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Children take part in artistic and sports activities organized by UNRWA teams as part of 'Back to Learning' in a school-turned-shelter in Nuseirat (middle area), Gaza Strip. © 2024 UNRWA Photo

1. Key points

The Gaza Strip

- Ongoing strikes by the Israeli Security Forces (ISF) continue, with aerial, land and maritime bombardments across the Gaza Strip, resulting in civilian casualties, displacement and the destruction of residential structures and public infrastructure.
- During the reporting period, additional evacuation orders were issued on 15 August warning people living in parts of southeast Khan Younis to immediately move to the so-called "humanitarian safe zone" in Al Mawasi. According to OCHA, approximately 305 square kilometres, or nearly 84 per cent of the Gaza Strip, has been placed under evacuation orders by the Israeli military.
- According to a [FEWS NET](#) Gaza food supply assessment, as of the end of July, an estimated 79,082 to 86,925 metric tons of food were brought into Gaza, a significant increase from the

47,443 to 61,530 metric tons estimated in June. This increase was largely attributed to a surge in commercial cargo, amid a decrease in humanitarian aid. The higher volume of commercial food shipments does not necessarily translate into the enhanced availability of, or access to, food in Gaza, especially considering the low purchasing power of many households. The report also highlighted that humanitarian food supplies entering Gaza through the Karem Abu Salem (Kerem Shalom/ south of Gaza) in July were at their lowest level since October 2023, representing only a quarter of the average volume that entered between November and May.

- According to the UN, up to 1.9 million people (or nine in ten people) across the Gaza Strip are internally displaced, including people who have been repeatedly displaced (some up to 10 times).
- Access constraints within Gaza continue due to: (i) increased hostilities; (ii) the separation of the north and south; and (iii) frequent evacuation orders (from the Israeli authorities). These continue to severely impede the delivery of life-saving humanitarian supplies and access to critical services. According to OCHA, from 1 to 11 August, the Israeli authorities facilitated only 40 per cent of humanitarian assistance missions to the north and 51 per cent to the south. The remaining missions were either denied access, impeded or cancelled due to logistical, operational or security reasons. The cumulative impacts of access constraints undermine efforts to address urgent humanitarian needs, perpetuating a continued cycle of deprivation and distress among affected people across Gaza.
- According to [WHO and the Health Cluster](#), the health system remains barely functional. The latest evacuation orders continue to disrupt the functionality of health facilities, with only 12 of the 16 partially functional hospitals accessible due to insecurity or physical barriers, including from damaged roads. UNRWA remains a major actor in the health sector, providing health services across 10 primary health centres and up to 100 mobile medical points across the Gaza Strip.
- As of 15 August, the total number of UNRWA team members killed since 7 October is **207**.
- Several challenges stand in the way of collecting much needed humanitarian supplies from the Karem Abu Salem (Kerem Shalom) crossing point in southern Gaza. These include deteriorating law and order, war and insecurity, damaged infrastructure, fuel shortages and access restrictions.
- The latest information on supplies entering Gaza can be accessed through the below link:

[Gaza Supplies and Dispatch Tracking | UNRWA](#)

The West Bank, including East Jerusalem

The West Bank, including East Jerusalem update is now once a week.

- According to OCHA, between 7 October 2023 and 5 August 2024, at least 594 Palestinians have been killed. Separately, UNICEF¹ reported that 143 children have been killed in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem, since 7 October – an average of one child every two days.

¹ [Child casualties in the West Bank skyrocket in the past nine months – UNICEF](#)

- Between 5 and 11 August, 182 Israeli Security Forces (ISF) search and arrest operations were recorded across the West Bank, including East Jerusalem, with at least 149 Palestinians, including Palestine Refugees, being detained and extensive infrastructure damage in Balata and Jenin refugee camps. During this same period, 17 Palestinians were killed, including seven killed by ISF airstrikes. On 6 August, five were killed in drone strikes directed at two Palestinian vehicles during an ISF search operation in Jenin Camp and Jenin city in the northern West Bank, with a further two later dying of their injuries.
- On 5 August, an exchange of fire took place between the ISF and Palestinian armed groups during a search operation in 'Aqbaba, in the northern West Bank, with four Palestinians killed and seven injured by live ammunition.
- On 6 August, two Palestinians were shot and killed by the ISF after alleged attacks against Israelis: one after stabbing an ISF personnel at the "Tunnels" Checkpoint, south of Jerusalem; and one who opened fire at the Israeli settlement of Beka'ot, in the northern West Bank.

2. Overall situation

The Gaza Strip

- According to the Ministry of Health in Gaza, as of 15 August, at least 40,005 Palestinians have been reportedly killed in the Gaza Strip since 7 October. Another 92,294 Palestinians have been reportedly injured.

3. Humanitarian access & protection of civilians

- UNRWA is working to verify the details of incidents reportedly affecting UNRWA premises. Further information will be provided once it becomes available.
- During the reporting period, three incidents, impacting UNRWA installations and internally displaced people (IDPs) sheltering there, have been reported. While the verification of details and casualty figures are ongoing, initial reports indicate impact to UNRWA facilities:
 - On 11 August, the UNRWA guest house and office in Zuwayda (middle areas), hosting UN personnel, was impacted during an ISF operation in the vicinity of Al-Hasanat Mosque, west of Al-Nuseirat Camp.
 - On 14 August, a twelve-year-old child (IDP) sheltering at an UNRWA school in Nuseirat died after being seriously injured in her chest on 10 August due to military activity nearby the school.
 - On 10 August, the guards' room ceiling of another UNRWA school in Nusierat was completely destroyed, reportedly due to military activity hitting Al-Sharif tower in Al-Mufti land, south of Al-Nuseirat camp. No injuries among IDPs or UNRWA staff were reported.

- As of 31 July 2024, **464*** 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 **74*** incidents of military use and/or interference at UNRWA premises. **190*** Agency installations have been impacted by munitions or subjected to armed actor interference through these incidents. UNRWA estimates that, in total, at least **563* IDPs** sheltering in UNRWA installations have been killed and at least **1,790*** injured since the start of the war. UNRWA is verifying the number of casualties caused by incidents that impacted its installations.

**Since the start of the war, latest figures are continuously under review as UNRWA gains access to locations that were previously inaccessible and as further verification occur. Total summary figures will be published once further verification has been conducted, noting that these numbers are subject to change once verifications have been conducted.*

UNRWA Response

The Gaza Strip

Health

- As of 13 August, 85 medical points and nine (out of 26²) UNRWA health centres were operational. These health centres provide primary health care, including outpatient services, non-communicable disease care, medications, vaccinations, antenatal and postnatal health care and dressings for the injured. Since the last update, one UNRWA health centre has been closed due to heavy bombardment near the health centre and increased insecurity and fighting in the area.
- On 13 August, almost 1,100 UNRWA health staff continued to work in operational health centres and medical points across the Gaza Strip, providing 15,209 medical consultations on that day.
- On 13 August, 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 547 cases in health centres and at medical points through individual consultations, awareness sessions and in support for cases of gender-based violence (GBV).
- On 13 August, medical teams provided medical care for 477 post-natal and pregnant women at high risk.
- According to the Health Cluster, UNRWA remains one of the largest health actors operating in the Gaza Strip, contributing to over half of the people reached with health services. Between 7 October 2023 and 11 August 2024, UNRWA provided over 5.1 million medical consultations in health centres and medical points across the Gaza Strip. In addition, the Agency (in partnership with and support from other UN agencies, including UNICEF and WHO) continues to provide vaccines, with over 130,000 children vaccinated since the start of this year.

² Pre-conflict UNRWA had 22 health centres, following the conflict an additional five temporary health centres have been established.

Psychosocial support (PSS)

- With the support of over 500 counsellors, UNRWA continues to provide lifesaving psychosocial support (PSS) services in Gaza, including psychosocial first aid, individual and group counselling, fatigue management sessions, recreational activities, Explosive Ordnance Risk Education (EORE) and protection cash assistance, reaching children, youth and adults.
- Since the onset of the conflict, around 700,000 IDPs, including over 450,000 children, have benefited from a total of 244,795 PSS sessions/activities. From 22 July – 5 August, counsellors provided 906 individual consultations and 295 group awareness sessions for caregivers. Additionally, 619 recreational activities were conducted for 22,392 children and EORE was extended to 1,576 adults (109 sessions) and 3,400 children (219 sessions).
- Since the onset of the conflict, UNRWA's social work team has provided services to 145,318 IDPs, including psychological first aid, PSS, family and individual interventions, and case management. These efforts aim to address family issues and strengthen relationships. Furthermore, protection services were provided to 1,233 GBV survivors and 1,196 children, including 497 unaccompanied minors, covering reunification, safe sheltering, medication, dignity kits and non-food items through referrals. The team also supported 17,264 persons with disabilities with PSS; 7,445 of these people received assistive devices and rehabilitation services. Awareness sessions on GBV, child protection, disability and special needs, and managing social and psychological stressors were conducted for 104,791 IDPs.

Food security

- To date, a total of 380,225 families (nearly 1.9 million people) have been reached with flour, of these, 367,768 families have received two rounds of flour and a further 300,978 families have received three rounds.
- UNRWA continues to distribute food parcels in the southern governorates. These include³ flour, rice, chickpeas, lentils, cheese, hummus and fish, and are designed to cover approximately 90 per cent of daily calorific needs. To date, nearly 1.15 million people have been reached, of whom, nearly 215,000 people have received two rounds of food parcels since the war started.
- In addition to the distribution of UNRWA food parcels, the Agency distributes food parcels on behalf of other UN organisations, reaching around 1.4 million people.

Quote from Lailias (11), displaced from Jabalia and taking refuge in an UNRWA shelter in Maghazi (middle area), Gaza Strip:

"The activities really make us happy. We are so grateful to return to learning and to have fun and play. We pray that this nightmare will end soon. We are so exhausted and have no energy left. We are just children."

³ Note the composition of the food parcel may change based on food item availability.



UNRWA situation and response to the escalation in the Gaza Strip

IDPs in UNRWA installations

Confirmed IDP numbers, since 7 October 2023



1,900,000*
IDPs**



At least **563** IDPs sheltering in UNRWA premises have been killed and **1,790** injured since 7 October.

UNRWA fatalities and damage to installations



207 UNRWA colleagues **killed**



464
incidents



190
UNRWA
installations
damaged

UNRWA response – Food assistance



210,920 families have received UNRWA food parcel in middle areas and southern governorates at least once since 21 Nov.

UNRWA response – Health



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

Only 9 (out of 26) UNRWA health care centres operational.

15,209 patients received healthcare in 10 (out of 26) UNRWA health care centres and UNRWA shelters.

UNRWA response – Psychosocial support



Since the onset of the conflict over 450,000 children have benefited from 244,795 psychosocial and recreational activities.

Between 22 July – 5 August a total of 22,392 children benefited from psychosocial and recreational activities.

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A UN convoy entering Gaza City to deliver fuel, Gaza Strip, August 2024. © 2024 UNRWA Photo

1. Key points

The Gaza Strip

- Ongoing strikes by Israeli Security Forces (ISF) continue, with aerial, land and maritime bombardments across the Gaza Strip, resulting in civilian casualties, displacement and the destruction of residential structures and public infrastructure.
- During the reporting period, the Israeli Authorities issued additional evacuation orders (17 August), warning people living in parts of Deir al Balah (Middle Areas), including the entire Al Maghazi Refugee Camp. Since October, according to OCHA, approximately 314 square kilometres, or nearly 86 per cent of the Gaza Strip, has been placed under evacuation orders by the Israeli military.

On World Humanitarian Day, [413 humanitarian organisations](#) around the world including UNRWA and other UN agencies, ICRC, IFRC and NGOs appealed to all States, parties to armed conflict and the wider international community to:

- End attacks on civilians and take active steps to protect them and the critical civilian infrastructure they rely on.
 - Protect all aid workers, including local and national actors, and their premises and assets and facilitate their work, as called for in UN Security Council Resolution 2730 adopted last May.
 - Hold perpetrators to account. Those who commit violations of International Humanitarian Law (IHL) cannot go unpunished.
- On World Humanitarian Day, [UNRWA's](#) Commissioner-General paid tribute to aid workers killed and injured around the world including at UNRWA. Gaza continues to be one of the most dangerous places in the world for humanitarian aid workers and health workers, with at least 289 aid workers, including 207 UNRWA team members killed, in addition to 885 health workers.
 - The World Health Organization (WHO), the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), UNRWA and partners are expected to launch polio vaccination campaign to over 640,000 children under ten years of age across the Gaza Strip starting end of August. WHO and UNICEF have requested all parties to the conflict to implement humanitarian pauses in the Gaza Strip for seven days to allow for two rounds of vaccination campaigns to take place. These pauses in fighting would allow children and families to safely reach health facilities and community outreach workers to get to children who cannot access health facilities for polio vaccination. Without the humanitarian pauses, the delivery of the campaign will not be possible.
 - [UN Secretary-General](#) António Guterres appealed to all parties to "provide concrete assurances right away guaranteeing humanitarian pauses" for a polio vaccination campaign in Gaza, reiterating that "the ultimate vaccine for polio is peace and an immediate humanitarian ceasefire."
 - According to the [Health Cluster's](#) latest evacuation orders and forced displacement into small and overcrowded areas, continue to have a negative impact on public health including: i) limited access to basic amenities like WASH facilities and a limited supply of safe drinking water; ii) overcrowding with people living in tents or poor shelter infrastructure, leading to an increased risk in the occurrence and spread of infectious diseases; iii) poor access disrupting emergency medical services and response.; iv) overwhelmed health facilities, compromising the quality of care and putting patients' lives at risk.
 - According to the UN, up to 1.9 million people (or nine in ten people) across the Gaza Strip are internally displaced, including people who have been repeatedly displaced (some up to 10 times).
 - Several challenges stand in the way of collecting much needed humanitarian supplies from the Karem Abu Salem (Kerem Shalom) crossing point in southern Gaza. These include deteriorating law and order, the war and insecurity, damaged infrastructure, fuel shortages and access restrictions. According to OCHA, between 1 and 12 August 2024, only an average

of 76 humanitarian trucks entered the Gaza Strip every day. This is well below the pre-crisis average of 500 trucks per working day.

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The West Bank, including East Jerusalem

The West Bank, including East Jerusalem update is now once a week.

- According to [OCHA](#), between 7 October 2023 and 12 August 2024, at least 594 Palestinians have been killed. Separately, UNICEF¹ reported that 143 children have been killed in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem, since 7 October.
- Between 12 and 18 August, there were 143 recorded Israeli Security Forces (ISF) search and arrest operations across the West Bank, including East Jerusalem. At least 111 Palestinians, including Palestine Refugees, were detained by the ISF during this period.
- During this period, 13 Palestinians were killed, including six in two separate ISF missile strikes in Balata Camp and Tammun, in the northern West Bank, on 14 August. Two other Palestinians were killed in an ISF drone strike in Jenin on 17 August.
- On 14 August, additional demolitions took place in the Bedouin refugee community of Umm al Kheir, in the South Hebron Hills. Eleven people who had been previously displaced as a result of demolitions last June were displaced for a second time by these ISF demolitions.
- On 15 August, a Palestinian man was shot and killed by Israeli settlers in Jit village, in northern West Bank. An attack on the village was reportedly initiated by a group of more than 100 Israeli settlers, who set fire to Palestinian houses and vehicles, and clashed with the village's residents. During the attack, access to the village was reportedly hindered by a mobile checkpoint set up by the ISF.

2. Overall situation

The Gaza Strip

- According to the Ministry of Health in Gaza, as of 19 August, at least 40,319 Palestinians have been reportedly killed in the Gaza Strip since 7 October. Another 92,743 Palestinians have been reportedly injured.

¹ [Child casualties in the West Bank skyrocket in the past nine months – UNICEF](#)

3. Humanitarian access & protection of civilians

- UNRWA is working to verify the details of incidents reportedly affecting UNRWA premises. Further information will be provided once it becomes available.
- During the reporting period, two incidents, impacting UNRWA installations and internally displaced people (IDPs) sheltering there, have been reported. While the verification of details and casualty figures are ongoing, initial reports indicate impact to UNRWA facilities:
 - On 18 August, bullets hit the northern side of the UNRWA Khan Younis Training Centre (KYTC) during an ISF operation in the vicinity of Hamad City. No injuries were reported.
 - On 18 August 2024 a drone strike hit approximately 150 metres east of the UNRWA Zuwayda guesthouse and office. One person was seriously injured (a Palestinian non-UN person). No injuries to UNRWA personnel were reported.
- As of 31 July 2024, **464*** 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 **74*** incidents of military use and/or interference at UNRWA premises. **190*** Agency installations have been impacted by munitions or subjected to armed actor interference through these incidents. UNRWA estimates that, in total, at least **563* IDPs** sheltering in UNRWA installations have been killed and at least **1,790*** injured since the start of the war. UNRWA is verifying the number of casualties caused by incidents that impacted its installations.

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UNRWA Response

The Gaza Strip

Health

- As of 18 August, 79 medical points and 10 (out of 27²) UNRWA health centres were operational. These health centres provide primary health care, including outpatient services, non-communicable disease care, medications, vaccinations, antenatal and postnatal health care and dressings for the injured. The number of health facilities fluctuates constantly based on demand, access and security.
- On 18 August, almost 1,100 UNRWA health staff continued to work in operational health centres and medical points across the Gaza Strip, providing 15,263 medical consultations on that day.

² Pre-conflict UNRWA had 22 health centres, following the conflict an additional five temporary health centres have been established.

- On 18 August, 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 596 cases in health centres and at medical points through individual consultations, awareness sessions and in support for cases of gender-based violence (GBV).
- On 18 August, medical teams provided medical care for 453 post-natal and pregnant women at high risk.
- According to the Health Cluster, UNRWA remains one of the largest health actors operating in the Gaza Strip, contributing to over half of the people reached with health services since 7 October. Between 7 October 2023 and 11 August 2024, UNRWA provided over 5.1 million medical consultations in health centres and medical points across the Gaza Strip. In addition, the Agency (in partnership with and support from other UN agencies, including UNICEF and WHO) continues to provide vaccines, with over 130,000 children vaccinated since the start of 2024 up until mid-July 2024.

Psychosocial support (PSS)

- With the support of over 500 counsellors, UNRWA continues to provide lifesaving psychosocial support (PSS) services in Gaza, including psychosocial first aid, individual and group counselling, fatigue management sessions, recreational activities, Explosive Ordnance Risk Education (EORE) and protection cash assistance, reaching children, youth and adults.
- Since the onset of the conflict, around 700,000 IDPs, including over 450,000 children, have benefited from a total of 246,188 PSS sessions/activities. Between 6 and 18 August, a total of 14,816 IDPs including 9,713 children have benefited from these services. UNRWA counsellors provided 404 individual consultations and 168 group awareness sessions for caregivers. Additionally, 453 recreational activities for children were conducted and 368 EORE sessions to adults and children.
- Since the onset of the conflict, UNRWA's social work team has provided services to 146,751 IDPs, including psychological first aid, PSS, family and individual interventions, and case management. These efforts aim to address family issues and strengthen relationships. Furthermore, protection services were provided to 1,244 GBV survivors and 1,592 children, including 842 unaccompanied children, covering reunification, safe sheltering, medication, dignity kits and non-food items through referrals. The team also supported 17,387 persons with disabilities with PSS; 7,445 of these people received assistive devices and rehabilitation services. Awareness sessions on GBV, child protection, disability and special needs, and managing social and psychological stressors were conducted for 106,812 IDPs.

Food security

- To date, a total of 380,225 families (nearly 1.9 million people) have been reached with flour, of these, 367,768 families have received two rounds of flour and a further 300,978 families have received three rounds.

- UNRWA continues to distribute food parcels in the southern governorates. These include³ flour, rice, chickpeas, lentils, cheese, hummus and fish, and are designed to cover approximately 90 per cent of daily calorific needs. To date, nearly 1.15 million people have been reached, of whom, nearly 215,000 people have received two rounds of food parcels since the war started.
- In addition to the distribution of UNRWA food parcels, the Agency distributes food parcels on behalf of other UN organisations, reaching around 1.4 million people.

Tweet from Philippe Lazzarini, UNRWA Commissioner General:

“On World Humanitarian Day, we remember and pay tribute to aid workers killed and injured around the world. In Gaza, there have been way too many of them since the war started 10 months ago. At least 289 aid workers including 207 UNRWA team members and 885 health workers lost their lives. [...] The war in Gaza broke all existing rules of war. Those responsible must be held accountable.”



UNRWA staff remembering and paying tribute to humanitarian workers killed and injured around the world, World Humanitarian Day 2024, Jordan. © 2024 UNRWA Photo

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³ Note the composition of the food parcel may change based on food item availability.



UNRWA situation and response to the escalation in the Gaza Strip

IDPs in UNRWA installations

Confirmed IDP numbers, since 7 October 2023



1,900,000*
IDPs**



At least **563** IDPs sheltering in UNRWA premises have been killed and **1,790** injured since 7 October.

UNRWA fatalities and damage to installations



207 UNRWA colleagues **killed**



464
incidents



190
UNRWA
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damaged

UNRWA response – Food assistance



210,920 families have received UNRWA food parcel in middle areas and southern governorates at least once since 21 Nov.

UNRWA response – Health



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

Only 10 (out of 27) UNRWA health care centres operational.

15,263 patients received healthcare in 10 (out of 27) UNRWA health care centres and UNRWA shelters.

UNRWA response – Psychosocial support



Since the onset of the conflict over 450,000 children have benefited from 244,795 psychosocial and recreational activities.

Between 6 – 18 August a total of 9,713 children benefited from psychosocial and recreational activities.

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Family forced to move following evacuation orders by the Israeli Authorities, Deir al-Balah, Gaza Strip, August 2024. © 2024 UNRWA Photo by Ashraf Amra

1. Key points

The Gaza Strip

- First case of polio in Gaza in 25 years has been confirmed by [WHO](#). The first case was confirmed in a 10-month-old child who has developed paralysis in the lower leg. Two rounds of polio vaccination are planned in the coming weeks, [UNRWA](#) medical teams will support delivery of vaccines in UNRWA clinics and mobile health teams, working in partnership with WHO and UNICEF. UNRWA remains a major actor in the health sector, providing health services across 10 primary health centres and up to 100 mobile medical points across the Gaza Strip.
- Ongoing strikes by Israeli Security Forces (ISF) continue, with aerial, land and maritime bombardments across the Gaza Strip, resulting in civilian casualties, displacement and the destruction of residential structures and public infrastructure.
- The [Humanitarian Coordinator](#) (HC) for the occupied Palestinian territory issued a statement highlighting that in August, so far, Israeli Security Forces (ISF) have issued 12 evacuation

orders – on average, once every two days – forcing as many as 250,000 people to move yet again.

- During the reporting period, the ISF issued several evacuation orders. On 21 August evacuation orders were sent to residents of Al-Mahta neighborhoods, south of Deir El Balah in the Middle Areas. Three UNRWA installations are within the evacuation zone. The following day, on 22 August, the ISF issued another evacuation order for residents of Bani Suheila, Sheikh Nasser, Barbah, Al Sater, Markaz Al Madina, Al Makhata and Al Katiba, in the Khan Younis area. The number of UNRWA installations within the evacuation zone is being verified.
- According to a [FEWS NET](#) latest Gaza Strip Targeted Analysis Update, food assistance declined further as the humanitarian crisis in Gaza persisted. The update highlighted that by the end of July, an estimated 1.7 million people – or around 80 per cent of Gaza’s total population – were sheltering in Al-Mawasi, reinforcing its status as one of **the most densely populated displacement sites in the world**. Amid the large-scale displacement that occurred in June and July, **the amount of humanitarian food supply that entered Gaza through the southern border crossings in July dropped to the lowest level recorded since October 2023**, amounting to only one quarter of the quantity that entered on average each month between November and May.
- The [Nutrition Cluster](#) reported an increase in levels of acute malnutrition among children under the age of five (6-59 months) in northern Gaza in July. The Nutrition Cluster assessed that the increase in acute malnutrition is linked to food consumption and disease factors, exacerbated by the lack of physical access to, and inconsistent operation of, nutrition and health services, as well as limited stocks of essential supplies, especially in Gaza City. UNRWA remains one of the largest nutrition actors providing nearly 15 per cent of all nutrition sites in Gaza, as well as specialised outpatient therapeutic programming, supplementary feeding, infant and young child feeding programmes.
- New [IRC](#) research highlights that the risk of family separation has increased dramatically in the past months, exacerbated by multiple rounds of displacements, arrests, Israeli evacuation orders and fatalities, with children found living alone in hospitals as one example. About 17,000 children in Gaza are estimated to be unaccompanied or separated from their parents according to UNICEF, but actual numbers may be higher.
- According to the UN, up to 1.9 million people (or nine in ten people) across the Gaza Strip are internally displaced, including people who have been repeatedly displaced (some up to 10 times).
- As of 21 August, the total number of UNRWA team members killed since 7 October is **209**.
- Several challenges stand in the way of collecting much needed humanitarian supplies from the Karem Abu Salem (Kerem Shalom) crossing point in southern Gaza. These include deteriorating law and order, the war and insecurity, damaged infrastructure, fuel shortages and access restrictions. According to OCHA, between 1 and 12 August 2024, an average of only 76 humanitarian trucks entered the Gaza Strip every day. This is well below the pre-crisis average of 500 trucks per working day.
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- According to [OCHA](#), between 7 October 2023 and 12 August 2024, at least 594 Palestinians have been killed. Separately, UNICEF¹ reported that 143 children have been killed in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem, since 7 October.

2. Overall situation

The Gaza Strip

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- During the reporting period, three incidents, impacting UNRWA installations and internally displaced people (IDPs) sheltering there, have been reported. While the verification of details and casualty figures are ongoing, initial reports indicate impact to UNRWA facilities:
 - On 19 August, a section of an UNRWA school in Deir El Balah (Middle Areas) was reportedly hit by an ISF drone strike. No injuries were reported.
 - On 21 August, a section of another UNRWA school in Deir El Balah was reportedly hit by an ISF strike. Major damage to the southeastern building of the school was reported. No injuries were reported.
 - On 21 August, ISF fired one missile hitting the eastern building of an UNRWA school in Gaza City. Four Palestinians were killed, and 18 others were injured.
- **464*** 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 **74*** incidents of military use and/or interference at UNRWA premises. **190*** Agency installations have been impacted by munitions or subjected to armed actor interference through these incidents. UNRWA estimates that, in total, at least **563*** IDPs sheltering in UNRWA installations have been killed and at least **1,790*** injured since the start

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UNRWA Response

The Gaza Strip

Health

- As of 19 August, 79 medical points and 10 (out of 27²) UNRWA health centres were operational. These health centres provide primary health care, including outpatient services, non-communicable disease care, medications, vaccinations, antenatal and postnatal health care and dressings for the injured. The number of health facilities fluctuates constantly based on demand, access and security.
- On 19 August, almost 1,100 UNRWA health staff continued to work in operational health centres and medical points across the Gaza Strip, providing 14,371 medical consultations on that day.
- On 19 August, 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 635 cases in health centres and at medical points through individual consultations, awareness sessions and in support of cases of gender-based violence (GBV).
- On 19 August, medical teams provided medical care for 359 post-natal and pregnant women at high risk.
- According to the Health Cluster, UNRWA remains one of the largest health actors operating in the Gaza Strip, contributing to over half of the people reached with health services since 7 October. Between 7 October 2023 and 11 August 2024, UNRWA provided over 5.1 million medical consultations in health centres and medical points across the Gaza Strip. In addition, the Agency (in partnership with and support from other UN agencies, including UNICEF and WHO) continues to provide vaccines, with over 130,000 children vaccinated against different childhood diseases since the start of 2024 up until mid-July 2024.

² Pre-conflict UNRWA had 22 health centres, following the conflict an additional five temporary health centres have been established.

Psychosocial support (PSS)

- With the support of over 500 counsellors, UNRWA continues to provide lifesaving psychosocial support (PSS) services in Gaza, including psychosocial first aid, individual and group counselling, fatigue management sessions, recreational activities, Explosive Ordnance Risk Education (EORE) and protection cash assistance, reaching children, youth and adults.
- Since the onset of the conflict, around 700,000 IDPs, including over 450,000 children, have benefited from a total of 246,188 PSS sessions/activities. Between 6 and 18 August, a total of 14,816 IDPs, including 9,713 children, have benefited from these services. UNRWA counsellors provided 404 individual consultations and 168 group awareness sessions for caregivers. Additionally, 453 recreational activities for children were conducted and 368 explosive ordnance risk education (EORE) sessions to adults and children.
- Since the onset of the conflict, UNRWA's social work team has provided services to 146,751 IDPs, including psychological first aid, PSS, family and individual interventions, as well as case management. These efforts aim to address family issues and strengthen relationships. Furthermore, protection services were provided to 1,244 GBV survivors and 1,592 children, including 842 unaccompanied children, covering reunification, safe sheltering, medication, dignity kits and non-food items through referrals. The team also supported 17,387 persons with disabilities with PSS; 7,445 of these individuals received assistive devices and rehabilitation services. Awareness sessions on GBV, child protection, disability and special needs, and managing social and psychological stressors were conducted for 106,812 IDPs.

Food security

- To date, a total of 380,225 families (nearly 1.9 million people) have been reached with two rounds of flour and 353,354 of those families have received three rounds.
- UNRWA continues to distribute food parcels in the southern governorates. These include³ flour, rice, chickpeas, lentils, cheese, hummus and fish, and are designed to cover approximately 90 per cent of daily calorific needs. To date, nearly 1.15 million people have been reached, of whom, nearly 215,000 people have received two rounds of food parcels since the war started.
- In addition to the distribution of UNRWA food parcels, the Agency distributes food parcels on behalf of other UN organisations, reaching around 1.4 million people.

Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)

- Since October 2023, UNRWA has provided emergency WASH activities across the Gaza Strip. Main activities have included the operation and continued maintenance of water wells, desalination systems and direct provision of water through water trucking and distribution of bottled water. In addition to direct provision and improved access to water, UNRWA continues to distribute hygiene kits and maintaining hygiene at UNRWA managed shelters and sites through cleaning supplies, community based solid waste management, and vector/pest control

³ Note the composition of the food parcel may change based on food item availability.

- UNRWA continues to be one of the largest WASH actors inside the Gaza Strip. Since the beginning of the war, UNRWA has maintained and rehabilitated eight wells, reaching over 600,000 IDPs with access to water. Between June and August, UNRWA reached 50,000 IDPs with hygiene kits.
- Between 1-15 August, three water wells in Jabalia and Khan Younis were rehabilitated and made operational, and water was distributed across 101 emergency shelters, reaching nearly half a million people, only within UNRWA designated shelters. In addition to water provision, UNRWA distributed chlorine tablets to over 110 shelters to prevent water contamination and improve water quality. Another 43,000 IDPs were reached with hygiene kits, including soap, in addition to 1,320 jerry cans and 432 plastic buckets. Over 200,000 IDPs benefited from cleaning campaigns in different areas of operations. Much more hygiene supplies are needed.
- Throughout the Gaza Strip, hundreds of thousands of tons of solid waste are piling up in streets, between tents in displaced tented areas, and next to the rubble in back alleys. The collapse of solid waste management since the war began is worsening the public health crisis. Between 1 and 22 August, a total of 7,000 tons of solid waste was collected by UNRWA and transferred to temporary dumping sites.

Tweet from Philippe Lazzarini, UNRWA Commissioner General:

“Is there any humanity left? [...] Gaza is no place for children anymore. They are the first casualty of this merciless war. We cannot let the unbearable become a new norm. Enough. A ceasefire is beyond overdue.”

ENDs –



UNRWA situation and response to the escalation in the Gaza Strip

IDPs in UNRWA installations

Confirmed IDP numbers, since 7 October 2023



1,900,000*
IDPs**



At least **563** IDPs sheltering in UNRWA premises have been killed and **1,790** injured since 7 October.

UNRWA fatalities and damage to installations



209 UNRWA colleagues **killed**



464
incidents



190
UNRWA
installations
damaged

UNRWA response – Food assistance



210,920 families have received UNRWA food parcel in middle areas and southern governorates at least once since 21 Nov.

UNRWA response – Health



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

Only 10 (out of 27) UNRWA health care centres operational.

14,371 patients received healthcare in 10 (out of 27) UNRWA health care centres and UNRWA shelters.

UNRWA response – Psychosocial support



Since the onset of the conflict over 450,000 children have benefited from 246,188 psychosocial and recreational activities.

Between 6 – 18 August a total of 9,713 children benefited from psychosocial and recreational activities.



UNRWA Situation Report #131 on the situation in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank, including East Jerusalem

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

Day 322-326 of Hostilities

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Forcibly displaced man carrying a tent in Deir al-Balah, middle area, Gaza Strip, August 2024. © 2024 UNRWA Photo

1. Key points

The Gaza Strip

- Ongoing strikes by Israeli Security Forces (ISF) continue, with aerial, land and maritime bombardments across the Gaza Strip, resulting in civilian casualties, displacement and the destruction of residential structures and public infrastructure.
- According to [OCHA](#), Israeli Security Forces (ISF) have issued 16 evacuation orders in August so far, impacting approximately 12 per cent of Gaza's population (258,000 people). The latest orders in Deir al Balah have also displaced humanitarian staff from different UN agencies, NGOs, and service providers, along with their families, severely hindering their ability to deliver essential support and services. Specifically, the order issued on 25 August, impacted 15 UN and NGO premises, as well as four UN warehouses. Since October 2023, only about 11 per cent of the Gaza Strip has not been placed under evacuation orders.

- According to [UNFPA](#), the continued displacement due to fighting and frequent evacuation orders have had a devastating impact on maternal health and protection services in Gaza, with at least 17 health facilities facing operational disruptions in August. One safe space for women and girl, that provided support to those at risk of gender-based violence, has been forced closed.
- According to [WHO](#), the health system continues to be dismantled, with reduced health service availability. Only 16 out of 36 hospitals (or 44 per cent) are partially functional and 58 out of the 132 (44 per cent) primary health care facilities are functional as of 20 August.
- UNRWA remains a major actor in the health sector, providing health services across 10 primary health centres and up to 100 medical points across the Gaza Strip.
- According to the UN, at least 1.9 million people (or nine in ten people) across the Gaza Strip are internally displaced, including people who have been repeatedly displaced (some up to 10 times).
- As of 26 August, the total number of UNRWA team members killed since 7 October is **212**.
- Several challenges stand in the way of collecting much needed humanitarian supplies from the Karem Abu Salem (Kerem Shalom) crossing point in southern Gaza. These include deteriorating law and order, the war and insecurity, damaged infrastructure, fuel shortages and access restrictions. According to OCHA, between 1 and 12 August 2024, an average of only 76 humanitarian trucks entered the Gaza Strip per day. This is well below the pre-crisis average of 500 trucks per working day.
- The latest information on supplies entering Gaza can be accessed through the below link:

[Gaza Supplies and Dispatch Tracking | UNRWA](#)

The West Bank, including East Jerusalem

The West Bank, including East Jerusalem update is now once a week.

- According to [OCHA](#), between 7 October 2023 and 21 August 2024, more than 600 Palestinians have been killed in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem. This includes a total of 128 Palestinians, including 26 children, have been killed in airstrikes in the West Bank from 1 to 21 August alone. Separately, UNICEF¹ reported that 143 children have been killed in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem, since 7 October 2023 until 22 July 2024.
- Between 19 and 25 August, there were 183 recorded ISF search and arrest operations across the West Bank, including East Jerusalem. At least 113 Palestinians, including Palestine Refugees, were detained by the ISF during this period.
- During the same period, there were 10 recorded Palestinians killed, including two Palestinians who were killed in an ISF drone strike on Tulkarm Camp in northern West Bank on 22 August, during an ISF operation. Another Palestinian was killed and at least four camp residents were injured during the operation, which also caused extensive damage to camp infrastructure and rendered an estimated 21 houses uninhabitable.

¹ [Child casualties in the West Bank skyrocket in the past nine months – UNICEF](#)

- Numerous instances of Israeli settler violence were recorded during the reporting period, with two Palestinians reportedly kidnapped by armed settlers near Nab' Al'Auja in central West Bank on 23 August. On 25 August, clashes took place between settlers and Palestinians near Al Buweib in southern West Bank, after settlers reportedly threw stones and physically assaulted residents. Six Palestinians and three settlers were injured, with nine Palestinians detained by the ISF. On the same day, armed settlers reportedly attacked residents and property in Beit Furik in the northern West Bank, injuring at least one Palestinian. New Israeli settlement outposts were recorded across the West Bank, near Beit Furik, Deir Quruntul, and al Maniya.

2. Overall situation

The Gaza Strip

- According to the [Ministry of Health](#) in Gaza, and as reported by OCHA, between 7 October 2023 and 26 August 2024, at least 40,435 Palestinians were killed and 93,534 were injured.

3. Humanitarian access & protection of civilians

- UNRWA is working to verify the details of incidents reportedly affecting UNRWA premises. Further information will be provided once it becomes available.
- During the reporting period, three incidents, impacting UNRWA installations and internally displaced people (IDPs) sheltering there, have been reported. While the verification of details and casualty figures are ongoing, initial reports indicate impact to UNRWA facilities:
 - On 22 August, several ISF tanks and military personnel reportedly entered an UNRWA school in Deir El-Balah, east of Salah El Deen Road. Based on initial reports, ISF fired at persons moving in the area.
 - On 24 August, two bullets reportedly hit a container and the north-western wall of the Khan Younis Training Centre during an ISF operation in the area. Only minor damage was reported to the container with no persons injured.
 - On 25 August, bullets reportedly hit the northeast wall of the Khan Younis Training Centre. No injuries were reported.
- **464*** 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 **74*** incidents of military use and/or interference at UNRWA premises. **190*** Agency installations have been impacted by munitions or subjected to armed actor interference through these incidents. UNRWA estimates that, in total, at least **563*** IDPs sheltering in UNRWA installations have been killed and at least **1,790*** injured since the start of the war. UNRWA is verifying the number of casualties caused by incidents that impacted its installations.

**Since the start of the war, latest figures are continuously under review as UNRWA gains access to locations that were previously inaccessible and as further verification occur. Total summary figures will be published once further verification has been conducted, noting that these numbers are subject to change once verifications have been conducted.*

UNRWA Response

The Gaza Strip

Health

- As of 25 August, 80 medical points and 10 (out of 27²) UNRWA health centres were operational. These health centres provide primary health care, including outpatient services, non-communicable disease care, medications, vaccinations, antenatal and postnatal health care and dressings for the injured. The number of health facilities fluctuates constantly based on demand, access and security.
- On 25 August, almost 1,100 UNRWA health staff continued to work in operational health centres and medical points across the Gaza Strip, providing 14,953 medical consultations on that day.
- On 25 August, 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 543 cases in health centres and at medical points through individual consultations, awareness sessions and in support of cases of gender-based violence (GBV).
- On 25 August, medical teams provided medical care for 394 post-natal and pregnant women at high risk.
- According to the Health Cluster, UNRWA remains one of the largest health actors operating in the Gaza Strip, contributing to over half of the people reached with health services since 7 October 2023. Between 7 October 2023 and 18 August 2024, UNRWA provided over 5.2 million medical consultations in health centres and medical points across the Gaza Strip. In addition, the Agency (in partnership with and support from other UN agencies, including UNICEF and WHO) continues to provide vaccines, with over 130,000 children vaccinated against different childhood diseases since the start of 2024 up until mid-July 2024.

Psychosocial support (PSS)

- With the support of over 500 counsellors, UNRWA continues to provide lifesaving psychosocial support (PSS) services in Gaza, including psychosocial first aid, individual and group counselling, fatigue management sessions, recreational activities, Explosive Ordnance Risk Education (EORE) and protection cash assistance, reaching children, youth and adults.
- More than 600,000 children have been out of school since the beginning of the war. As of 1 August, UNRWA has begun to roll out its first phase response across up to 45 UNRWA schools now turned shelters³ by expanding ongoing psychosocial support activities, focusing on arts, music and sports and raising awareness on the risks of explosive ordnance. UNRWA remains the largest provider of Education in Emergencies across the Gaza Strip. Prior to the launch, a

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³ Phase 1 will aim to reach 45 schools/shelters and back to learning will gradually expand to 94 schools in future phases.

specialized training was held from 29 to 31 July to help teachers in Gaza cope with stress and enhance their capacity to provide activities to children. The training involved 998 teachers from all areas and equipped them with self-care skills, psychosocial support techniques, and knowledge on preventing risks from war remnants. The training was conducted by counsellors and assistant counsellors and supervised by mental health specialists.

- Since the onset of the conflict, around 700,000 IDPs, including over 450,000 children, have benefited from a total of 246,188 PSS sessions/activities to date. Between 6 and 18 August, a total of 14,816 IDPs, including 9,713 children, have benefited from these services. During the same period UNRWA counsellors provided 404 individual consultations and 168 group awareness sessions for caregivers. Additionally, 453 recreational activities for children were conducted and 368 explosive ordinance risk education (EORE) sessions to adults and children.
- Since the onset of the conflict, UNRWA's social work team has provided services to 157,437⁴ IDPs, including psychological first aid, PSS, family and individual interventions, as well as case management. These efforts aim to address family issues and strengthen relationships. Furthermore, protection services were provided to 1,332 GBV survivors and 1,795 children, including 875 unaccompanied children, covering reunification, safe sheltering, medication, dignity kits and non-food items through referrals. The team also supported 17,996 persons with disabilities with PSS; 7,445 of these individuals received assistive devices and rehabilitation services. Awareness sessions on GBV, child protection, disability and special needs, and managing social and psychological stressors were conducted for 107,485 IDPs.

Food security

- To date, a total of 380,225 families (nearly 1.9 million people) have been reached with two rounds of flour and 353,354 of those families have received three rounds.
- UNRWA continues to distribute food parcels in the southern governorates. These include⁵ flour, rice, chickpeas, lentils, cheese, hummus and fish, and are designed to cover approximately 90 per cent of daily calorific needs. To date, nearly 1.15 million people have been reached, of whom, nearly 215,000 people have received two rounds of food parcels since the war started.
- In addition to the distribution of UNRWA food parcels, the Agency distributes food parcels on behalf of other UN organizations, reaching around 1.4 million people.

Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)

- Since October 2023, UNRWA has provided emergency WASH activities across the Gaza Strip. Main activities have included the operation and continued maintenance of water wells, desalination systems and direct provision of water through water trucking and distribution of bottled water. In addition to direct provision and improved access to water, UNRWA continues to distribute hygiene kits and maintain hygiene at UNRWA managed shelters and sites through cleaning supplies, community based solid waste management, and vector/pest control.

⁴ Results from 7 October – 25 August.

⁵ Note the composition of the food parcel may change based on food item availability.

- UNRWA continues to be one of the largest WASH actors in the Gaza Strip. Since the beginning of the war, UNRWA has maintained and rehabilitated eight wells, reaching over 600,000 IDPs with access to water. Between June and August, UNRWA reached 50,000 IDPs with hygiene kits.
- Between 1-15 August, three water wells in Jabalia and Khan Younis were rehabilitated and made operational, and water was distributed across 101 emergency shelters, reaching nearly half a million people. In addition to water provision, UNRWA distributed chlorine tablets to over 110 shelters to prevent water contamination and improve water quality. Another 43,000 IDPs were reached with hygiene kits, including soap, in addition to 1,320 jerry cans and 432 plastic buckets. Over 200,000 IDPs benefited from cleaning campaigns in different areas of operations. Many more hygiene supplies are needed.
- Throughout the Gaza Strip, hundreds of thousands of tons of solid waste are piling up in streets, between tents in displaced tented areas, and next to the rubble in back alleys. The collapse of solid waste management since the war began is worsening the public health crisis. Between 1 and 22 August, a total of 7,000 tons of solid waste was collected by UNRWA and transferred to temporary dumping sites.

Quote from a girl currently displaced in an UNRWA school in the Gaza Strip:

“I used to love school a lot, but now I don’t like it because of the displacement. Tents, sewage. It’s disgusting. My brothers are so cramped that they sleep outside the classroom. And we are like sardines, all squished together.”

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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



1,900,000*
IDPs**



At least 563 IDPs sheltering in UNRWA premises have been killed and 1,790 injured since 7 October.

UNRWA fatalities and damage to installations



212 UNRWA colleagues killed



464 incidents



190 UNRWA installations damaged

UNRWA response – Food assistance



c.215,000 families have received UNRWA food parcel in middle areas and southern governorates at least once since 21 Nov.

UNRWA response – Health



Partial update on 25 August due to security and internet connectivity issues

Only 10 (out of 27) UNRWA health care centres operational.

14,953 patients received healthcare in 10 (out of 27) UNRWA health care centres and UNRWA shelters.

UNRWA response – Psychosocial support



Since the onset of the conflict over 450,000 children have benefited from 246,188 psychosocial and recreational activities.

Between 6 – 18 August a total of 9,713 children benefited from psychosocial and recreational activities.

UNRWA Situation Report #132 on the situation in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank, including East Jerusalem



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Day 327-328 of Hostilities

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Recreational and psychosocial support activities organized by UNRWA in Nuseirat, middle area, Gaza Strip, August 2024. © 2024 UNRWA Photo

1. Key points

The Gaza Strip

- Ongoing strikes by Israeli Security Forces (ISF) continue, with aerial, land and maritime bombardments across the Gaza Strip, resulting in civilian casualties, displacement and the destruction of residential structures and public infrastructure.
- According to [MSF](#), evacuation orders by the Israel military continue to compress people into smaller and smaller areas along the increasingly cramped coastal area of Deir Al-Balah and Khan Younis in the Gaza Strip. Living conditions are continuing to deteriorate. People displaced in Khan Younis are without proper access to food, water and essential services.
- According to the UN, at least 1.9 million people (or nine in ten people) across the Gaza Strip are internally displaced, including people who have been repeatedly displaced (some, up to 10 times).

- On 28 August, the [World Food Programme \(WFP\)](#) temporarily suspended staff movement across Gaza following shooting at a WFP vehicle. Despite being clearly marked and receiving multiple clearances by the Israeli authorities to approach, the vehicle was directly hit by gunfire as it was moving towards an Israeli military checkpoint.
- Several challenges stand in the way of collecting much needed humanitarian supplies from the Karem Abu Salem (Kerem Shalom) crossing point in southern Gaza. These include deteriorating law and order, war and insecurity, damaged infrastructure, fuel shortages and access restrictions. According to OCHA, between 1 and 25 August 2024, an average of only 69 humanitarian trucks entered the Gaza Strip per day. This is well below the pre-crisis average of 500 trucks per working day.
- According to several [INGOs](#) one of the most significant obstacles to bringing in aid supplies continues to be the delays imposed by the Israeli authorities in approving cargo to enter Gaza. Food and essential medical supplies are at risk of expiring before they can be approved for entry, while fresh produce continues to be denied entry at key crossings, and meat on cold chain trucks is held up pending approval. A substantial amount of aid remains in Egypt, unable to enter Gaza, with very little humanitarian supplies entering following the May 2024 Israeli military offensive in Rafah.
- The latest information on supplies entering Gaza can be accessed through the below link:

[Gaza Supplies and Dispatch Tracking | UNRWA](#)

- As of 29 August, the total number of UNRWA team members killed since 7 October is **212**.

The West Bank, including East Jerusalem

The West Bank, including East Jerusalem update is now once a week.

- According to [OCHA](#), between 7 October 2023 and 26 August 2024, 622 Palestinians have been killed in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem. Separately, UNICEF confirmed that over 150 children have been killed in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem, during the period, 7 October 2023 to 22 July 2024.
- A large-scale ISF operation started on 27 August across the northern West Bank, in Jenin, Tubas, Tulkarm and Qalqiliya governorates. As of 28 August, 14 Palestinians were reported killed and at least another 30 were injured. At least eight of those killed were a result of ISF airstrikes, which were reported in El Far'a Camp, Nur Shams Camp and Sir village in the early morning of 28 August. The extensive use of armoured bulldozers and heavy machinery by the ISF was recorded in Jenin Camp and city, Tulkarm city and El Far'a Camp, resulting in the destruction of infrastructure, including water, sewerage, electricity and roads. UNRWA installations in the impacted areas remained closed during this period due to the ongoing security situation.

2. Overall situation

The Gaza Strip

- According to the [Ministry of Health](#) in Gaza, and as reported by OCHA, between 7 October 2023 and 26 August 2024, at least 40,435 Palestinians were killed and 93,534 injured.

3. Humanitarian access & protection of civilians

- UNRWA is working to verify the details of incidents reportedly that affect UNRWA premises. Further information will be provided once it becomes available.
- During the reporting period, no incidents impacting UNRWA installations and internally displaced people (IDPs) sheltering there were reported. The verification of details and casualty figures are ongoing.
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UNRWA Response

The Gaza Strip

Health

- As of 25 August, 80 medical points and 10 (out of 27¹) UNRWA health centres were operational. These health centres provide primary health care, including outpatient services, non-communicable disease care, medications, vaccinations, antenatal and postnatal health care and dressings for the injured. The number of operational health facilities fluctuates constantly based on demand, access and security.
- On 25 August, almost 1,100 UNRWA health staff continued to work in health centres and medical points across the Gaza Strip, providing 14,953 medical consultations on that day.

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- On 25 August, 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 543 cases in health centres and at medical points through individual consultations, awareness sessions and to address cases of gender-based violence (GBV).
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Psychosocial support (PSS)

- With the support of over 500 counsellors, UNRWA continues to provide lifesaving psychosocial support (PSS) services in Gaza, including psychosocial first aid, individual and group counselling, fatigue management sessions, recreational activities, Explosive Ordnance Risk Education (EORE) and protection cash assistance, reaching children, youth and adults.
- More than 600,000 children have been out of school since the beginning of the war. On 1 August 2024, UNRWA began to roll out its first phase response across up to 45 UNRWA schools now turned shelters² by expanding ongoing psychosocial support activities, focusing on arts, music and sports and raising awareness on the risks of explosive ordnance. UNRWA remains the largest provider of Education in Emergencies across the Gaza Strip. Prior to its first phase response across 45 UNRWA schools a specialized training was held from 29 to 31 July to help teachers in Gaza cope with stress and enhance their capacity to provide activities to children. The training involved 998 teachers from all areas and equipped them with self-care skills, psychosocial support techniques, and knowledge on preventing harm caused by the remnants of war. The training was conducted by counsellors and assistant counsellors and supervised by mental health specialists.
- Since the onset of the conflict, around 700,000 IDPs, including over 450,000 children, have benefited from a total of 246,188 PSS sessions/activities. Between 6 and 18 August, a total of 14,816 IDPs, including 9,713 children benefited from these services. During the same period UNRWA counsellors provided 404 individual consultations and 168 group awareness sessions for caregivers. Additionally, UNRWA extended 453 recreational activities for children and 368 explosive ordnance risk education (EORE) sessions for adults and children.
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Furthermore, protection services were provided to 1,332 GBV survivors and 1,795 children, including 875 unaccompanied children, covering reunification, safe sheltering, medication, dignity kits and non-food items through referrals. The team also supported 17,996 persons with disabilities with PSS; 7,445 of these individuals received assistive devices and rehabilitation services. Awareness sessions on GBV, child protection, disability and special needs, and managing social and psychological stressors were conducted for 107,485 IDPs.

Food security

- To date, a total of 380,225 families (nearly 1.9 million people) have been reached with two rounds of flour; 353,354 of those families have received three rounds.
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Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)

- Since October 2023, UNRWA has provided emergency WASH activities across the Gaza Strip. Main activities include the operation and continued maintenance of water wells, desalination systems and the direct provision of water through water trucking and the distribution of bottled water. In addition, UNRWA continues to distribute hygiene kits and maintain hygiene in UNRWA shelters and sites through the provision of cleaning supplies, community based solid waste management, and pest control.
- UNRWA continues to be one of the largest WASH actors in the Gaza Strip. Since the beginning of the war, the Agency has maintained and rehabilitated eight wells, reaching over 600,000 IDPs with access to water. Between June and August, UNRWA reached 50,000 IDPs with hygiene kits.
- Between 1-15 August, three water wells in Jabalia and Khan Younis were rehabilitated and made operational, and water was distributed across 101 emergency shelters, reaching nearly half a million people. In addition, UNRWA distributed chlorine tablets to over 110 shelters to prevent water contamination and improve water quality. Another 43,000 IDPs were reached with hygiene kits, including soap, in addition to 1,320 jerry cans and 432 buckets. Over 200,000 IDPs benefited from cleaning campaigns in different areas. Many more hygiene supplies are needed.
- Throughout the Gaza Strip, hundreds of thousands of tons of solid waste are piling up in streets, between tents in displaced tented areas, and next to the rubble in back alleys. The collapse of solid waste management since the war began is worsening the public health crisis. Between 1 and 22 August, a total of 7,000 tons of solid waste was collected by UNRWA and transferred to temporary dumping sites.

⁴ Note the composition of the food parcel may change based on food item availability.

Quote from Juliette Touma, UNRWA Director of Communications:

“Polio is vicious. It can spread very quickly. It doesn’t know any borders or front lines, and it doesn’t need a visa.”

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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



1,900,000*
IDPs**



At least **563** IDPs sheltering in UNRWA premises have been killed and **1,790** injured since 7 October.

UNRWA fatalities and damage to installations



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464
incidents



190
UNRWA
installations
damaged

UNRWA response – Food assistance



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UNRWA response – Health



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UNRWA response – Psychosocial support



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Between 6 – 18 August a total of 9,713 children benefited from psychosocial and recreational activities.

UNRWA Situation Report #133 on the situation in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank, including East Jerusalem



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UNRWA health staff gives the polio vaccine to a girl in Deir Al-Balah, middle area, Gaza Strip, 1 September 2024. © 2024 UNRWA Photo

1. Key points

The Gaza Strip

- Ongoing strikes by Israeli Security Forces (ISF) continue, with aerial, land and maritime bombardments across the Gaza Strip, resulting in civilian casualties, displacement and the destruction of residential structures and public infrastructure.
- The UNRWA Commissioner-General posted on his [official 'X'](#) account that the first phase of the polio campaign kicked off on 1 September 2024. UNRWA, WHO and UNICEF are mobilising teams to reach over 600,000 children under the age of 10 across the Gaza Strip.
- Humanitarian pauses across specific areas of the Gaza Strip have enabled the first round of the emergency polio vaccination campaign. Between 1 - 2 September, nearly 159,000 children were reached, according to World Health Organization and the Health Cluster. The

Polio vaccination campaign will be done in phases, focusing on one zone at a time - starting in the middle area, shifting to the south, and finally to the northern governorates.

- According to the [Housing, Land and Property \(HLP\) Technical Working Group \(TWG\)](#), at least 370,000 housing units in Gaza have been damaged, including 79,000 destroyed completely. The cost of damage to critical infrastructure in Gaza is estimated at around US\$ 18.5 billion, 72 per cent of which is the cost of damage to the housing sector, 19 per cent to public services infrastructure, such as water, health and education, and 9 per cent to commercial and industrial buildings.
- According to the UN, at least 1.9 million people (or nine in ten people) across the Gaza Strip are internally displaced, including people who have been repeatedly displaced (some, up to 10 times or more).

Several challenges stand in the way of collecting much needed humanitarian supplies from the Karem Abu Salem (Kerem Shalom) crossing point in southern Gaza. These include deteriorating law and order, war and insecurity, damaged infrastructure, fuel shortages and access restrictions. According to OCHA, between 1 and 25 August 2024, an average of only 69 humanitarian trucks entered the Gaza Strip per day. This is well below the pre-crisis average of 500 trucks per working day. According to [WFP](#), it needs all crossings into Gaza to be fully operational to bring in sufficient aid. Although some border crossings in Gaza are partially operational, they function at limited capacity, restricting the amount of food entering and failing to meet the needs.

- The latest information on supplies entering Gaza can be accessed through the below link:

[Gaza Supplies and Dispatch Tracking | UNRWA](#)

- As of 2 September, the total number of UNRWA team members killed since 7 October is **213**.

The West Bank, including East Jerusalem

The West Bank, including East Jerusalem update is now once a week.

- According to [OCHA](#), between 7 October 2023 and 26 August 2024, 622 Palestinians have been killed in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem. Separately, UNICEF confirmed that over 150 children have been killed in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem, during the period, 7 October 2023 to 22 July 2024.
- The large-scale ISF operation which started on 27 August in the northern West Bank governorates of Jenin, Tubas, Tulkarm, and Qalqiliya continued through the reporting period. On 29 August, the ISF withdrew from Tulkarm and Tubas, and the focus of ISF activity became the Jenin refugee camp and city. In total, 29 Palestinians were killed and more than 50 were injured until 1 September. As of 1 September, Jenin Camp was under curfew, and residents were largely cut off from services including basic supplies such as food, medicine, and other essentials. Extensive damage, including destruction of property and bulldozing of roads, was reported across Jenin and the other impacted areas in the northern West Bank.

- Two attacks on Israeli settlements in the southern West Bank purportedly took place overnight on 30-31 August, which included live fire and car bombs deployed by Palestinian assailants who were later shot dead by the ISF. At least four Israelis, among them ISF and settlement security, were reported injured. On 1 September, three Israeli Border Police personnel were killed when an armed Palestinian opened fire at them from a vehicle at Tarqumiya checkpoint south of Hebron. The Palestinian assailant was killed in a subsequent ISF operation, which also saw movement in Hebron and Bethlehem governorates highly restricted.

2. Overall situation

The Gaza Strip

- According to the [Ministry of Health](#) in Gaza, and as reported by OCHA, between 7 October 2023 and 2 September 2024, at least 40,786 Palestinians were reported killed and 94,224 injured.

3. Humanitarian access & protection of civilians

- UNRWA is working to verify the details of incidents that reportedly impact UNRWA premises. Further information will be provided once it becomes available.
- During the reporting period, one incident impacting UNRWA installations and internally displaced people (IDPs) sheltering there were reported. The verification of details and casualty figures are ongoing.
- On 1 September 2024, an UNRWA Distribution Center in Gaza City reportedly sustained minor damage due to an ISF strike hitting a nearby building in Gaza City. No injuries were reported.
- **464*** 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 **74*** incidents of military use and/or interference at UNRWA premises. **190*** Agency installations have been impacted by munitions or subjected to armed actor interference through these incidents. UNRWA estimates that, in total, at least **563*** IDPs sheltering in UNRWA installations have been killed and at least **1,790*** injured since the start of the war. UNRWA is verifying the number of casualties caused by these incidents.

**Since the start of the war, the latest figures are continuously under review as UNRWA gains access to locations that were previously inaccessible and as further verifications occur. Total summary figures will be published as information becomes known, noting that these numbers are subject to change once verifications are conducted.*

UNRWA Response

The Gaza Strip

Health

- UNRWA, as part of the national polio campaign, has provided health training to 184 practical nurses, 189 registrars, 972 social mobilizers and 96 permanent staff. In addition, disseminating health messages about the vaccines has started at health facilities and medical points.
- As of 27 August, 81 medical points and 10 (out of 27¹) UNRWA health centres were operational. The health facilities provide primary health care, including outpatient services, non-communicable disease care, medications, vaccinations, antenatal and postnatal health care and dressings for the injured. The number of operational health facilities fluctuates constantly based on demand, access and security.
- On 27 August, almost 1,100 UNRWA health staff continued to work in health centres and medical points across the Gaza Strip, providing 13,814 medical consultations on that day.
- On 27 August, 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 593 cases in health centres and at medical points through individual consultations, awareness sessions and to address cases of gender-based violence (GBV).
- On 27 August, medical teams provided medical care for 370 post-natal and pregnant women at high risk.
- According to the Health Cluster, UNRWA remains one of the largest health actors operating in the Gaza Strip, contributing to over half of the people reached with health services since 7 October 2023. Between 7 October 2023 and 18 August 2024, UNRWA provided over 5.2 million medical consultations across the Gaza Strip. In addition, the Agency (in partnership with and support from other UN agencies, including UNICEF and WHO) continues to provide vaccines, with over 130,000 children vaccinated against different childhood diseases since the start of 2024 through mid-July.

Psychosocial support (PSS)

- With the support of over 500 counsellors, UNRWA continues to provide lifesaving psychosocial support (PSS) services in Gaza, including psychosocial first aid, individual and group counselling, fatigue management sessions, recreational activities, Explosive Ordnance Risk Education (EORE) and protection cash assistance, reaching children, youth and adults.
- More than 600,000 children have been out of school since the beginning of the war. On 1 August 2024, UNRWA began to roll out its first phase response of back to learning with a focus

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on mental health activities. This is taking place in up to 45 UNRWA schools now turned shelters² by expanding ongoing psychosocial support activities, focusing on arts, music and sports and raising awareness on the risks of explosive ordnance. UNRWA remains the largest provider of Education in Emergencies across the Gaza Strip. Prior to its first phase response across 45 UNRWA schools, a specialized training was held from 29 to 31 July to help teachers in Gaza cope with stress and enhance their capacity to provide activities to children. The training involved 998 teachers from all areas and equipped them with self-care skills, psychosocial support techniques, and knowledge on preventing harm caused by the remnants of war. The training was conducted by counsellors and assistant counsellors and supervised by mental health specialists.

- Since the onset of the conflict, around 700,000 IDPs, including over 450,000 children, have benefited from a total of 246,188 PSS sessions/activities. Between 6 and 18 August, a total of 14,816 IDPs, including 9,713 children benefited from these services. During the same period UNRWA counsellors provided 404 individual consultations and 168 group awareness sessions for caregivers. Additionally, UNRWA extended 453 recreational activities for children and 368 explosive ordnance risk education (EORE) sessions for adults and children.
- Since the onset of the conflict, UNRWA's social work team has provided services to 163,612³ IDPs, including psychological first aid, PSS, family and individual interventions, as well as case management. These efforts aim to address family issues and strengthen relationships. Furthermore, protection services were provided to 1,353 GBV survivors and 2,101 children, including 1,130 unaccompanied children, covering reunification, safe sheltering, medication, dignity kits and non-food items through referrals. The team also supported 18,330 persons with disabilities with PSS; 7,445 of these individuals received assistive devices and rehabilitation services. Awareness sessions on GBV, child protection, disability and special needs, and managing social and psychological stressors were conducted for 109,655 IDPs.

Food security

- To date, a total of 380,236 families (nearly 1.9 million people) have been reached with two rounds of flour; 353,354 of those families have received three rounds.
- UNRWA continues to distribute food parcels in the southern governorates. These include⁴ flour, rice, chickpeas, lentils, cheese, hummus and fish, and are designed to cover approximately 90 per cent of daily calorific needs per quarter. To date, nearly 1.15 million people have been reached, of whom, nearly 215,000 people have received two rounds of food parcels since the war started.
- In addition to the distribution of UNRWA food parcels, the Agency distributes food parcels on behalf of other UN organizations, reaching around 1.4 million people.

Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)

- Since October 2023, UNRWA has provided emergency WASH activities across the Gaza Strip. Main activities include the operation and continued maintenance of water wells, desalination

²Initially reaching 45 schools/shelters, back to learning will gradually expand to 94 schools in future phases.

³ Results from 7 October – 1 September.

⁴ Note the composition of the food parcel may change based on food item availability.

systems and the direct provision of water through water trucking and the distribution of bottled water. In addition, UNRWA continues to distribute hygiene kits and maintain hygiene in UNRWA shelters and sites through the provision of cleaning supplies, community based solid waste management, and pest control.

- UNRWA continues to be one of the largest WASH actors in the Gaza Strip. Since the beginning of the war, the Agency has maintained and rehabilitated eight wells, reaching over 600,000 IDPs with access to water. Between June and August, UNRWA reached 50,000 IDPs with hygiene kits.
- Between 1-15 August, three water wells in Jabalia and Khan Younis were rehabilitated and made operational, and water was distributed across 101 emergency shelters, reaching nearly half a million people. In addition, UNRWA distributed chlorine tablets to over 110 shelters to prevent water contamination and improve water quality. Another 43,000 IDPs were reached with hygiene kits, including soap, in addition to 1,320 jerry cans and 432 buckets. Over 200,000 IDPs benefited from cleaning campaigns in different areas. Many more hygiene supplies are needed.
- Throughout the Gaza Strip, hundreds of thousands of tons of solid waste are piling up in streets, between tents in displaced tented areas, and next to the rubble in back alleys. The collapse of solid waste management since the war began is worsening the public health crisis. Between 1 and 22 August, a total of 7,000 tons of solid waste was collected by UNRWA and transferred to temporary dumping sites.

Quote from Sam Rose, Senior Deputy Director of UNRWA Affairs in Gaza:

“I want to pay tribute to all the staff who have been involved in it [the polio vaccination campaign], all the health professionals working day and night to make the first date of the campaign off to a success.”

ENDs –



UNRWA situation and response to the escalation in the Gaza Strip

IDPs in UNRWA installations

Confirmed IDP numbers, since 7 October 2023



1,900,000*
IDPs**



At least **563** IDPs sheltering in UNRWA premises have been killed and **1,790** injured since 7 October.

UNRWA fatalities and damage to installations



213 UNRWA colleagues **killed**



464
incidents



190
UNRWA
installations
damaged

UNRWA response – Food assistance



c.215,000 families have received an UNRWA food parcel in middle areas and southern governorates at least once since 21 Nov.

UNRWA response – Health



Partial update on 27 August due to security and internet connectivity issues

Only 10 (out of 27) UNRWA health care centres operational.

13,814 patients received healthcare in 10 (out of 27) UNRWA health care centres and UNRWA shelters.

UNRWA response – Psychosocial support



Since the onset of the conflict over 450,000 children have benefited from 246,188 psychosocial and recreational activities.

Between 6 – 18 August a total of 9,713 children benefited from psychosocial and recreational activities.



UNRWA Situation Report #134 on the situation in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank, including East Jerusalem

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UNRWA teams vaccinate children in Khan Younis as the polio vaccination campaign moves to Gaza's southern areas, 5 September 2024.

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1. Key points

The Gaza Strip

- Ongoing strikes by Israeli Security Forces (ISF) continue, with aerial, land and maritime bombardments across the Gaza Strip, resulting in civilian casualties, displacement and the destruction of residential structures and public infrastructure.
- On 3 September [ACAPS](#) released a thematic report on the impact of the conflict on mental health and psychosocial support needs in Gaza. The report highlighted that since October 2023, the 2.1 million Palestinians living in Gaza have witnessed or experienced an unprecedented number of violent and traumatic events, including direct violence, repeated displacement, and the loss of loved ones, homes, and belongings. Such experiences have increased anxiety, depression, and other mental health and psychosocial problems. Extensive destruction of the healthcare system prevents even basic treatment of these conditions in the immediate and long term.

- Humanitarian pauses across specific areas of the Gaza Strip have enabled the first round of the emergency polio vaccination campaign. Between 1 - 3 September, nearly 187,000 children were reached, according to [World Health Organisation](#) and the Health Cluster. The Polio vaccination campaign will be done in phases, focusing on one zone at a time - starting in the middle area, shifting to the south, and finally to the northern governorates. Vaccination coverage in the first phase exceeded the initial estimated target of 157, 000 children, due to population movement towards central Gaza, and expanded coverage in areas outside the humanitarian pause zone. To ensure no child is missed in this area, polio vaccination will continue at four large health facilities in the middle area of Gaza over the next few days. Vaccine doses have been supplied to these sites to meet additional needs.
- Both [Food Security and Nutrition Clusters](#) continue to experience access challenges; in August more than 1 million people did not receive any food rations in southern and central Gaza. Continuous displacement is disrupting access to nutrition sites and distribution cycles, hindering the humanitarian partners' ability to maintain consistent service delivery.
- According to the UN, at least 1.9 million people (or nine in ten people) across the Gaza Strip are internally displaced, including people who have been repeatedly displaced (some, up to 10 times or more).
- Several challenges stand in the way of collecting much needed humanitarian supplies from the Karem Abu Salem (Kerem Shalom) crossing point in southern Gaza. These include deteriorating law and order, war and insecurity, damaged infrastructure, fuel shortages and access restrictions. According to [OCHA](#), between 1 and 31 August 2024, an average of only 69 humanitarian trucks entered the Gaza Strip per day. This is well below the pre-crisis average of 500 trucks per working day. According to the Food Security Cluster, Nutrition Cluster, Health Cluster and Shelter Cluster, persistent challenges in bringing aid into Gaza are causing significant shortages in critical humanitarian goods such as medicines, food, and nutrition supplies.
- The latest information on supplies entering Gaza can be accessed through the below link:

[Gaza Supplies and Dispatch Tracking | UNRWA](#)

- As of 4 September, the total number of UNRWA team members killed since 7 October is **213**.

The West Bank, including East Jerusalem

The West Bank, including East Jerusalem update is now once a week.

- According to [OCHA](#), between 7 October 2023 and 2 September 2024, 652 Palestinians have been killed in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem. Separately, UNICEF confirmed that over 150 children have been killed in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem, during the period, 7 October 2023 to 22 July 2024.

2. Overall situation

The Gaza Strip

- According to the [Ministry of Health](#) in Gaza, and as reported by OCHA, between 7 October 2023 and 4 September 2024, at least 40,861 Palestinians were reported killed and 94,224 injured.

3. Humanitarian access & protection of civilians

- UNRWA is working to verify the details of incidents that reportedly impact UNRWA premises. Further information will be provided once it becomes available.
- During the reporting period, no incidents impacting UNRWA installations and internally displaced people (IDPs) sheltering there was reported. The verification of details and any casualty figures are ongoing.
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UNRWA Response

The Gaza Strip

Health

- UNRWA, as part of the national polio campaign, has provided health training to 440 nurses and 440 registrars. In addition, disseminating health messages about the vaccines has started at health facilities and medical points.
- As of 31 August, 80 medical points and 10 (out of 27¹) UNRWA health centres were operational. The health facilities provide primary health care, including outpatient services, non-communicable disease care, medications, vaccinations, antenatal and postnatal health

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care and dressings for the injured. The number of operational health facilities fluctuates constantly based on demand, access and security.

- On 31 August, almost 1,100 UNRWA health staff continued to work in health centres and medical points across the Gaza Strip, providing 14,900 medical consultations on that day.
- On 31 August, 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 489 cases in health centres and at medical points through individual consultations, awareness sessions and to address cases of gender-based violence (GBV).
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- According to the Health Cluster, UNRWA remains one of the largest health actors operating in the Gaza Strip, contributing to over half of the people reached with health services since 7 October 2023. Between 7 October 2023 and 18 August 2024, UNRWA provided over 5.2 million medical consultations across the Gaza Strip. In addition, the Agency (in partnership with and support from other UN agencies, including UNICEF and WHO) continues to provide vaccines, with over 130,000 children vaccinated against different childhood diseases since the start of 2024 through mid-July.

Psychosocial support (PSS)

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- More than 600,000 children have been out of school since the beginning of the war. On 1 August 2024, UNRWA began to roll out its first phase response of 'back to learning' with a focus on mental health activities. This is taking place in up to 45 UNRWA schools now turned shelters² by expanding ongoing psychosocial support activities, focusing on arts, music and sports and raising awareness on the risks of explosive ordnance. UNRWA remains the largest provider of Education in Emergencies across the Gaza Strip. Prior to its first phase response across 45 UNRWA schools, a specialized training was held from 29 to 31 July to help teachers in Gaza cope with stress and enhance their capacity to provide activities to children. The training involved 998 teachers from all areas and equipped them with self-care skills, psychosocial support techniques and knowledge on preventing harm caused by the remnants of war. The training was conducted by counsellors and assistant counsellors and supervised by mental health specialists.
- Since the onset of the conflict, around 700,000 IDPs, including over 450,000 children, have benefited from a total of 246,188 PSS sessions/activities. Between 6 and 18 August, a total of 14,816 IDPs, including 9,713 children benefited from these services. During the same period UNRWA counsellors provided 404 individual consultations and 168 group awareness sessions

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- In addition to the distribution of UNRWA food parcels, the Agency distributes food parcels on behalf of other UN organizations, reaching around 1.4 million people.

Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)

- Since October 2023, UNRWA has provided emergency WASH activities across the Gaza Strip. Main activities include the operation and continued maintenance of water wells, desalination systems and the direct provision of water through water trucking and the distribution of bottled water. In addition, UNRWA continues to distribute hygiene kits and maintain hygiene in UNRWA shelters and sites through the provision of cleaning supplies, community based solid waste management, and pest control.
- UNRWA continues to be one of the largest WASH actors in the Gaza Strip. Since the beginning of the war, the Agency has maintained and rehabilitated eight wells, reaching over 600,000 IDPs with access to water. Between June and August, UNRWA reached 50,000 IDPs with hygiene kits.
- Between 1-15 August, three water wells in Jabalia and Khan Younis were rehabilitated and made operational, and water was distributed across 101 emergency shelters, reaching nearly half a million people. In addition, UNRWA distributed chlorine tablets to over 110 shelters to prevent water contamination and improve water quality. Another 43,000 IDPs were reached with hygiene kits, including soap, in addition to 1,320 jerry cans and 432 buckets. Over

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200,000 IDPs benefited from cleaning campaigns in different areas. Many more hygiene supplies are needed.

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Quote from Louise Wateridge, UNRWA Spokesperson in Gaza:

- **“The reality is that these vaccinations are happening in the middle of a war zone, while many other diseases, such as Hepatitis A, are spreading. [...] So while we’re doing everything we can to vaccinate for one disease, the inhumane conditions that are causing and spreading these diseases continue.”**

ENDs –



UNRWA situation and response to the escalation in the Gaza Strip

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190
UNRWA
installations
damaged

UNRWA response – Food assistance



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UNRWA response – Health



Partial update on 31 August due to security and internet connectivity issues

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14,900 patients received healthcare in 10 (out of 27) UNRWA health care centres and UNRWA shelters.

UNRWA response – Psychosocial support



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Between 6 – 18 August a total of 9,713 children benefited from psychosocial and recreational activities.



UNRWA Situation Report #135 on the situation in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank, including East Jerusalem

All information from 6-10 September 2024, is valid as of 10 September 2024 at 22:30 (local time)

Day 337-341 of Hostilities

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UNRWA social workers visit communities to provide information on the benefits of the polio vaccine, Gaza southern areas, 5 September 2024. © 2024 UNRWA Photo

1. Key points

The Gaza Strip

- Ongoing strikes by Israeli Security Forces (ISF) continue, with aerial, land and maritime bombardments across the Gaza Strip, resulting in civilian casualties, displacement and the destruction of residential structures and public infrastructure.
- [UNRWA Commissioner-General](#) posted a statement on his official X account that on 10 September, the Israeli Security Forces (ISF) stopped a UN convoy on its way to northern Gaza for more than eight hours despite prior detailed coordination. The convoy had both national and international staff traveling to roll out the polio vaccination campaign for children in Gaza city and northern Gaza. The convoy was stopped at gun point just after the Wadi Gaza checkpoint with threats to detain UN staff. Heavy damage was caused by bulldozers to the UN armoured vehicles. All staff and convoy are now released and back safely in the UN base. Due to this incident, we are not able to confirm whether the polio campaign will take place on Tuesday in northern Gaza. This significant incident is the latest in a series of violations

against UN staff including shootings at convoys and arrests by the Israeli Armed Forces at checkpoints despite prior notification. UN Staff must be allowed to undertake their duties in safety and be protected at all times in accordance with international humanitarian law.

- According to [OCHA](#) humanitarian access remains severely hindered, as the denial of missions by the Israeli authorities within Gaza almost doubled in August, compared with July (105 vs. 53). In southern Gaza, despite an overall increase in planned humanitarian missions submitted to the Israeli authorities to facilitate, from 543 in July to 603 in August, the number of facilitated missions in southern Gaza dropped by 28 per cent, from 250 in July to 179 in August. In northern Gaza, the number of facilitated aid missions increased by 10 per cent, from 67 to 74. However, the number of missions denied access rose by 140 per cent, from 30 to 72. These trends have severely disrupted the delivery of life-saving assistance, including water, sanitation, and hygiene services, health care, and fuel urgently needed for the operation of health facilities.
- According to [FAO Analysis](#) satellite imagery, almost 70 per cent of cropland across the Gaza Strip has been damaged. The decline in the health and density of the crops can be observed due to the impact of activities including razing, heavy vehicle activity, bombing, shelling and other conflict related activities.
- According to [UNICEF](#), the new school year was due to start across Gaza on 9 September, but it has not resumed as the conflict continues to impact children, teachers and schools. The first graders join 625,000 children who have already been denied an entire school year, and with the conflict still ongoing, face the high risk of a second year without education. During the war, nearly 70 per cent of [UNRWA](#) schools have been hit, some several times. Some have been flattened, many have been severely damaged. They now require reconstruction or major rehabilitation to be functional again. Before the war, UNRWA provided education to 300,000 boys and girls in the Agency's schools.
- Humanitarian pauses across specific areas of the Gaza Strip have enabled the first round of the emergency polio vaccination campaign. Between 1 - 7 September, approximately 446,000 children were reached. The Polio vaccination campaign is being rolled out in phases, focusing on one zone at a time - starting in the middle area, shifting to the south, and finally to the northern governorates. As of 10 September, children have been reached in the middle, southern areas of the Gaza Strip and northern areas. UNRWA medical team relayed that they have reached more than 77,000 children in northern Gaza and Gaza City. The campaign is ongoing.
- According to the UN, at least 1.9 million people (or nine in ten people) across the Gaza Strip are internally displaced, including people who have been repeatedly displaced (some, up to 10 times or more).
- Several challenges stand in the way of collecting much needed humanitarian supplies from the Kerem Abu Salem (Kerem Shalom) crossing point in southern Gaza. These include deteriorating law and order, war and insecurity, damaged infrastructure, fuel shortages and access restrictions. According to [OCHA](#), between 1 and 31 August 2024, an average of only 69 humanitarian trucks entered the Gaza Strip per day. This is well below the pre-crisis average

of 500 trucks per working day. Similarly, according to the latest INGO humanitarian access [update](#), up to 10 INGOs continue to face delays and denials in allowing vital humanitarian supplies such as hygiene kits, dignity kits, medical supplies and devices, as well as food aid.

- The latest information on supplies entering Gaza can be accessed through the below link:

[Gaza Supplies and Dispatch Tracking | UNRWA](#)

- As of 10 September, the total number of UNRWA team members killed since 7 October is **214**.

The West Bank, including East Jerusalem

The West Bank, including East Jerusalem update is now once a week.

- According to [OCHA](#), between 7 October 2023 and 2 September 2024, 652 Palestinians have been killed in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem. Separately, UNICEF confirmed that over 150 children have been killed in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem, during the period, 7 October 2023 to 22 July 2024.
- The large-scale ISF operation which started on 27 August in the northern West Bank, concluded early on 6 September, after nearly ten days of sustained military activity. The operation led to significant damage to civilian infrastructure, including the destruction of roads, water, electricity, and sewerage networks, and the demolition of homes. At least 39 Palestinians were recorded killed, including eight children, during the operation. Five of these fatalities occurred as the result of an ISF drone strike in Tubas on 5 September. UNRWA operations across the northern West Bank were severely affected by the operation, including the complete cessation of services in some areas.
- A female foreign activist (US national) was shot and killed during a protest which escalated into clashes with the ISF in Beita, near Nablus, on 6 September. A Palestinian was also injured by live ammunition. On 8 September, a Jordanian truck driver shot and killed three Israeli security personnel at the Allenby Bridge (al-Karama/King Hussein crossing) between Jordan and the West Bank. The Jordanian citizen was shot and killed, the border crossing was closed in both directions until further notice.
- Israeli settlers' violence and harassment were reported across the West Bank, including armed attacks on Palestinian communities in Masafer Yatta in the southern West Bank, Arab Al-Mleihah and Ras 'Ein al 'Auja in the central West Bank, and Mount Sbeih in the northern West Bank.

2. Overall situation

The Gaza Strip

- According to the [Ministry of Health](#) in Gaza, and as reported by OCHA, between 7 October 2023 and 9 September 2024, at least 40,972 Palestinians were reported killed and 94,761 injured.

3. Humanitarian access & protection of civilians

- UNRWA is working to verify the details of incidents that reportedly impact UNRWA premises. Further information will be provided once it becomes available.
- During the reporting period, three incidents impacting UNRWA installations and internally displaced people (IDPs) sheltering there was reported. The verification of details and any casualty figures are ongoing.
 - On 6 September 2024, an IDP was injured because of shrapnel that fell in a UNRWA school in Nuseirat reportedly due to an ISF tank shelling in the western area in New Nuseirat Camp.
 - On 10 September 2024, shrapnel hit a UNRWA school in Al-Bureij camp reportedly as a result of a nearby airstrike in the camp.
 - [Late report] On 2 September 2024, public media footage was circulated displaying a controlled explosion conducted at a UNRWA school in Rafah that was reportedly conducted by the ISF. While it has not yet been possible to verify full information relating to the impacted installation, the footage displays significant and/or total destruction of the school.
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UNRWA Response

The Gaza Strip

Health

- UNRWA, as part of the national polio campaign, has provided health training to 440 nurses and 440 registrars. In addition, disseminating health messages about the vaccines has started at health facilities and medical points.

- As of 7 September, 78 medical points and 10 (out of 27¹) UNRWA health centres were operational. The health facilities provide primary health care, including outpatient services, non-communicable disease care, medications, vaccinations, antenatal and postnatal health care and dressings for the injured. The number of operational health facilities fluctuates constantly based on demand, access and security.
- On 7 September, 1,108 UNRWA health staff continued to work in health centres and medical points across the Gaza Strip, providing 14,847 medical consultations on that day.
- On 7 September, 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 371 cases in health centres and at medical points through individual consultations, awareness sessions and to address cases of gender-based violence (GBV).
- On 7 September, medical teams provided medical care for 455 post-natal and pregnant women at high risk.
- According to the Health Cluster, UNRWA remains one of the largest health actors operating in the Gaza Strip, contributing to over half of the people reached with health services since 7 October 2023. Between 7 October 2023 and 1 September 2024, UNRWA provided over 5.4 million medical consultations across the Gaza Strip. In addition, the Agency (in partnership with and support from other UN agencies, including UNICEF and WHO) continues to provide vaccines, with over 130,000 children vaccinated against different childhood diseases since the start of 2024 through mid-July.

Psychosocial support (PSS)

- With the support of over 500 counsellors, UNRWA continues to provide lifesaving psychosocial support (PSS) services in Gaza, including psychosocial first aid, individual and group counselling, fatigue management sessions, recreational activities, Explosive Ordnance Risk Education (EORE) and protection cash assistance, reaching children, youth and adults.
- More than 600,000 children have been out of school since the beginning of the war. On 1 August 2024, UNRWA began to roll out its first phase response of 'back to learning' with a focus on mental health activities. This is taking place in up to 45 UNRWA schools now turned shelters² by expanding ongoing psychosocial support activities, focusing on arts, music and sports and raising awareness on the risks of explosive ordnance. UNRWA remains the largest provider of Education in Emergencies across the Gaza Strip. Prior to its first phase response across 45 UNRWA schools, a specialized training was held from 29 to 31 July to help teachers in Gaza cope with stress and enhance their capacity to provide activities to children. The training involved 998 teachers from all areas and equipped them with self-care skills, psychosocial support techniques and knowledge on preventing harm caused by the remnants of war. The training was conducted by counsellors and assistant counsellors and supervised by mental health specialists.

¹Pre-conflict, UNRWA had 22 health centres. Following the onset of the conflict, an additional five temporary health centres were established.

²Initially reaching 45 schools/shelters, 'back to learning' will gradually expand to 94 schools in future phases.

- Since the onset of the conflict, around 700,000 IDPs, including over 450,000 children, have benefited from a total of 246,188 PSS sessions/activities. Between 6 and 18 August, a total of 14,816 IDPs, including 9,713 children benefited from these services. During the same period UNRWA counsellors provided 404 individual consultations and 168 group awareness sessions for caregivers. Additionally, UNRWA extended 453 recreational activities for children and 368 explosive ordinance risk education (EORE) sessions for adults and children.
- Since the onset of the war, UNRWA's social work team has provided services to 168,979³ IDPs, including psychological first aid, PSS, family and individual interventions, as well as case management. These efforts aim to address family issues and strengthen relationships. Furthermore, protection services were provided to 1,379 GBV survivors and 2,101 children, including 1,130 unaccompanied children, covering reunification, safe sheltering, medication, dignity kits and non-food items through referrals. The team also supported 18,570 persons with disabilities with PSS; 7,445 of these individuals received assistive devices and rehabilitation services. Awareness sessions on GBV, child protection, disability and special needs, and managing social and psychological stressors were conducted for 110,423 IDPs.

Food security

- To date, a total of 380,236 families (nearly 1.9 million people) have been reached with two rounds of flour; 353,354 of those families have received three rounds.
- UNRWA continues to distribute food parcels in the southern governorates. These include⁴ flour, rice, chickpeas, lentils, cheese, hummus and fish, and are designed to cover approximately 90 per cent of daily calorific needs per quarter. To date, nearly 1.15 million people have been reached, of whom, nearly 215,000 people have received two rounds of food parcels since the war started.
- In addition to the distribution of UNRWA food parcels, the Agency distributes food parcels on behalf of other UN organizations, reaching around 1.4 million people.

Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)

- Since October 2023, UNRWA has provided emergency WASH activities across the Gaza Strip. Main activities include the operation and continued maintenance of water wells, desalination systems and the direct provision of water through water trucking and the distribution of bottled water. In addition, UNRWA continues to distribute hygiene kits and maintain hygiene in UNRWA shelters and sites through the provision of cleaning supplies, community based solid waste management, and pest control.
- UNRWA continues to be one of the largest WASH actors in the Gaza Strip. Since the beginning of the war, the Agency has maintained and rehabilitated eight wells, reaching over 600,000 IDPs with access to water. Between June and August, UNRWA reached 50,000 IDPs with hygiene kits.
- Between 15 August – 9 September UNRWA distributed over 80 cubic meters of water across 105 emergency shelters, reaching an estimated of 480,000 people. During the first week of September, UNRWA distributed chlorine tables to over 16 emergency shelters to prevent

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water contamination and improve water quality. Furthermore, cleaning campaigns and hygiene promotion awareness sessions were held inside to coincide with Polio vaccine campaigns, it is estimated that over 200,000 IDPs benefited from cleaning campaigns. Outside of emergency shelters, UNRWA continues to provide services, including water well services to over 700,000 people scattered in informal settlements in Mawasi Khan Younis.

- Throughout the Gaza Strip, hundreds of thousands of tons of solid waste are piling up in streets, between tents in displaced civilians' camps, and next to the rubble in back alleys. The collapse of solid waste management since October 7, 2023, is worsening the public health crisis, between 23 August and 5 of September, a total of 2000 tons of solid waste was collected by UNRWA and transferred to temporary dumping sites, in middle and south areas.

Tweet from Philippe Lazzarini, UNRWA Commissioner General:

[“Eleven months... Enough! No one can take this any longer. Humanity must prevail. Ceasefire now.”](#)

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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



1,900,000*
IDPs**



At least **563** IDPs sheltering in UNRWA premises have been killed and **1,790** injured since 7 October.

UNRWA fatalities and damage to installations



214 UNRWA colleagues **killed**



464
incidents



190
UNRWA
installations
damaged

UNRWA response – Food assistance



c.215,000 families have received an UNRWA food parcel in middle areas and southern governorates at least once since 21 Nov.

UNRWA response – Health



Partial update on 7 September due to security and internet connectivity issues

Only 10 (out of 27) UNRWA health care centres operational.

14,847 patients received healthcare in 10 (out of 27) UNRWA health care centres and UNRWA shelters.

UNRWA response – Psychosocial support



Since the onset of the conflict over 450,000 children have benefited from 246,188 psychosocial and recreational activities.

Between 6 – 18 August a total of 9,713 children benefited from psychosocial and recreational activities.



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UNRWA school hit in Nuseirat, Gaza middle area, 11 September 2024. © 2024 UNRWA Photo

1. Key points

The Gaza Strip

- Ongoing strikes by Israeli Security Forces (ISF) continue, with aerial, land and maritime bombardments across the Gaza Strip, resulting in civilian casualties, displacement and the destruction of residential structures and public infrastructure.
- [UNRWA Commissioner General](#) posted a statement on his official X account that on 11 September, another UNRWA school sheltering displaced people was hit in Nuseirat. Among the people killed are six UNRWA staff working and providing support to families who have sought refuge in the school. Since the beginning of this war, at least 220 UNRWA staff have been killed in Gaza. The Commissioner General stated that humanitarian staff, premises and operations have been blatantly and unabatedly disregarded since the beginning of the war. The longer impunity prevails, the more international humanitarian law & the Geneva Conventions will become irrelevant.

- Humanitarian pauses across specific areas of the Gaza Strip have enabled the first round of the emergency polio vaccination campaign. The Polio vaccination campaign is being rolled out in phases, focusing on one zone at a time - starting in the Middle Areas, shifting to the south, and finally to the northern governorates. Between 1-12 September, over 560,000 children were reached in the middle, southern and northern areas of the Gaza Strip according to WHO.
- The war in Gaza has caused an enormous surge in traumatic injuries while severely disrupting available rehabilitation services. [WHO and partners](#) conducted an analysis based on daily reports from the Emergency Medical Teams, using data from 10 January to 16 May 2024, to estimate the number of major injuries requiring ongoing care and rehabilitation in Gaza. The analysis found that around 25 per cent of all those injured (or 22 500 people) are likely to have acute and ongoing rehabilitation needs, including patients with extreme injuries, amputations, head and spinal cord injuries and burns.
- According to the UN, at least 1.9 million people (or nine in ten people) across the Gaza Strip are internally displaced, including people who have been repeatedly displaced (some, up to 10 times or more).
- Several challenges stand in the way of collecting much needed humanitarian supplies from the Karem Abu Salem (Kerem Shalom) crossing point in southern Gaza. These include deteriorating law and order, war and insecurity, damaged infrastructure, fuel shortages and access restrictions. According to [OCHA](#), between 1 and 9 September 2024, an average of only 62 humanitarian trucks entered the Gaza Strip per day. This is well below the pre-crisis average of 500 trucks per working day. Similarly, according to the latest INGO humanitarian access [update](#), up to 10 INGOs continue to face delays and denials in allowing vital humanitarian supplies such as hygiene kits, dignity kits, medical supplies and devices, as well as food aid.
- The latest information on supplies entering Gaza can be accessed through the below link:

[Gaza Supplies and Dispatch Tracking | UNRWA](#)

The West Bank, including East Jerusalem

The West Bank, including East Jerusalem update is now once a week.

- According to [OCHA](#), between 7 October 2023 and 9 September 2024, 674 Palestinians have been killed in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem. Separately, UNICEF confirmed that over 150 children have been killed in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem, during the period, 7 October 2023 to 22 July 2024.

2. Overall situation

The Gaza Strip

- According to the [Ministry of Health](#) in Gaza, and as reported by OCHA, between 7 October 2023 and 11 September 2024, at least 41,020 Palestinians were reported killed and 94,925 injured.

3. Humanitarian access & protection of civilians

- UNRWA is working to verify the details of incidents that reportedly impact UNRWA premises. Further information will be provided once it becomes available.
- During the reporting period, two incidents impacting UNRWA installations and internally displaced people (IDPs) sheltering there was reported. The verification of details and any casualty figures are ongoing.
 - On 11 September 2024, the ISF carried out multiple airstrikes reportedly targeting a UNRWA school in Nuseirat camp. Eighteen people were reportedly killed, six of whom are UNRWA staff members, and eighteen others were injured.
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The Gaza Strip

Health

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- As of 10 September, 81 medical points and 10 (out of 27¹) UNRWA health centres were operational. The health facilities provide primary health care, including outpatient services, non-communicable disease care, medications, vaccinations, antenatal and postnatal health care and dressings for the injured. The number of operational health facilities fluctuates constantly based on demand, access and security.

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- On 10 September, 1,133 UNRWA health staff continued to work in health centres and medical points across the Gaza Strip, providing 14,074 medical consultations on that day.
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