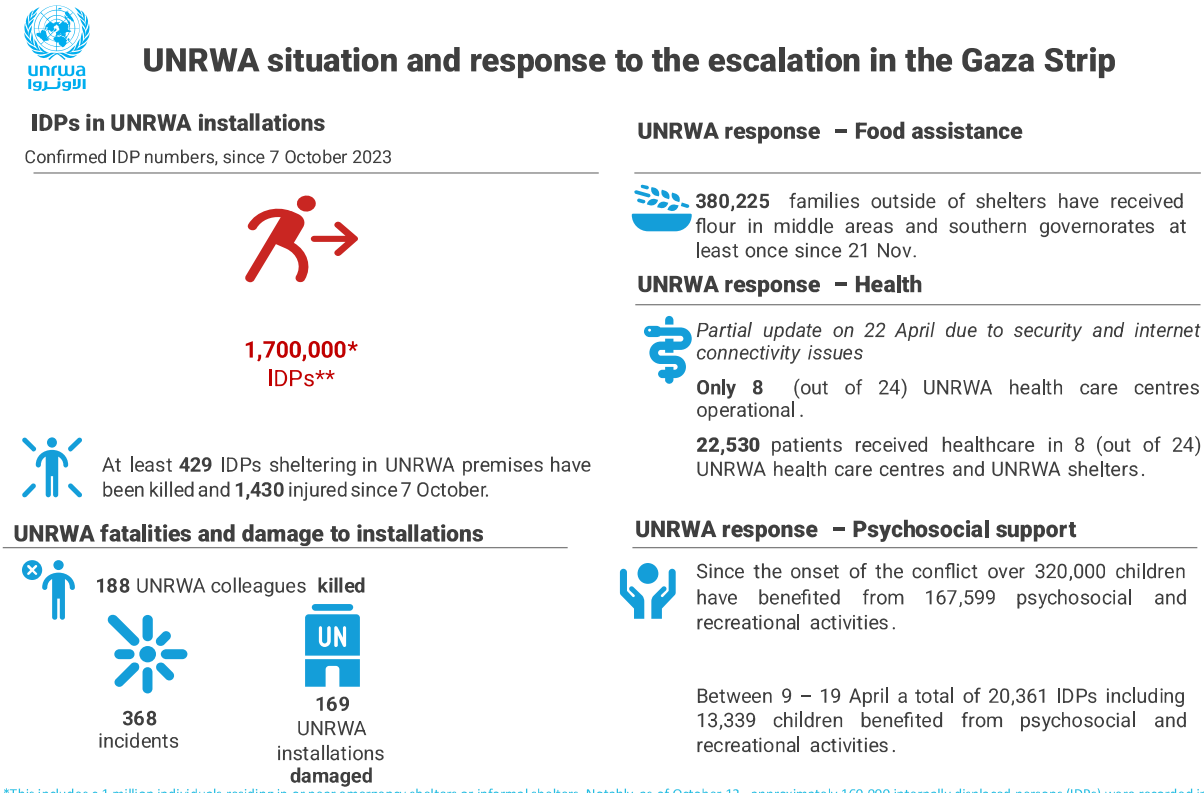
Water and Sanitation Services (WASH)

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

Tweet from Philippe Lazzarini, UNRWA Commissioner-General:

"An Israeli military offensive will lead to an additional layer of an already unbearable tragedy for the people in Gaza. It will make even more difficult to reverse the expansion of the already man-made famine. What is needed is a Ceasefire, not new forced displacement and anxiety of endless suffering. Together with our partners, we will stay and deliver critical assistance in Rafah as long as possible."

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* *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 UNRWA shelters in North Gaza and Gaza governorates. UNRWA currently estimates that the population of North Gaza and Gaza governorates to be up to 300,000 people. However, the ability of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA) to provide humanitarian support and updated data in these area s 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 situat ion allows.

UNRWA Situation Report #107 on the situation in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank, including East Jerusalem

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Day 213-219 of Hostilities

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Families fleeing Rafah face further forced displacement following the evacuation order issued by Israeli Authorities, southern Gaza Strip. © 2024 UNRWA Photo by Ashraf Amra

1. Key points

The Gaza Strip

- Reports persist of ongoing strikes by Israeli Forces, encompassing aerial, land and maritime bombardment across the Gaza Strip. These attacks exacerbate civilian casualties, displacement and the decimation of residential structures and essential civilian infrastructure. The Israeli ground offensive continues to expand, particularly in the southern regions of Gaza city and eastern Rafah, notably around the Kerem Shalom and Rafah Crossings.

- On 8 May, OCHA, UNRWA, UN Mine Action Service, and the UN Department of Safety and Security carried out a security assessment at both crossings, which remain heavily militarized. Due to current Israeli military operations and insecurity, critical land routes of Kerem Shalom and Rafah were closed from 6 – 10 May 2024.

- On 10 May, the Health Cluster issued a warning: unless fuel is promptly permitted into Gaza, the operational lifespans of five hospitals and five field hospitals across the Strip would significantly reduce in less than 48 hours. Likewise, at risk are 28 ambulances, 17 primary

health care centres, 23 medical facilities in Al Mawasi, and ten mobile clinics providing essential immunization, trauma care and nutrition services. The absence of fuel to power generators poses a critical threat, particularly endangering patients in Intensive Care Units (ICU), including newborns in neonatal ICUs, trauma patients requiring urgent surgeries and pregnant women in need of caesarian sections (C-sections). Urgent action to increase fuel supply into Gaza is imperative to keep health services going, with life-saving services hanging in the balance. As of 11 May, only 120,000 litres of diesel was allowed to enter the Gaza Strip since 6 May, which is well below the requirement for UN and NGO partners on the ground, therefore urgent rationing and difficult choices have been taken.

- According to OCHA, despite escalating humanitarian needs, access challenges persistently obstruct the efforts of humanitarian organizations to reach vulnerable people, particularly in northern Gaza. From 1-9 May, only nine out of 32 humanitarian aid missions (28 per cent) to northern Gaza were facilitated by Israeli authorities. Five missions (16 per cent) were outright denied, eleven (34 percent) were impeded and seven (22 per cent) were cancelled due to logistical hurdles. Similarly, in areas of southern Gaza requiring coordination, Israeli authorities facilitated 25 out of 46 aid missions (54 percent). However, nine missions (20 percent) faced outright denials, three (6 percent) were impeded, and nine (20 percent) were cancelled due to logistical constraints.

- The current Israeli military operation in Rafah is directly impacting the ability of aid agencies to bring critical humanitarian supplies into Gaza. Between 6 – 10 May the border crossings of Kerem Shalom and Rafah were closed due to a combination of military activity, insecurity and lack of approvals from Israeli authorities.

- As of 12 May, the total number of UNRWA colleagues killed since the beginning of hostilities is **189, an increase of one since the last report.**

- As of 11 May, up to 1.7 million* people (over 75 per cent of the population)** have been displaced across the Gaza Strip, **the majority multiple times**.*** Families are forced to move repeatedly in search of safety. Following intense Israeli bombardments and fighting in Khan Younis and the Middle Area in recent weeks, a significant number of displaced people have moved further south.

- **Already displaced families are on the move again namely due to insecurity and Israeli evacuation orders.** As of 12 May 2024, the estimated number of people displaced out of Rafah amounts to nearly 360,000 people since 06 May. The majority of UNRWA shelters in Rafah have been left by the IDPs who moved to Khan Younis and Deir Al Balah. Furthermore, new evacuation orders have been issued affecting parts of Gaza City. It was reported that about 100,000 people were displaced from Zaitoun and Sabra areas towards the west of Gaza City. In the North of Gaza, it was reported that about 64,000 people were displaced from Jabalia and Beit Lahia after the new evacuation orders.

*This includes 1 million people living in or near emergency shelters or informal shelters. As of 12 October, approximately 160,000 internally displaced persons (IDPs) were recorded in UNRWA shelters in Northern Gaza and Gaza City governorates. UNRWA currently estimates that the population of Northern Gaza and Gaza City governorates is up to 300,000 people. 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 ISF, and the constant need for safer locations have resulted in people being displaced multiple times.

**UNRWA reported on 15 January in Situation Report 64 that up to 1.9 million IDPs were 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

The West Bank, including East Jerusalem update will shift to once a week, every Monday.

- Between 6 and 12 May, there were 175 recorded Israeli Security Forces (ISF) search and arrest operations across the West Bank, including East Jerusalem. More than 130 Palestinians, including Palestine Refugees, were detained during this period. Two Palestine Refugees were killed: a resident of Tulkarm Camp who died on 6 May from injuries after being fired upon by ISF east of Tulkarm, and a resident of Balata Camp who died on 12 May after an exchange of fire during an ISF search operation in the camp.
- On 6 May, an ISF search and arrest operation in the northern West Bank targeted Tulkarm and Nur Shams refugee camps, lasting nearly 22 hours. The operation caused significant damage, including bulldozing of roads and the destruction of a Palestinian Red Crescent Society medical post.
- On 9 May, the ISF, using explosives, demolished an apartment near Shu'fat Camp, in the Jerusalem area. The apartment belonged to a Palestinian killed in February 2024 by ISF after allegedly being involved in a security incident. Punitive home demolitions are a form of collective punishment, illegal under international law.
- The UNRWA West Bank Field Office in East Jerusalem was subject to an arson attack by Israeli residents on 9 May, who set fire to the perimeter of the compound while staff were inside. This followed a violent protest outside the office on 7 May, during which windows were broken and UNRWA staff were attacked with stones. Following these incidents the UNRWA West Bank Field Office was temporarily closed.

2. Overall situation

The Gaza Strip

- According to the Ministry of Health in Gaza as of 9 May, at least 34,904 Palestinians have been killed in the Gaza Strip since 7 October. Another 78,514 Palestinians have been reportedly injured.

The West Bank, including East Jerusalem

- According to OCHA, between 7 October 2023– 6 May 2024, 479 Palestinians, including at least 116 children, have been killed in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem.

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.

Seven incidents have been reported impacting UNRWA installations and internally displaced people (IDPs) sheltering there. While verification of details and casualty figures remain ongoing, initial reports indicate:

• On 10 May, in the early hours, the eastern outside wall of a health centre in Gaza City was reportedly damaged by shelling. Nearly 2,300 people were reportedly sheltering in the health centre at the time of the incident.

• On 10 May, the solar system room located on the roof of a school in Gaza City was reportedly hit by a strike resulting in damage to the solar panels, the batteries and the electricity system. Additionally, one of the classroom walls on the first floor was damaged by shelling. Nearly 2,200 people were reportedly sheltering in the school at the time of the incident.

• On 7 May 2024, one IDP sheltering in a school in Gaza City was killed and seven other IDPs were injured, including an UNRWA staff member, when the school was reportedly directly hit by a strike. Three classrooms located on the eastern side of the school sustained damage.

• On 7 May 2024, two IDPs sheltering in a school in Nuseirat in Middle Area were injured by shrapnel that fell in the school when a building adjacent to the school was hit by a strike.

• On 7 May 2024, three IDPs sustained minor injuries as a result of a strike that directly hit the rooftop of a school in Rafah. The injured were transferred to the hospital. It is important to note that this school is not in the area affected by the evacuation orders issued by the ISF on 06 May 2024.

• On 7 May 2024, a distribution centre in Rafah was reportedly hit by artillery shells. A shell hit inside the northern courtyard, and another hit the eastern wall. No injuries were reported. On 8 May 2024, the same distribution centre in Rafah was directly impacted by shooting reportedly from an ISF quadcopter. The walls of the building sustained minor damage. It is important to note that the distribution centre is not in the area affected by the evacuation orders issued by the ISF on 6 May 2024.

• 375* 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 51 incidents of military use and/or interference at UNRWA premises. 171 different UNRWA installations have been impacted.

• UNRWA estimates that in total at least 430* IDPs sheltering in UNRWA shelters have been killed and at least a further 1,442* 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 11 May, nearly **1.7 million** displaced people are now sheltering across emergency shelters (UNRWA and public shelters), informal sites or in the vicinity of UNRWA shelters and distribution sites and within host communities.

Health

- As of 11 May, 80 medical points and six (out of 24[1]) UNRWA health centres were operational. These health centres provide primary health care, including outpatient services, non-communicable disease care, medications, vaccination, antenatal and postnatal health care and dressing for injured patients.

- On 1 May, UNRWA health operations expanded further into northern Gaza where five medical points became operational.

- On 13 March, UNRWA opened a temporary health centre to provide health services for the people in al-Mawasi, west of Khan Younis.

- Nearly 565 healthcare staff continue to work in operational health centres. On 11 May, they provided 9,365 medical consultations.

- UNRWA conducted another 7,567 medical consultations through 254 staff at the shelters, including at the newly established medical points in al-Mawasi area to serve an influx of displaced persons from Khan Younis.

- As of 11 May, UNRWA provided mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) services in the Middle and Khan Younis areas with teams of psychiatrists and supervisors to assist special cases referred from health centres and shelters. UNRWA teams responded to 395 cases. UNRWA teams responded to cases in health centres and medical points through individual consultations, awareness sessions and support for cases of gender-based violence. UNRWA teams provided medical care for 350 post-natal and pregnant women at high risk.

- In early January, UNRWA received vaccines from UNICEF for its health centres. Eleven different types of vaccines were received (refrigerated and freezer storage). On 11 May, 449 children were vaccinated against measles, mumps and rubella, hepatitis, tuberculosis and other diseases.

[1] Pre-conflict UNRWA had 22 health centres, following the conflict an additional 2 temporary health centres are operational in the Mawasi area.

Psychosocial support (PSS)

- 300 UNRWA counsellors continue to provide live-saving psychosocial support in Gaza, including psychosocial first aid, individual and group counselling, fatigue management sessions, recreational activities, Explosive Ordnance Risk Education (EORE) as well as protection cash assistance targeting children, youth and adults.

- *Since the onset of the conflict, it is estimated that 620,000 IDPs including over 370,000 children have benefited from a total of 177,390 PSS sessions/activities. During the period from 2 – 9 May, a total of 28,687 IDPs ,including 19,278 children, benefited from these services. Specifically, counsellors addressed 1,274 individual consultations and provided 824 group awareness sessions benefiting 6,496 adults.*

- *Additionally, they conducted 740 recreational activities engaging 15,279 children. Counsellors also provided 246 EORE sessions to 2,721 adults and 3,999 children and contributed to supporting 192 protection cases.*

Food security

- As of 29 April, UNRWA continued to distribute flour outside of shelters in the southern governorates. To date, a total of 380,225 families (nearly 1.9 million people) have been reached, of whom 322,060 families have received two rounds of flour and another 189,182 families have received three rounds.

Water and Sanitation Services (WASH)

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

Quote from Fadi, UNRWA staff member displaced from Rafah:

"Every moment, we braced ourselves for death. Then, at 7 o'clock in the morning, the evacuation order arrived."

Tweet from Philippe Lazzarini, UNRWA Commissioner-General:

“Everything has been said already. No words are left that can do any justice to the people of Gaza. They are people, like you and I. They used to have dreams, they were part of a vibrant and diverse community… Now, it’s only broken lives and broken futures.”

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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 **430** IDPs sheltering in UNRWA premises have been killed and **1,442** injured since 7 October.

UNRWA fatalities and damage to installations

189 UNRWA colleagues **killed**

375
incidents

171
UNRWA
installations
damaged

UNRWA response – Food assistance

380,225 families outside of shelters have received flour in middle areas and southern governorates at least once since 21 Nov.

UNRWA response – Health

Partial update on 11 May due to security and internet connectivity issues

Only 6 (out of 24) UNRWA health care centres operational.

16,932 patients received healthcare in 6 (out of 24) UNRWA health care centres and UNRWA shelters.

UNRWA response – Psychosocial support

Since the onset of the conflict over 370,000 children have benefited from 177,390 psychosocial and recreational activities.

Between 2 – 9 May a total of 28,687 IDPs including 19,278 children benefited from psychosocial and recreational activities.

* *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 UNRWA shelters in North Gaza and Gaza governorates. UNRWA currently estimates that the population of North Gaza and Gaza governorates to be up to 300,000 people. However, the ability of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA) to provide humanitarian support and updated data in these area s 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 situat ion allows.

UNRWA Situation Report #108 on the situation in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank, including East Jerusalem

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Day 220-226 of Hostilities

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Makeshift shelters housing displaced families in Deir al-Balah, Middle Areas, Gaza Strip. May 2024. © 2024 UNRWA Photo by Ashraf Amra

1. Key points

The Gaza Strip

- Reports continue of ongoing strikes by Israeli Forces, encompassing aerial, land and maritime bombardment across the Gaza Strip. These attacks result in civilian casualties, displacement and the destruction of residential structures and essential civilian infrastructure. The Israeli ground offensive continues to expand, particularly in the southern regions of Gaza City and eastern Rafah, notably around the Karem Abu Salem (Kerem Shalom) and Rafah Crossings.

- **Families that have been already displaced several times are on the move again due to military operations and Israeli evacuation orders.** As of 19 May 2024, the estimated number of people displaced from Rafah amounts to nearly 815,000 people since 6 May, with a further 100,000 people displaced in northern Gaza. Most UNRWA shelters in Rafah have been vacated, with internally displaced people moving to Khan Younis and Deir Al Balah. Overall displacement numbers correlate with the UNRWA registration figures in the new locations: for example, nearly 150,000 people have registered for essential services for UNRWA in Khan Younis alone in the last ten days.

- On 18 May, the UNRWA Commissioner-General posted on his official X account (formerly known as Twitter), highlighting the dire situation facing Palestinians who have been forced to flee since the Israeli Forces started the military operation in parts of Rafah on 6 May.

- As a result of the ongoing military operation in eastern Rafah the UNRWA distribution centre and WFP warehouse, both in Rafah, are now inaccessible. Food distributions in Rafah are currently suspended due to lack of supplies and insecurity.

- The current Israeli military operation in Rafah is directly impacting the ability of aid agencies to bring critical humanitarian supplies into Gaza. During this reporting period, the border crossing was only open for two days and only 48 trucks entered the Gaza Strip via Kerem Shalom and Rafah land crossings.

  For latest updates on trucks please check:

  Gaza Supplies and Dispatch Tracking | UNRWA

- As of 19 May, the total number of UNRWA colleagues killed since the beginning of hostilities is **189.**

The West Bank, including East Jerusalem

The West Bank, including East Jerusalem update will shift to once a week, every Monday.

- Between 13 and 19 May, there were 138 recorded Israeli Security Forces (ISF) search and arrest operations across the West Bank, including East Jerusalem. More than 117 Palestinians were detained during this period. Nine Palestinians were killed, including four Palestine Refugees. Of these, two refugees were killed with another Palestinian in an exchange of fire during an ISF operation in the northern West Bank city of Tulkarm in the early morning of 16 May. There were two stabbing incidents during this period, with both alleged Palestinian assailants killed by ISF.
- On the evening of 17 May, an ISF airstrike took place in Jenin Camp in the northern West Bank, killing one Palestinian and injuring another eight. There were several attacks by Israeli settler groups against aid convoys bound for Gaza, with trucks blocked and their contents damaged at Tarqumiya checkpoint in the southern West Bank. Vehicles were reportedly set on fire and drivers faced harassment and assault.
- Between 13 and 19 May, there were more attacks against the UNRWA West Bank Field Office/ Jerusalem Headquarters in East Jerusalem, including arson attempts on 13 and 15 May. The UNRWA Office remains operational.

2. Overall situation

The Gaza Strip

- According to the Ministry of Health in Gaza as of 20 May, at least f Palestinians have been killed in the Gaza Strip since 7 October. Another 79,562 Palestinians have been reportedly injured.

The West Bank, including East Jerusalem

- According to OCHA, between 7 October 2023– 15 May 2024, 480 Palestinians, including at least 116 children, have been killed in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem.

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.

Seven incidents have been reported impacting UNRWA installations and internally displaced people (IDPs) sheltering there. While verification of details and casualty figures remain ongoing, initial reports indicate:

- On 13 May 2024, the ISF reportedly entered a health centre in Gaza City and demolished an external wall, the pharmacy and the medicine store . Additionally, the IDPs sheltering in the health centre were reportedly forced by the ISF to evacuate. According to information available to UNRWA, in the week prior to the incident, nearly 2,300 IDPs were sheltering in the health centre; however, since 11 May 2024, IDPs started to flee to West Gaza due to increased ISF military operations and heavy bombardments in the area.

- On 14 May 2024, six IDPs were reportedly killed and an unconfirmed number of IDPs were reportedly injured when two stores located inside a school in Nuseirat camp, in Middle Area, were directly struck causing a fire in the school.

- On 14 May 2024, an UNRWA contracted personnel working as a guard was injured by shrapnel that fell inside a school in Nuseirat camp, in the Middle Area, when the adjacent school was struck. The guard was transferred to hospital where he received medical treatment and was later discharged.

- On 14 May 2024, the ISF reportedly entered an UNRWA school in Beit Lahia, North Gaza, and set it on fire, forcing IDPs to evacuate out of the shelter. IDPs were ordered to evacuate to west of Gaza city.

- On 14 May 2024, 11 IDPs were killed and 25 others were injured when a health centre in Gaza city was directly hit . The health centre sustained severe damage including the complete destruction of the guard rooms, the large generator's room and its fuel tank, the electrical generators, the water tanks and the solar panels. At the time of the incident, six IDPs families (about 50 IDPs) were still sheltering in the health centre and they were forced to evacuate to west Gaza City.

- On 16 May 2024, two IDPs were killed and four were injured when a school in Nuseirat camp, in the middle area, was hit by two air strikes at the same time. As a result of the strikes, the canteen and the storeroom sustained significant damage and a fire broke out. Approximately 11,500 IDPs were reportedly sheltering in the school at the time of the incident. Two people living near the school were also reportedly killed due to the strike that hit the storeroom.

- On 17 May 2024, an ISF unmanned aerial vehicle shot four bullets towards a school in Maghazi camp in the Middle area. No injury was reported and approximately 1,200 IDPs were reportedly sheltering in the school at the time of the incident.

- **382*** 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 **53** incidents of military use and/or interference at UNRWA premises. **172** different UNRWA installations have been impacted.

- UNRWA estimates that in total at least **449*** IDPs sheltering in UNRWA shelters have been killed and at least a further **1,472*** 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

Health

- UNRWA health centres in the last ten days have not received any medical supplies due to Rafah and Kerem Shalom crossing closure/disruptions. This affects the stock of medicines, mainly general items such as antibiotics for children and anti-epileptic drugs. Certain laboratory and dental items and vaccines are out of stock.

- As of 19 May, 96 medical points and seven (out of 24[1]) UNRWA health centres were operational. These health centres provide primary health care, including outpatient services, non-communicable disease care, medications, vaccination, antenatal and postnatal health care and dressing for injured patients.

- Since 11 May, four medical points in the North area were closed due to the security situation, UNRWA continued to adapt to the fluid situation and set up an additional medical point in Gaza Training College on 16 May.

- Nearly 667 healthcare staff continue to work in operational health centres. On 19 May, they provided 9,505 medical consultations.

- UNRWA conducted another 6,154 medical consultations through 281 staff at the shelters, including at the newly established medical points in al-Mawasi area to serve an influx of displaced persons from Khan Younis.

- As of 19 May, UNRWA provided mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) services in the Middle and Khan Younis areas with teams of psychiatrists and supervisors to assist special cases referred from health centres and shelters. UNRWA teams responded to 527 cases.

[1] Pre-conflict UNRWA had 22 health centres, following the conflict an additional 2 temporary health centres are operational in the Mawasi area.

UNRWA teams responded to cases in health centres and medical points through individual consultations, awareness sessions and support for cases of gender-based violence. UNRWA teams provided medical care for 372 post-natal and pregnant women at high risk.

- In early January, UNRWA received vaccines from UNICEF for its health centres. Eleven different types of vaccines were received (refrigerated and freezer storage). From January – 12 May nearly 100,000 children were vaccinated against measles, mumps and rubella, hepatitis, tuberculosis and other diseases in UNRWA health centres.

Psychosocial support (PSS)

- *With the support of more than 300 counsellors, UNRWA continues to provide life-saving psychosocial support services in Gaza, including psychosocial first aid, individual and group counselling, fatigue management sessions, recreational activities, Explosive Ordnance Risk Education (EORE) as well as protection case assistance. targeting children , youth and adults,*
- *Since the onset of the conflict, it is estimated that 620,000 IDPs including over 370,000 children have benefited from a total of 177,390 PSS sessions/activities. During the period 10 – 16 May 2024, a total of 28,837 IDPs ,including 18,306 children, benefited from these services. Specifically, counselors addressed 1,796 individual consultations and provided 646 group awareness sessions benefiting 5,362 adults. Additionally, they conducted 660 recreational activities engaging 13,005 children. Counsellors also provided 511 EORE sessions to 5,073 adults and 5,301 children and contributed to supporting 96 protection cases.*

Food security

- As of 29 April, UNRWA continued to distribute flour outside of shelters in the southern governorates. To date, a total of 380,225 families (nearly 1.9 million people) have been reached, of whom 322,060 families have received two rounds of flour and another 189,182 families have received three rounds.

Water and Sanitation Services (WASH)

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

Quote from Louise Wateridge, UNRWA Communications Officer in Gaza:

"We desperately need a safe passage – not just for the humanitarian supplies but also for the humanitarian personnel."

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 **449** IDPs sheltering in UNRWA premises have been killed and **1,472** injured since 7 October.

UNRWA fatalities and damage to installations

189 UNRWA colleagues **killed**

382 incidents

172 UNRWA installations **damaged**

UNRWA response – Food assistance

380,225 families outside of shelters have received flour in middle areas and southern governorates at least once since 21 Nov.

UNRWA response – Health

Partial update on 19 May due to security and internet connectivity issues

Only 7 (out of 24) UNRWA health care centres operational.

15,659 patients received healthcare in 6 (out of 24) UNRWA health care centres and UNRWA shelters.

UNRWA response – Psychosocial support

Since the onset of the conflict over 370,000 children have benefited from 177,390 psychosocial and recreational activities.

Between 10 – 16 May a total of 28,837 IDPs including 18,306 children benefited from psychosocial and recreational activities.

* *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 UNRWA shelters in North Gaza and Gaza governorates. UNRWA currently estimates that the population of North Gaza and Gaza governorates to be up to 300,000 people. However, the ability of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA) to provide humanitarian support and updated data in these area s 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 Situation Report #109 on the situation in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank, including East Jerusalem

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Day 227-229 of Hostilities

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People seeking shelter in Deir al-Balah, Middle Areas, Gaza Strip. May 2024. © 2024 UNRWA Photo by Ashraf Amra

1. Key points

The Gaza Strip

- Reports continue of ongoing strikes by Israeli Forces, encompassing aerial, land and maritime bombardment across the Gaza Strip. These attacks result in civilian casualties, displacement and the destruction of residential structures and essential civilian infrastructure. The Israeli ground offensive continues to expand, particularly in the southern regions of Gaza City and eastern Rafah, notably around the Karem Abu Salem (Kerem Shalom) and Rafah Crossings.

- Humanitarian operations in Gaza continue to face severe humanitarian access restrictions, including the ongoing closure of key crossings, denials of planned missions and delays in movements imposed by Israeli authorities. According to OCHA, between 1 and 20 May, 183 humanitarian aid missions in Gaza were coordinated with the Israeli authorities. Of the 51 missions to northern Gaza, only 37 per cent were facilitated by the Israeli authorities, and the remaining missions were either denied access, impeded (these may be aborted or accomplished, albeit partially, despite the impediment), or cancelled. For missions in

southern Gaza, among the 132 missions, only half were facilitated by the Israeli authorities and the remaining half 50 per cent were either denied access, impeded, or cancelled.

- **Families that have been already displaced several times are on the move again due to military operations and Israeli evacuation orders.** As of 19 May 2024, the estimated number of people displaced from Rafah is nearly 815,000 people since 6 May, with a further 100,000 people displaced in northern Gaza. Most UNRWA shelters in Rafah have been vacated, with internally displaced people moving to Khan Younis and Deir Al Balah. Overall displacement numbers correlate with the UNRWA registration figures in the new locations: for example, nearly 150,000 people have registered for essential services for UNRWA in Khan Younis alone in the last ten days.

- As a result of the ongoing military operation in eastern Rafah the UNRWA distribution centre and WFP warehouse, both in Rafah, remain inaccessible.

- The current Israeli military operation in Rafah is directly impacting the ability of aid agencies to bring critical humanitarian supplies into Gaza as well as the ability to rotate critical humanitarian staff. From 1 – 20 May, according to OCHA, 14 missions which were heading to Kerem Shalom to collect aid supplies encountered delays due to traffic congestions blocking the road and delayed clearance by Israeli authorities, resulting in six missions being aborted. During this reporting period (20- 22 May), the border crossings were only open for one day and only 39 trucks entered the Gaza Strip via Kerem Shalom and Rafah land crossings. Since 6 – 20 May only 143 trucks have entered the Gaza strip via Karem Abu Salem.

  For latest updates on trucks please check:

  Gaza Supplies and Dispatch Tracking | UNRWA

- According to WHO and the Health Cluster, evacuation orders and ongoing military operations in proximity of health facilities are further disrupting healthcare service provision. In Rafah, a hospital, a field hospital, and four primary health centres, and 21 medical points located within the zone were ordered to be evacuated in May. As of 18 May, in the entirety of the Gaza Strip only 15 out of 36 hospitals (41 per cent) remain partially functional, and 33 out of 93 primary health care facilities (35 per cent) are functional. UNRWA remains the largest health service provider in Gaza, with 7 primary health care clinics and over 100 medical points across the Gaza Strip still operational. According to the health cluster, UNRWA provides an average of 160,000 people a week with health services eincluding child healthcare, primary healthcare, mental health, which equates to over 50 per cent of all people reached with health services.

- As of 22 May, the total number of UNRWA colleagues killed since the beginning of hostilities is **191, an increase of two.**

The West Bank, including East Jerusalem

The West Bank, including East Jerusalem update will shift to once a week, every Monday.

2. Overall situation

The Gaza Strip

- According to the Ministry of Health in Gaza as of 22 May, at least 35,709 Palestinians have been reportedly killed in the Gaza Strip since 7 October. Another 79,990 Palestinians have been reportedly injured.

The West Bank, including East Jerusalem

- According to OCHA, between 7 October 2023– 22 May 2024, 489 Palestinians, including at least 117 children, have been killed in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem.

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. Six incidents have been reported, some of which occurred earlier impacting UNRWA installations and internally displaced people (IDPs) sheltering there but only became available during this reporting period. While verification of details and casualty figures remain ongoing, initial reports indicate:

• On 17 May 2024, UNRWA received the information that 2 adjacent UNRWA offices for sanitation office and maintenance in Jabalia (north of Gaza) were completely destroyed by air strikes and subsequently bulldozed by IDF troops.

• On 19 May 2024, a displaced child was reportedly killed by shrapnel that fell inside a classroom of a school in Jabalia as a result of a strike on a nearby building. The body of the child was reportedly buried inside the school.

• On 19 May 2024, according to information received by UNRWA from media sources, the Israeli Security Forces (ISF) issued evacuation orders to an UNRWA school and other non-UNRWA schools sheltering IDPs in Jabalia camp, ordering IDPs to leave the school.

• On 22 May 2024, the tents of the IDPs inside a school in Jabalia were reportedly set on fire by the IDF, resulting in several casualties among the IDPs.

• On 22 May 2024, according to information received by UNRWA through media sources, an unconfirmed number of IDPs were killed and others were injured when a school in Jabalia was besieged by IDF tanks and floor of the school was struck by tank shells.

• 388* 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 54 incidents of military use and/or interference at UNRWA premises. 174 different UNRWA installations have been impacted.

• UNRWA estimates that in total at least 450* IDPs sheltering in UNRWA shelters have been killed and at least a further 1,472* 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.

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

4. UNRWA response

The Gaza Strip

Health

- UNRWA health centres in the last 12 days have not received any medical supplies due to Rafah and Kerem Shalom crossing closure/disruptions. This affects the stock of medicines, mainly general items such as antibiotics for children and anti-epileptic drugs. Certain laboratory and dental items and vaccines are out of stock.

- As of 21 May, 107 medical points and seven (out of 24[1]) UNRWA health centres were operational. These health centres provide primary health care, including outpatient services, non-communicable disease care, medications, vaccination, antenatal and postnatal health care and dressing for injured patients.

- On 11 May, four medical points in the North area were closed due to the security situation, UNRWA continued to adapt to the fluid situation and set up an additional medical point in Gaza City on 16 May. On 21 May, an additional medical point was open in al-Mawasi (Khan Younis) due to increased demand for health services.

- Nearly 665 healthcare staff continue to work in operational health centres. On 21 May, they provided 8,468 medical consultations.

- UNRWA conducted another 6,411 medical consultations through 351 staff at the shelters, including at the newly established medical points in al-Mawasi area to serve an influx of displaced persons from Khan Younis.

- As of 21 May, UNRWA provided mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) services in the Middle and Khan Younis areas with teams of psychiatrists and supervisors to assist special cases referred from health centres and shelters. UNRWA teams responded to 895 cases. UNRWA teams responded to cases in health centres and medical points through individual consultations, awareness sessions and support for cases of gender-based violence. UNRWA teams provided medical care for 350 post-natal and pregnant women at high risk.

- In early January, UNRWA received vaccines from UNICEF for its health centres. Eleven different types of vaccines were received (refrigerated and freezer storage). From January – 12 May nearly 100,000 children were vaccinated against measles, mumps and rubella, hepatitis, tuberculosis and other diseases in UNRWA health centres.

[1] Pre-conflict UNRWA had 22 health centres, following the conflict an additional 2 temporary health centres are operational in the Mawasi area.

Psychosocial support (PSS)

- With the support of more than 300 counsellors, UNRWA continues to provide life-saving psychosocial support services in Gaza, including psychosocial first aid, individual and group counselling, fatigue management sessions, recreational activities, Explosive Ordnance Risk Education (EORE) as well as protection case assistance. targeting children, youth and adults.
- Since the onset of the conflict, it is estimated that 650,000 IDPs including over 400,000 children have benefited from a total of 205,746 PSS sessions/activities. During the period from 17-23 May 2024, a total of 40,701 IDPs , including 28,704 children, benefited from these services. Specifically, counsellors addressed 1,696 individual consultations and provided 506 group awareness sessions benefiting 5,222 adults. Additionally, they conducted 981 recreational activities engaging 19,019 children. Counsellors also provided 716 EORE sessions to 6,775 adults and 713 sessions to 9,685 children.

Food security

- As of 22 May, UNRWA continued to distribute flour outside of shelters in the southern governorates. To date, a total of 380,225 families (nearly 1.9 million people) have been reached, of whom 337,468 families have received two rounds of flour and another 237,162 families have received three rounds.

Water and Sanitation Services (WASH)

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

Quote from Abdel-Rahman, 14-year-old boy displaced in Gaza:

"I hope the world can support us, so that we can bring Gaza back to life again. I and all the people in tents can return to live in our homes and walk in our streets to make Gaza beautiful again."

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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 **450** IDPs sheltering in UNRWA premises have been killed and **1,472** injured since 7 October.

UNRWA fatalities and damage to installations

191 UNRWA colleagues **killed**

388 incidents

174 UNRWA installations **damaged**

UNRWA response – Food assistance

380,225 families outside of shelters have received flour in middle areas and southern governorates at least once since 21 Nov.

UNRWA response – Health

Partial update on 21 May due to security and internet connectivity issues

Only 7 (out of 24) UNRWA health care centres operational.

14,879 patients received healthcare in 7 (out of 24) UNRWA health care centres and UNRWA shelters.

UNRWA response – Psychosocial support

Since the onset of the conflict over 400,000 children have benefited from 205,746 psychosocial and recreational activities.

Between 17 – 23 May a total of 40,701 IDPs including 28,704 children benefited from psychosocial and recreational activities.

* *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 UNRWA shelters in North Gaza and Gaza governorates. UNRWA currently estimates that the population of North Gaza and Gaza governorates to be up to 300,000 people. However, the ability of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA) to provide humanitarian support and updated data in these area s 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 situat ion allows.

UNRWA Situation Report #109 on the situation in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank, including East Jerusalem

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View on military operations taking place in Rafah, southern Gaza Strip. © 2024 UNRWA Photo

1. Key points

The Gaza Strip

- Ongoing strikes by Israeli Forces, encompassing aerial, land and maritime bombardment across the Gaza Strip. These result in civilian casualties, displacement and the destruction of residential structures and civilian infrastructure. The Israeli ground offensive continues to expand, particularly in the southern regions of Gaza City and eastern Rafah, notably around the Karem Abu Salem (Kerem Shalom) and Rafah Crossings.

- Aid operations in Gaza continue to be disrupted by telecommunications network outages and internet service providers in carrying out repair works. This is due to damaged infrastructure, limited access to fuel and the conflict overall.

- On 26 May, a strike hit an informal IDP site in close vicinity to the UNRWA Logistics Base in Rafah. Initial reports indicate that there are approximately 50 casualties among the displaced people. The exact numbers are yet to be confirmed. UNRWA has not been able to access the site, and internet and communication outages have delayed full verification. The UNRWA

Logistics Base and IDP site that were hit were both located outside Israeli prescribed evacuation zones.

- Philippe Lazzarini, UNRWA Commissioner-General, posted on his official X account (previously known as Twitter), commenting on the harrowing scenes from Rafah yesterday. The Commissioner-General reiterated that UNRWA is doing everything possible not to interrupt the delivery of humanitarian assistance. However, of the 200 trucks with humanitarian supplies offloaded on the Palestinian side yesterday (26 May), only 30 trucks were picked up due to heavy movement restrictions, ongoing Israeli Forces airstrikes and the launch of rockets by Hamas.

- **Families that have been already displaced several times are on the move again due to military operations and Israeli evacuation orders.** As of 26 May 2024, the estimated number of people displaced from Rafah is nearly 945,000 people since 6 May, with a further 100,000 people displaced in northern Gaza. Most UNRWA shelters in Rafah have been vacated, with internally displaced people moving to Khan Younis and Deir Al Balah.

- According to UNICEF, there has been a significant reduction in clean water production across the Gaza Strip affecting access to water supply service to around 500,000 people. This reduction is attributed to damage to several facilities, including treatment plants, boreholes, and pumping stations, which have been rendered inoperable due to continuous bombardment, shortage of fuel, or inaccessibility for maintenance work.

- The current Israeli military operation in Rafah is directly impacting the ability of aid agencies to bring critical humanitarian supplies into Gaza as well as the ability to rotate critical humanitarian staff. Some fuel supplies and food aid came through Kerem Shalom on 25/26 May, food supplies remained however inaccessible due to the security situation. Since 5 May 2024, the UN has not been able to maintain presence at Rafah/Kerem Shalom crossings to monitor and count private sector cargo entering/exiting the terminal. Figures reflected from 6 May onwards are for humanitarian aid (UN/INGO) cargo only and excludes commercial activity. Due to the situation on the ground, updates may take some time to be fully reflected on the dashboard, for updates on trucks please check:

  Gaza Supplies and Dispatch Tracking | UNRWA

- As of 26 May, the total number of UNRWA colleagues killed since the beginning of hostilities is **192, an increase of one.**

The West Bank, including East Jerusalem

The West Bank, including East Jerusalem update will shift to once a week, every Monday.

- Between 20 and 26 May there were at least 164 recorded Israeli Security Forces (ISF) search and arrest operations across the West Bank, including East Jerusalem. More than 118 Palestinians were detained during this period. There were 16 Palestinians killed, the majority of them during a large-scale ISF operation in Jenin Camp and Jenin city.
- On 21 May, a major ISF operation started in Jenin camp and Jenin city in the northern West Bank. It concluded on 23 May after nearly 43 hours. In total, there were 12 reported fatalities, including four children. During the operation, ISF personnel forcefully entered and used the UNRWA Health Centre, causing significant damage to both facilities and equipment. The ISF invaded two other UNRWA facilities installations during the operation.

- At least 30 incidents of Israeli settlers' violence were recorded between 20 and 26 May across the West Bank. On 23 May, settlers established a new settlement outpost at Al 'Auja Spring, near Jericho in the central West Bank. On 25 May, settlers attacked the village of Qusra, in the northern West Bank, leading to clashes between ISF, settlers, and Palestinians. Over 24-25 May, settlers attacked Palestinian farmers, municipality crews and agricultural sites in different locations of the southern West Bank, including Al Maniya, Bani Na'im, Al Khadr and Kisan. One Palestinian farmer was shot by Israeli settlers while working on his land west of Hebron on 26 May.

2. Overall situation

The Gaza Strip

- According to the Ministry of Health in Gaza as of 27 May, at least 36,050 Palestinians have been reportedly killed in the Gaza Strip since 7 October. Another 81,026 Palestinians have been reportedly injured.

The West Bank, including East Jerusalem

- According to OCHA, between 7 October 2023– 22 May 2024, 489 Palestinians, including at least 117 children, have been killed in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem.

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.

Seven incidents have been reported, some of which occurred earlier impacting UNRWA installations and internal displaced people (IDPs) sheltering there. While verification of details and casualty figures remain ongoing, initial reports indicate:

• On 20 May 2024, two schools in eastern Rafah were demolished by a controlled detonation conducted by the ISF.

• At an unknown date, presumably during the ISF ground incursion in Khan Younis in February 2024, the perimeter walls, gate and part of the building of a water pump were destroyed resulting in severe damage.

• At an unknown date and time, a school in Khan Younis was hit by projectiles at different locations: a roof of a classroom, a classroom wall and an external perimeter wall.

• On 23 May 2024, four IDPs were reportedly injured in a school in Deir Al Balah as a result of shooting from an ISF quadcopter. First aid was delivered to the injured who were then transferred to a hospital.

• On 23 May 2024, an ISF quadcopter reportedly opened fire at the guards in a warehouse in Rafah. The guards fled, no injuries were reported. Upon their return, the guards found a bullet in the middle of the hall, near the service team caravans.

• On 26 May 2024, a strike hit the informal IDP site outside the UNRWA Logistics Base (logbase) in Rafah. Initial reports indicate approximately 50 casualties among the IDPs in the site, numbers are yet to be confirmed. UNDSS expects the number of fatalities to increase. ICRC and IMC hospitals received several injured individuals. The total number of injured remains unconfirmed. So far, no injuries were reported inside the Logbase, but it should be noted that UNRWA has not been able to access the Logbase on the day following the incident and therefore fully verify the impact of the strike.

394* 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 57 incidents of military use and/or interference at UNRWA premises. 179 different UNRWA installations have been impacted.

UNRWA estimates that in total at least 450* internally displaced people (IDPs) sheltering in UNRWA shelters have been killed and at least a further 1,476* 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

Health

- UNRWA health centres in the last 12 days have not received any medical supplies due to Rafah and Kerem Shalom crossing closure/disruptions. This affects the stock of medicines, mainly general items such as antibiotics for children and anti-epileptic drugs. Certain laboratory and dental items and vaccines are out of stock.

- As of 23 May, 109 medical points and seven (out of 24[1]) UNRWA health centres were operational. These health centres provide primary health care, including outpatient services, non-communicable disease care, medications, vaccination, antenatal and postnatal health care and dressing for injured patients.

- On 11 May, four medical points in the North area were closed due to the security situation, UNRWA continued to adapt to the fluid situation and set up an additional medical point in UNRWA Gaza Training Centre on 16 May. On 21 May, an additional medical point was open in al-Mawasi (Khan Younis) due to increased demand for health services.

- Nearly 665 healthcare staff continue to work in operational health centres. On 23 May, they provided 8,548 medical consultations. UNRWA has also conducted another 8,799 medical consultations through 321 staff at the shelters.

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- As of 23 May, UNRWA provided mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) services in the Middle and Khan Younis areas with teams of psychiatrists and supervisors to assist special cases referred from health centres and shelters. UNRWA teams responded to 918 cases. UNRWA teams responded to cases in health centres and medical points through individual consultations, awareness sessions and support for cases of gender-based violence. UNRWA teams provided medical care for 330 post-natal and pregnant women at high risk.

- In early January, UNRWA received vaccines from UNICEF for its health centres. Eleven different types of vaccines were received (refrigerated and freezer storage). From January – 19 May nearly 103,000 children were vaccinated against measles, mumps and rubella, hepatitis, tuberculosis and other diseases in UNRWA health centres.

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Quote from Juliette Touma, UNRWA Director of Communications, in an interview to BBC Radio 4:

"The assumption that there is a safe place in Gaza is false, misleading and inaccurate. No place is safe in Gaza. No one is safe in Gaza. Not aid workers, not medical workers, not UN staff, no one has been spared."

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UNRWA response – Health

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