

WFP PALESTINE EMERGENCY RESPONSE

Situation Report 12

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Man carries his WFP food parcel home on a bicycle following a distribution in Rafah. WFP/Ali Jadallah

HIGHLIGHTS

- According to IPC data [analysis](#), the risk of famine increases each day as the current conflict continues and restricted humanitarian access persists. IPC analysis concludes that people in Gaza have already surpassed the acute food insecurity threshold of famine. At least one in four households, more than half a million people, is facing catastrophic acute food insecurity conditions. These alarmingly elevated levels of acute food insecurity are unprecedented in recent history.
- WFP continues to deliver food parcels, wheat flour, hot meals, fortified date bars and biscuits and Lipid Nutrient Supplements (LNS) to people inside and outside shelters in Gaza. Distributions remain largely limited to Rafah, while other areas are occasionally reachable through partners.
- In addition to working with partners, WFP began large-scale distributions through community leaders to accelerate distributions and reach more people in informal camps.
- As needs are soaring, WFP requires a minimum of **USD 314 million** to sustain its emergency response for up to 1.1 million affected people until April 2024. The response is currently 58 percent funded.

DECEMBER IN NUMBERS



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assisted with general food assistance across Gaza and the West Bank.



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1.1 million

affected people targeted by WFP emergency assistance in December

the IPC has ever classified for any given area or country.

WFP Operations



General Food Assistance (GFA)

- In December, WFP reached an estimated **975,142*** **vulnerable people** with in-kind and cash-based general food assistance across Gaza and the West Bank.
 - Around **900,000 internally displaced people (IDPs) in designated shelters** received food parcels or wheat flour to last two weeks.
 - 161,904 displaced people** in host communities received food parcels to support their food needs for two weeks through three distribution sites and five local WFP-contracted shops. WFP also started working with community leaders to set-up large-scale distributions to people residing in informal camps in Rafah.
 - WFP is supporting **community-kitchens to provide hot meals to IDPs**. 127,000 meals were prepared, covering around 93,000 people in 91 locations across the five governorates of the Gaza

** The total beneficiaries figure accounts for overlap between people receiving more than one type of*

Situation Update

- The latest Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC) analysis concludes that the entire population of Gaza – roughly 2.2 million people – are in crisis or worse levels of acute food insecurity (phases 3-5). A quarter of Gaza's population – more than half a million people – are enduring catastrophic levels of food insecurity. This is the highest share of people facing high levels of acute food insecurity that

Strip. WFP provided around 74 mt of wheat flour and more than 2,000 food parcels/canned meat community kitchens.

- WFP began distributing Lipid-Based Nutrient Supplement (LNS) – a paste specifically made to complement the additional nutritional needs of pregnant and breastfeeding women, and children under the age of two. **36,251 women and children** have been reached so far in shelters and additional distributions are planned.
- WFP started dispatching wheat flour and other resources to 12 bakeries in Rafah and Deir El Balah so they can start operating and producing bread at a subsidised price to people in communities again.
- In the West Bank, **85,730 people** received cash-based or in-kind food assistance. Around 58,000 redeemed CBT entitlements, and 27,600 people in Bedouin communities received in-kind food assistance.



Supply Chain

- Following the successful pilot of WFP-led convoy of 46 trucks (from Amman to Gaza via the King Hussein/Allenby Bridge, which entered Gaza through the Kerem Shalom crossing. A second inter-agency convoy of 25 trucks of food and non-food items, coordinated by WFP has departed from Jordan and is currently en-route to Gaza
- In December, **346 WFP trucks** with over **5,000 mt** of food items crossed into Gaza and were immediately dispatched for distribution in coordination with cooperating partners. Since 21 October, WFP has delivered over 10,700 mt of food items through 677 trucks into Gaza.

Clusters and Common Services



Logistics Cluster

- Since 21 October, a total of 6,421 trucks have reached Gaza through the Rafah and Kerem Shalom/Karm Abu Salem crossing.
- In the Gaza Strip, the Logistics Cluster has handed over and installed a total of 14 Mobile Storage Units (MSUs) to augment the offloading capacity in the Rafah handover point and the storage capacity of four United Nations Agencies and International NGOs. Regrettably, three MSUs were destroyed during recent public unrest, but additional ones are being delivered from Egypt to Gaza. Logistics Cluster

also facilitates transport of cargo from Rafah crossing to LC common warehouses in Gaza.

- The Logistics Cluster continues facilitating access to common services in the Gaza Strip and Egypt through common storage services, road transport to the storage location, and cargo notification transshipment services.



Emergency Telecommunications Cluster (ETC)

- The ETC and its partners continue to actively engage with relevant authorities for authorization to import telecommunications equipment and set up an independent, efficient, and reliable communications platform for humanitarian responders.



Funding

- WFP urgently requires at least USD 314 million in funding to provide support for up to 1.1 million people until April 2024.
- **As of now, WFP has USD 181.8 million confirmed contributions: USD 165.1 million from government donors** (Canada, Croatia, Cyprus, Denmark, Estonia, EU, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Malta, Monaco, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Russia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, UAE, UK, USA, World Bank, UN CERF and UN Women) **and USD 16.7 million from the private sector** including Share The Meal and Individual Giving campaigns.



Gaza Market Monitoring

- The latest [Gaza Market Monitor](#) indicates that the market faces a substantial shortage of essential food items, with 66 percent of the shops reporting depletion of crucial goods over the past two weeks. All responding shops indicated a lack of all food items, while wheat flour, eggs and dairy had been depleted.



Accountability to Affected Populations

- WFP received over **92,000 calls** through the Inter-Agency community feedback mechanism (CFM) helpline, which provides a direct link between WFP and the affected population. 97 percent of the overall caseload consists of requests for assistance or service, with 50 percent specifically related to food and an additional 33 percent for cash. WFP is providing training to teams and operators to scale-up in order to respond to rising needs.