

REGIONAL HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE TO THE CRISIS IN OCCUPIED PALESTINIAN TERRITORY SITUATION REPORT #26 30 MAY 2024

1.75 million INTERNALLY DISPLACED IN GAZA As of 30 May—Source: UNRWA

94,126 INTERNALLY DISPLACED IN LEBANON As of 28 May





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HIGHLIGHTS

- On May 20, International Criminal Court prosecutor requested arrest warrants of official leaders of both Israel and Hamas. Moreover, the International Court of Justice (ICJ) ordered Israel to immediately halt its invasion of Rafah and to withdraw. Yet, heavy bombardment on Rafah has taken place displacing hundreds of thousands, despite the halt ordered by the ICJ. These bombings by Israel have targeted tents housing displaced people in a designated safe area of northwest Rafah.
- Norway and Spain officially recognized Palestinian statehood; Ireland is also backing recognition of Palestinian statehood with an official date to be announced on that recognition soon. Irish PM confident more countries to follow.
- UNRWA suspends food distributions in Rafah due to supply shortages and insecurity. At the same time, Italy will resume UNRWA funding of \$5.4 million as a part of a \$38 million aid package.
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On May 24, Kareem Abu Salem border was reopened, Egyptian

President Abdel Fattah El-Sisi and US President Joe Biden agreed to

On 27 May, Israel reportedly submitted a new ceasefire proposal to

international medicators offering "flexibility" on the numbers of living

hostages to be initially released, and including "a willingness" to discuss

send aid to the UN via the crossing on a temporary basis.

SITUATION OVERVIEW

The latest large-scale escalation of conflict in Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territory on 7 October 2023 has led to an unprecedented humanitarian catastrophe in Gaza. Intense Israeli bombardment and ground operations as well as heavy fighting between Israeli forces and Palestinian armed groups continue to be reported across much of the Gaza Strip. As of 30 May, UNRVVA estimates that some 75 per cent of Gaza's population (1.75 million out of 2.3 million people), more than half of whom are children, are displaced. Most are living in makeshift structures, tents, or out in the open. Access to basic services remains severely limited — the lack of food, water, fuel, basic items, and poor hygiene practices, further exacerbate people's living conditions, amplifying protection and mental health risks, as well as the risks associated to the spread of disease.

Furthermore, access to critical health services continues to shrink as additional evacuation orders are issued and military operations intensify in areas where these services are found. On 29 May Philippe Lazzarini, UNRWA Commissioner-General, stated, that of

the 200 trucks with humanitarian supplies offloaded on the Palestinian side on 26 May, only 30 trucks were picked up due to heavy movement restrictions, ongoing Israeli Forces airstrikes, and the launch of rockets by Hamas. On 24 May, UNRWA reported that, due to the closure of Rafah crossing and disruption of aid flow via Kareem Abu Salem, its health centers had not received any medical supplies for the past 12 days, affecting medicine stocks especially antibiotics for children and anti-epileptic drugs and rendering certain laboratory and dental items and vaccines completely out of stock. Moreover, OCHA reported that there are no remaining stocks of shelter materials inside Gaza.

IOM is urgently <u>appealing</u> for USD 69 million to support its response to the rising critical humanitarian needs of hundreds of thousands of civilians in the Occupied Palestinian Territory and neighbouring countries affected by the ongoing hostilities. Your support is critical in our mission to deliver emergency aid to displaced families in Gaza and in surrounding countries impacted by the crisis and hostilities.

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IOM RESPONSE

LEBANON

94,126 IDPs have been recorded as of 28 May 2024

10,168 individuals have been reached with multi-sectoral humanitarian assistance.

As of 28 May, IOM Lebanon's Displacement Tracking Matrix (DTM) has recorded 94,126 IDPs, showing a slight increase of 254 since 14 May 2024. Most of these IDPs are in 5 five districts out of a total of 23 districts hosting IDPs —specifically, Sour, El Nabatieh, Saida, Baabda, and Beirut. The displacement covers 423 locations (villages or neighborhoods) across 347 cadasters throughout Lebanon, spanning 23 districts in eight governorates. 82 per cent of IDPs are currently living with host families, while 14 per cent are renting their shelters. Around two per cent have relocated to their secondary residences, and other two percent are housed in collective shelters. The number of collective shelters for people displaced by the conflict stands at 18.

As lead agency for Site Coordination, IOM also continues to support the Lebanese Government to strengthen emergency preparedness and response capacities in the country. In line with the Global Camp Coordination and Camp Management (CCCM) Cluster strategy on strengthening localization, IOM Site Coordination, jointly with the head of the Disaster Risk Reduction Unit at the Lebanese Red Cross (LRC), attended a three-day workshop in Nairobi, Kenya. The workshop sought to strengthen understanding of localization and the common challenges, and how this applies to the Lebanese context.

Furthermore, CERF (Central Emergency Response Fund) has allocated USD 700,000 to IOM Lebanon to support DTM Mobility Tracking for humanitarian planning and response. This project will also help restore the dignity of migrant workers and support their coping mechanisms by providing protection services and health care assistance across Lebanon, including the South.

JORDAN

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EGYPT

As of May 30, 263 trucks have been transferred to the Rafah border by IOM. Of these, 205 are confirmed to have passed.

Last week, IOM Egypt donated 108 medical emergency backpacks to the Egyptian Ambulance Organization, in coordination with Direct Relief. Moreover, given the current offensive in Rafah, NRC has suspended all shipments until further notice, and OXFAM has not had any shipments. In addition, the Egyptian Red Crescent (ERC) provided Temporary Care Units (TCUs) and Mobile Storage Units (MSUs) to the Palestine Logistics Cluster to expand warehouse capacity in Al-Arish, Egypt. IOM is currently exploring options for locally procured and preposition a small number of supplies (approx. 2,000 various kits).

Lastly, since November 2023, IOM Egypt supported 741 Third Country Nationals (TCNs), family members, and evacuees with assistance including accommodation, land and air transport, protection, and medical aid at the request of their respective embassies. No new TCNs were supported during the reporting period.



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*The DTM Mobility Snapshot is produced jointly with the Lebanese Red Cross (LRC) and the government's Disaster Risk Management (DRM) Unit and is the leading source of displacement data for Lebanon.

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