

# UNRWA Situation Report #180 on the humanitarian crisis in the Gaza Strip and the occupied West Bank, including East Jerusalem

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Day 642-648 since the start of the war in the Gaza Strip

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A baby screened for malnutrition by an UNRWA health worker, Gaza City, the Gaza Strip, July 2025. © 2025 UNRWA photo

## 1. Highlights

• Since the collapse of the ceasefire in Gaza on the night between 17 and 18 March 2025, intense Israeli Forces activities escalated, resulting in tens of thousands of civilians reportedly killed and injured, further damage and destruction to civilian infrastructure, and new waves of forced displacement.

<sup>\*</sup> Some of the information is reported during the reporting period but does not necessarily correspond to the reporting period.

- According to OCHA, people are confined to ever-shrinking spaces, with over 86 per cent
  of the Gaza Strip now within the Israeli-militarized zone, under displacement orders, or
  where these overlap. The UN estimates that over 737,000 people have been displaced
  yet again since the breakdown of the ceasefire.
- On 11 July, the UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) stated
  that "the Israeli military continues to kill and gravely injure hundreds of Palestinians as
  they desperately seek the little shelter and food available, raising further concerns that
  Israel is inflicting on Palestinians conditions of life increasingly incompatible with their
  continued existence in Gaza."
- The food security situation in Gaza keeps deteriorating. Malnutrition screenings conducted by UNRWA show that acute malnutrition among children under five years of age has more than doubled from March to June, due to the effect of the 11-week-long (from 2 March to 18 May) total Israeli siege on the Gaza Strip. Around one in ten children screened in UNRWA health facilities across the Gaza Strip is malnourished.
- While limited quantities of fuel have entered the Gaza Strip, its levels remain dangerously low, with critical services including health care, WASH, and telecommunications at risk of shutting down.
- The health response in the Gaza Strip continues to face operational challenges, including
  extensive damage to health facilities, obstacles to safe movements and restrictions on
  the entry of medical supplies and fuel. UNRWA medical services are under-resourced.
  The agency has run out of nearly 60 per cent of essential medicines. As an example:
  UNRWA no longer have medicines for hypertension and no antibiotics for adults.
- UNRWA has not been allowed to bring in any humanitarian aid, including medicines and medical supplies, for 4.5 months (since 2 March 2025).
- On 15 July, the Israeli Minister of Energy and Infrastructure announced the publication
  of a <u>proposed amendment</u> to the anti-UNRWA Knesset laws, aiming to suspend all
  electricity and water provision to UNRWA installations, potentially impacting UNRWA's
  operations, especially in East Jerusalem.
- Demolitions in the northern West Bank continued in Tulkarm and Nur Shams Camp, including implementing the demolition order from the Israeli Forces for Tulkarm Camp on 30 June.

## 2. Key points

## **The Gaza Strip**

Israeli Forces continue to carry out heavy bombardments from air, land and sea across
the Gaza Strip and expanded ground operations, resulting in tens of thousands of
reported casualties, destruction of civilian infrastructure, and large-scale displacement.

People are living in inhumane conditions, seeking shelter anywhere they can, including damaged or destroyed buildings, overcrowded displacement sites, and open areas. Strikes on people sheltering in schools and tents and on people trying to access food or other forms of humanitarian assistance keep being reported, resulting in mass casualties, including among children.

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- Since 19 May, after almost 80 days of siege on the entry of aid and other supplies into the Gaza Strip including food, medicine and fuel, the Israeli authorities have allowed only a select number of UN agencies and international non-governmental organizations (NGOs) to bring very little aid into Gaza. However, the entry of aid has remained challenging. UNRWA has not been able to bring in any humanitarian supplies for over four months (since 2 March).
- According to OCHA, mass casualties continue to be <u>reported</u> among people attempting to access food in the Gaza Strip, including as they approach or gather at distribution points militarized by Israel in Rafah and Deir al-Balah, or wait for trucks carrying aid supplies. According to <u>OCHA</u>, the Gaza Ministry of Health reported that 851 people were killed and at least 5,634 injured trying to access food supplies since 27 May 2025.
- The food security situation in Gaza keeps deteriorating. Malnutrition screenings conducted by UNRWA show that acute malnutrition among children under five years of age has more than doubled from March to June, due to the effect of the 11-week-long (from 2 March to 18 May) total Israeli siege on the Gaza Strip. Around <u>one in ten</u> children screened by UNRWA health teams is malnourished.
- According to the Food Security Sector and the Nutrition Cluster, as reported by <u>OCHA</u>, families generally survive on a single nutritiously poor meal per day, and in some cases, people go for days without eating.
- OCHA <u>reported</u> that, since 9 July, the Israeli authorities have allowed the entry of two trucks of fuel per day, five days a week, through Kerem Shalom/Karem Abu Salem crossing. This concession on the entry of an extremely limited amount of fuel which constitutes only a fraction of what is needed for the humanitarian operations to continue at an adequate scale followed a 130-days-long full blockade on the entry of fuel in the Gaza Strip, which caused a severe shortage. In a joint statement released on 12 July, UN

agencies including UNRWA pointed out that "Without adequate fuel, UN agencies responding to this crisis will likely be forced to stop their operations entirely, directly impacting all essential services in Gaza. This means no health services, no clean water, and no capacity to deliver aid."

- The health response in Gaza continues to face severe operational challenges, including
  extensive damage to health facilities, killing of medical workers, obstacles to safe
  movements within the Gaza Strip, and restrictions on the entry of medical supplies and
  critical fuel. This is forcing the few remaining hospitals to ration resources and/or
  suspend critical services.
- Diseases are spreading, with the Health Cluster <u>reporting</u> an increase in acute watery diarrhea cases. Severe dehydration, acute jaundice syndrome and bloody diarrhea are also on the rise. Between 1 and 9 July, 178 suspected cases of meningitis were reported, the majority of which were among children under one year of age.
- UNRWA medical services are critically under-resourced. Over half (or 57 per cent) of
  essential medical supplies are already out of stock and nearly one fifth (18 per cent) are
  projected to run out in under two months. The affected supplies include medicine for
  non-communicable diseases, antimicrobials and antiparasitic products, dermatological
  and eye preparations, analgesic and anti-inflammatory medications, gastrointestinal
  products, respiratory medications, and family planning methods.
- According to a <u>Protection Analysis</u>, persons with disabilities, older persons, their families
  and caregivers are experiencing severe denial of their basic rights, confronted with
  additional and growing barriers and steadily eroding coping capacities to meet their
  needs. Forced displacement, which has affected the population of the Gaza Strip
  throughout the war, has severe impact on persons with disabilities and older people,
  who face higher risks and greater challenges before, during, and after fleeing to access
  critical information, devices, services, and essential goods for their safety, dignity, and
  survival.
- OCHA <u>reported</u> that, according to the Child Protection Area of Responsibility (AoR), unaccompanied and separated children (UASC), and those without parental care are among the most vulnerable groups in Gaza, facing heightened risks of neglect, exploitation, abuse, emotional distress, and social isolation. Due to the consequences of the war, the birth registration system in Gaza has been disrupted, with an estimate of about 10,000 newborns who may not have been registered since 7 October 2023.
- All UNRWA international staff are banned from entering the Gaza Strip since the few remaining left at the end of March 2025. This follows the passage of two laws by Israel's

- parliament, (the Knesset), on 28 October 2024<sup>2</sup>, that prohibit UNRWA's operations in "Israeli territory" and bar any contact between Israeli officials with UNRWA.
- Meanwhile, around 12,000 Palestinian UNRWA personnel in Gaza continue to provide services and assistance to an entire population in need, while leading the collective humanitarian response. In the occupied West Bank including East Jerusalem, UNRWA continues to play a central role with over 4,000 UNRWA Palestinian local staff providing education, health and other services to Palestine Refugees. No visas have been issued from the Government of Israel to UNRWA international staff since the end of January 2025.
- With at least <u>55 displacement orders</u> issued by the Israeli military since 18 March, 297.6 square kilometres of the Gaza Strip are under displacement orders (the total area of the Gaza Strip is approximately 365 square kilometres). According to <u>OCHA</u>, over four-fifths (or 86.3 per cent) of the Gaza Strip are within the Israeli-militarized zone, under displacement orders, or where these overlap. <u>The UN estimates that over 737,000 people have been displaced yet again since the breakdown of the ceasefire in mid-March.</u>
- Between 9 and 15 July, three displacement orders were issued by Israeli Forces affecting a total of 25 UNRWA installations.
  - On 15 July, an order impacting areas of north Gaza and Gaza City. Eighteen UNRWA installations are located in the affected area.
  - o On 12 July, an order impacting central Gaza City. Seven UNRWA installations are located in the affected area.
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- At least **190 UNRWA installations** or over half of all UNRWA installations in the Gaza Strip are located within the Israeli-militarized zone, under displacement orders, or where these overlap.
- According to the UN, at least 1.9 million people or about 90 per cent of the
  population across the Gaza Strip have been displaced during the war. Many have been
  displaced repeatedly, some 10 times or more. The many displacement orders issued by
  the Israeli Forces since the collapse of the ceasefire forced more people to flee in search
  of safety.
- Between 7 October 2023 and 16 July 2025, according to the Ministry of Health (MoH) in Gaza, as stated by OCHA, at least **58,573** Palestinians have reportedly been killed in Gaza

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The legislation came into effect on 29 January 2025.

and **139,607** have been injured. Gaza MoH <u>reported</u> that, of the 58,380 identified fatalities as of 15 July, 26,655 were men, 9,497 women, 17,921 children, and 4,307 elderly.

- Since the war began, over 330 UNRWA team members have been confirmed killed.
- OCHA reported that, of the 66 planned aid movements coordinated with Israeli authorities across Gaza from 9 to 15 July 2025, nearly 17 per cent were denied, 33 per cent were initially accepted but faced impediments, 5 per cent withdrawn, and 45 per cent were facilitated. Overall, of the 150 planned aid movements coordinated with Israeli authorities across the Gaza Strip between 1 and 15 July, 34 were denied, 38 impeded, 17 withdrawn, and 61 facilitated.

## The occupied West Bank, including East Jerusalem

- According to OCHA, between 7 October 2023 and 16 July 2025, 968 Palestinians among them at least 204 children – were killed in the occupied West Bank, including East Jerusalem. Of those, 162 Palestinians, including at least 31 children, were killed since the beginning of this year alone.
  - Settler violence and the establishment of new settlement outposts, including in Bardala, Al Maniya, and Mount Gerizim, persisted across the West Bank between 9 and 15 July. On 9 July, Israeli settlers injured some 19 Palestinians in the Tell al Khashaba herding community southeast of Nablus. On the evening of 11 July, two Palestinians were killed in an Israeli settler attack near Sinjil, northeast of Ramallah, with at least ten other Palestinians injured in the incident.
  - On 10 July, an Israeli was killed in the vicinity of the Gush Etzion junction in the southern West Bank. The two alleged assailants, both Palestinian Security Forces personnel, were killed and their bodies withheld by the Israeli Forces.
  - On 15 July, the Israeli Minister of Energy and Infrastructure announced the publication of a <u>proposed amendment</u> to the anti-UNRWA Knesset laws, aiming to suspend all electricity and water provision to UNRWA installations, potentially impacting UNRWA's operations, especially in East Jerusalem. The proposed amendment would also enable the seizure of land on which the West Bank Field Office and Kalandia Training Centre are located. UNRWA has already been forced to suspend in-person teaching at six schools in East Jerusalem since May 2025, when the schools were forcibly closed by Israeli authorities.
  - During this period, demolitions in the northern West Bank continued in Tulkarm and Nur Shams Camps, including the implementation of a demolition order issued by Israeli Forces for Tulkarm Camp on 30 June. Since the beginning of July, UNRWA has distributed cash for rent to nearly 5,000 forcibly displaced households from Jenin, Tulkarm, and Nur Shams camps.

## **The Gaza Strip**

Between 7 October 2023 and 16 July 2025, according to the MoH in Gaza as stated by <u>OCHA</u>, at least **58,573** Palestinians have reportedly been killed in the Gaza Strip while **139,607** have been reported injured.

## Displacement, UNRWA fatalities and damage to installations



Over 737,000
people estimated
to have been
forcibly displaced
since 18 March



Over 330 UNRWA team members killed



311\* UNRWA installations impacted and/or damaged



878\* incidents reported



At least 836\* people sheltering in UNRWA premises have been killed and 2,527\* injured since 7 October 2023

#### **Humanitarian access & protection of civilians**

- UNRWA is working to verify the details of incidents that reportedly impacted UNRWA premises and/or personnel. Additional information will be provided once it becomes available\*.
- During the reporting period, several armed-conflict-related incidents have reportedly impacted UNRWA installations and/or personnel:
  - On 15 July 2025, an UNRWA truck was found in severely damaged condition near Al-Nasr Street in Gaza City, reportedly due to the Israeli Forces military operation in the area.

<sup>\*</sup>Numbers are subject to change once verifications are concluded.

- On 10 July, an UNRWA vehicle was found destroyed in the UNRWA Gaza Field Office.
   The date of the incident and the cause are not yet confirmed.
- o On 9 July 2025, an UNRWA school in Bani Suhaila, east Khan Younis City, was reportedly directly struck by an Israeli Forces airstrike. Major damage to the facility was reported with no casualties among UNRWA personnel.

As of 15 July 2025, **878\*** incidents impacting UNRWA premises and the people inside them have been reported since the beginning of the war. **311\*** (or nearly all) UNRWA installations have been impacted by armed conflict-related incidents since the beginning of the war, with some installations impacted multiple times. UNRWA estimates that, in total, at least **836\*** persons sheltering in UNRWA installations have been reported killed and at least **2,527\*** injured since the start of the war. UNRWA continues to verify and update the number of casualties caused by these incidents.

\*Since the start of the war in October 2023, the latest casualty figures are continuously under review as UNRWA gains access to locations that were previously inaccessible and as further verifications occur. The summary figures will be published/updated as information becomes available, noting that these numbers are subject to change once verifications are concluded.

#### 4. UNRWA Response

#### The Gaza Strip

#### Health

- According to the Health Cluster, UNRWA remains one of the largest\_health actors
  operating in the Gaza Strip, contributing to around half of the people reached with
  health services since 7 October 2023.
- Since 18 March (when the ceasefire collapsed) and until 13 July, UNRWA health teams provided over 1.3 million health consultations (or over 14,000 per working day), including over 96,000 maternal consultations including antenatal, post-natal and family planning care, over 51,000 dental and oral health consultations in fixed and mobile clinics, and around 33,500 physiotherapy rehabilitation services sessions. Between 7 October 2023 and 6 July 2025, UNRWA provided over 9.2 million medical consultations across the Gaza Strip.
- In addition to medical consultations, UNRWA (in partnership with and supported by other UN agencies, including UNICEF and WHO) continued to vaccinate children. Over 296,000 routine vaccines have been given to children since January 2024.

- As of 13 July, only four out of 22 UNRWA health centres and two additional UNRWA-rented facilities used as temporary health centres were operational in Gaza. In addition, health services are provided through 116 mobile medical teams working in 21 medical points inside and outside shelters in the middle area, Khan Younis, Al Mawasi, Gaza City and north Gaza. UNRWA health facilities provide primary health care, including outpatient services, non-communicable disease care, medications, vaccination for children, antenatal and postnatal health care, laboratory and dental services, physiotherapy and dressings for the injured. The number of operational health facilities changes constantly based on demand, access and security.
- Between 7 and 13 July, an average of around 1,100 UNRWA health personnel per day worked in UNRWA health centres, temporary clinics and medical points across the Gaza Strip, providing 72,220 health consultations (or around 12,000 per working day).
- UNRWA continued to provide mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) services in Gaza City, the middle and Khan Younis areas, with teams of psychiatrists, psychosocial counsellors and supervisors to assist special cases referred from UNRWA health centres and shelters. Between 7 and 13 July, UNRWA teams responded to 2,865 cases in health centres and at medical points through individual consultations, awareness sessions and to address cases of gender-based violence (GBV).
- Between 7 and 13 July, UNRWA medical teams provided 5,400 consultations for postnatal and pregnant women at high risk, 3,126 dental and oral health consultations in fixed and mobile clinics, and 2,087 physiotherapy rehabilitation services sessions in health centres and medical points.
- Nutritional assessments are being conducted in UNRWA health centres and medical points reaching children from six to 59 months of age. <u>Between 16 and 30 June, 10,638 children were screened for malnutrition, with over 8.5 per cent presenting with some form of malnutrition. Overall, since January 2024, more than 240,000 children under the age of five have been screened for malnutrition in UNRWA health facilities and medical points. One in 10 children were malnourished.
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- Medical services are critically under-resourced, with over half of essential supplies (57 per cent) already out of stock, and around one fifth (18 per cent) projected to run out in under two months. The affected supplies include medicine for non-communicable diseases, antimicrobials and antiparasitic products, dermatological and eye preparations, analgesic and anti-inflammatory medications, gastrointestinal products, respiratory medications, and family planning methods. UNRWA has thousands of trucks including medicines and medical supplies ready to enter Gaza. The Israeli Authorities have not allowed UNRWA to bring in any aid into Gaza for 4.5 months now (since 2 March 2025).

**Psychosocial support (PSS)** 

- Since the onset of the war, UNRWA has been providing psychosocial support (PSS) services (PSS) and learning services in Gaza in Temporary Learning Spaces (TLSs) and through its distance learning initiative.
- To date, more than 56,000 children over 55 per cent of them girls— have benefitted from learning and recreational activities delivered in up to 450 TLSs established across 62 UNRWA schools-turned-shelters. Between 30 June and 6 July 2025, a total of 15,545 children (6,699 boys, 8,846 girls, including 168 children with disabilities) benefited from TLS-based learning activities in 191 active TLSs. UNRWA has also leveraged digital tools to provide basic literacy and numeracy education to 294,621 Palestine Refugee children (152,945 boys, 141,676 girls) in Gaza, facilitated by thousands of teachers. Ongoing and reoccurring telecommunications cuts make digital learning a challenge.
- UNRWA remains one of the largest providers of emergency learning and PSS across the Gaza Strip. With the support of 236 school counsellors and over 300 assistant counsellors, since the start of the war UNRWA has conducted 314,457 critical PSS sessions for approximately 730,000 displaced persons, including more than 520,000 children. Between 7 and 13 July 2025, a total of 9,461 people accessed these essential services.
- Between 7 October 2023 and 13 July 2025, UNRWA's social work team provided services to 226,633 displaced people, including psychological first aid, PSS services, family and individual activities, as well as case management. During the same reporting period, protection services were provided to 2,655 survivors of gender-based violence (GBV) and 4,300 children, including 1,980 unaccompanied children. The team also supported 26,164 persons with disabilities with PSS; 8,500 of these individuals received assistive devices and rehabilitation services. Awareness sessions on GBV, child protection, disability and special needs, as well as managing social and psychological stressors, were conducted for 144,703 displaced people.

#### **Food security**

- Since 7 October 2023 and until the start of the ceasefire (19 January 2025), UNRWA reached over 388,000 families (nearly 1.9 million people) with two rounds of flour; at least 374,000 of those families have received three rounds.
- Up until the start of the ceasefire, UNRWA reached at least 1.7 million people with food parcels. Of those, at least 215,000 people received two rounds of food parcels since the war started. These include<sup>3</sup> rice, lentils, beans, oil, salt, sugar, milk powder, hummus, halawa, yeast, and canned fish, and are designed to meet the needs of a family of five for two weeks.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> The composition of the food parcel may change based on food item availability.

- In addition to the distribution of UNRWA food parcels, the Agency has distributed food parcels on behalf of other UN organisations, having reached over 1.4 million people before the start of the ceasefire.
- During the ceasefire, UNRWA reached over 2 million people with critical food assistance.
   UNRWA ran out of flour and food parcels at the end of April and was forced to halt food distributions.
- Between 1 March and 19 April 2025, UNRWA distributed nearly 270,000 bags of flour, reaching an estimated 88,000 families or over 700,000 people. Since the ceasefire collapsed and until 8 April, only around 15,500 families (or an estimated 77,500 people) have received UNRWA food parcels. UNRWA ran out of food at the end of April. The Agency has not been allowed to bring in any humanitarian assistance including food for more than 4.5 months now (since 2 March 2025).

#### Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)

- Since October 2023, UNRWA has carried out emergency WASH activities across the Gaza Strip. The main activities include operating and maintaining water wells and desalination systems and supplying water with water trucks and bottled water. In addition, UNRWA continues to maintain hygiene in its shelters and sites through cleaning supplies, community-based solid waste management, and pest control.
- In 2025 so far, UNRWA water provision and solid waste collection have reached around 1.3 million people.
- Between 1 and 15 July, UNRWA teams provided around 44,000 cubic metres of domestic and potable water reaching around 600,000 people. The teams continue to clean and disinfect water tanks, with over 35 campaigns conducted in different areas of the Gaza Strip reaching over 90,000 people.
- Since 17 May, UNRWA has not been able to provide services in North Gaza for around 25,000 displaced people in shelters due to displacement orders issued by Israeli Forces.
   As of July, UNRWA's water distribution system, which relied on smaller wells in emergency shelters in Khan Younis, has been forced to stop operating due to displacement orders.
- UNRWA continues to provide solid waste collection and transfer services wherever possible. Between 1 and 15 July, UNRWA teams collected around 2,000 tons of solid waste from different areas and transferred to temporary dumping sites assisting over 250,000 people. UNRWA teams cleaned over 150 manholes, serving over 90,000 displaced people in different locations across the Gaza Strip, despite the shortage of personal protection equipment and maintenance tools.
- During the same reporting period, the team conducted 110 hygiene awareness sessions reaching around 150,000 people, and 115 cleaning campaigns in different emergency shelters reaching over 90,000 people.

#### **Quote** from Juliette Touma, UNRWA Director of Communications:

"Why should babies die of malnutrition in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, especially when it's totally preventable? [...] Amid the daily livestream of horrors we get from Gaza on our screens, one cannot help but ask how many more Ahlam's and Salam's have to die before taking action?"

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#### **UNRWA** response in the Gaza Strip

#### Health



Over 9.2 million health consultations since October 2023



Over 72,000 health consultations provided between 7-13 July



4 UNRWA health centres, 2 temporary health centres and 21 medical points still operational

#### WASH



Around 600,000 people reached with 44,000 cubic metres of domestic and potable water between 1-15 July



Around 2,000 tons of solid waste collected and transferred to temporary dumping sites between 1-15 July



110 hygiene awareness sessions for around 150,000 people conducted between 1-15 July

#### **Psychosocial Support and learning**



Around 730,000 displaced people, including over 520,000 children, reached with psychosocial support sessions and activities



UNRWA flour and food parcels ran out several weeks ago. No UNRWA supplies entered the Gaza Strip since 2 March 2025

Food assistance



Over 15,500 children participating in basic literacy and numeracy learning



Protection services provided to over 2,600 GBV survivors and around 4,300 children (including nearly 2,000 unaccompanied children)

Protection