

# UNRWA Situation Report #199 on the humanitarian crisis in the Gaza Strip and the occupied West Bank, including East Jerusalem



All information updated for 24 – 30 November 2025\*

Day 777-783 since the start of the war in the Gaza Strip

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*The winter effects on those living in tents in Deir El Balah © November 2025 UNRWA photo*

## Highlights

### The Gaza Strip

- The Ministry of Health (MoH) reported, according to [OCHA](#), that since the ceasefire, 347 Palestinians have been killed, 889 injured and 596 bodies have been retrieved from under the rubble.
- On 24 November 2025, an UNRWA school-turned-shelter in Jabalia camp was reportedly impacted due to a quadcopter strike by Israeli forces. No casualties were reported, although the facility sustained minor damage.

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

- Describing severe destruction and the struggle facing women, especially the more than 57,000 who now head their households, amid high prices and lack of income, [UN Women's Chief of Humanitarian Action](#) reported that women are facing hunger, fear, repeated displacement and winter conditions in makeshift shelters that offer little protection.
- According to the Shelter Cluster, collective efforts to prepare for the winter season are under strain due to new winter storms, driving a cycle of renewed emergency needs. Most people in Gaza continue to reside in a range of inadequate shelter types that fail to meet basic emergency standards, including tents, makeshift tents, and partially or heavily damaged buildings.
- UNRWA is continuing to respond to flooding impacts across 32 UNRWA schools-turned-shelters, mostly in Middle Area and Khan Younis (27). First response operations are in progress, including water removal from flooded yards and clearance of blocked manholes and drainage collectors, in addition to repairs to damaged tents and distribution of tarpaulins to affected families. Efforts remain focused on closing outstanding gaps to ensure safe and adequate shelter conditions.
- Amid immense humanitarian needs, UNRWA operations continue to face severe challenges, including restrictions on bringing aid and vital supplies directly into the Gaza Strip. Despite these constraints, UNRWA is scaling up its response, including in education and health sector. Over 50,000 students are now engaged in in-person learning activities across all areas of Gaza. Health services have been significantly expanded in the north, with five active medical facilities in Gaza City and North Area, providing primary healthcare to around 1,800 patients daily. On 30 November, the Muawiya health centre in Mawasi reopened, strengthening access to essential care in the area.
- The joint catch-up immunization campaign reached 15,895 children in November (the first of three phases), with MoH and PRCS, and with support of UNICEF and WHO. As part of this joint effort, UNRWA teams vaccinated 4,624 children (29 per cent of the total). UNRWA participated with 32 teams out of 141 teams in total (22.6 per cent of the medical workforce involved).

### **The occupied West Bank including East Jerusalem**

- On 26 November, Israeli Forces launched a large-scale operation in Tubas governorate, so-called operation 'Five Stones'. The operation has to date included the use of advanced weaponry and war-like tactics, with Israeli Forces entering El Far'a Camp early on 28 November.
- A new demolition order was issued by Israeli Forces against Jenin Camp on 25 November. This marks the latest in a series of demolitions rendering parts of the de-populated camp uninhabitable.

#### **1. Key points**

## The Gaza Strip

### Fatalities and Injuries

- Between 7 October 2023 and 26 November 2025, according to the MoH in Gaza, as stated by [OCHA](#), almost 70,000 Palestinians have been reportedly killed in the Gaza Strip and another 170,965 have been injured.
- UNRWA recorded 381 colleagues killed in Gaza since the war began (308 UNRWA personnel, in addition to 73 persons who were supporting UNRWA activities<sup>2</sup>), as of 30 November 2025.

### Health crisis

- According to the Health Cluster, Acute Respiratory Infections remain the most frequently reported conditions, accounting for 68 per cent of all reported cases in 2025. Moreover, overcrowding due to displacement across the Gaza Strip, a collapse of water and sanitation systems and the resulting spread of infectious diseases have triggered an uptick of Guillain-Barré Syndrome cases, according to the [Rehabilitation Task Force](#). Acute Watery Diarrhoea, and Acute Jaundice Syndrome (which can be caused by Hepatitis A), are also on the rise.

### Education crisis

- According to a [recent assessment by the Education Cluster](#), which relies on satellite imagery collected on 11 October, about 93 per cent of school buildings in the Gaza Strip (526 out of 564) were directly hit or damaged and are estimated to require either full reconstruction or major rehabilitation work to be functional again. Without reconstruction or the ability to establish new learning spaces, education cannot resume at scale in Gaza.

### Displacement, site management

- UNRWA continues monitoring movement of displaced persons and displacement sites. As of 27 November, over 77,000 displaced people were estimated to be living in 85 shelters managed by UNRWA staff and the surrounding areas.
- Following more rains and subsequent flooding in Gaza on 25 November, the Site Management Cluster carried out rapid assessments in Designated Emergency Shelters across the Gaza Strip, as reported by [OCHA](#).
- Currently, **116 UNRWA facilities** are located within the Israeli militarized zone.

### Operational implications and humanitarian response

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<sup>2</sup> Including 14 people killed while on duty.

- Around 12,000 Palestinian UNRWA personnel in Gaza continue to provide services and assistance to an entire population in need. In the occupied West Bank including East Jerusalem, UNRWA continues to play a central role with over 4,000 UNRWA Palestinian personnel providing education, health, and other services to Palestine Refugees.
- All UNRWA international staff are prevented from entering the occupied Palestinian territory (the Gaza Strip and the West Bank, including East Jerusalem). This follows the passage of two laws by Israel's parliament (the Knesset) on 28 October 2024<sup>3</sup> that prohibit UNRWA's operations in areas that Israel considers its sovereign territory, including occupied East Jerusalem. The legislation also bars any contact between Israeli officials with UNRWA. **The Israeli authorities have not granted the Agency's international staff visas or permits to enter the occupied Palestinian territory, including Gaza, since the end of January 2025.**
- The Israeli authorities continue to ban UNRWA from bringing humanitarian aid into the Gaza Strip. Meanwhile, pre-positioned outside Gaza, UNRWA has enough food parcels for 1.1 million people, flour for 2.1 million individuals, and shelter supplies for up to 1.3 million people.

## **The occupied West Bank, including East Jerusalem**

- According to [OCHA](#), between 7 October 2023 and 24 November 2025, 1,030 Palestinians – among them at least 223 children – were killed in the occupied West Bank, including East Jerusalem. Of those, 224 Palestinians, including at least 50 children, were killed since the beginning of this year alone.
  - On 26 November, Israeli Forces launched so-called operation 'Five Stones' in Tubas governorate in the northern West Bank, which includes El Far'a Camp, home to approximately 11,000 Palestine Refugees. The operation, which is anticipated to be protracted and broad in scale, has to date included the deployment of advanced weaponry including extensive drone use and reported helicopter aerial strikes, as well as the imposition of movement restrictions.
  - A demolition order for buildings in Jenin Camp was issued by Israeli Forces on 25 November, with execution set on 28 November. This marks the latest Israeli Forces demolition order affecting Jenin Camp during operation 'Iron Wall', which has been ongoing since 21 January 2025 and has resulted in the forced displacement of the entire camp population, alongside those of Nur Shams and Tulkarm camps. In a statement, the Director of UNRWA Affairs in the West Bank [reaffirmed that](#) the camps must be rebuilt, not further destroyed.

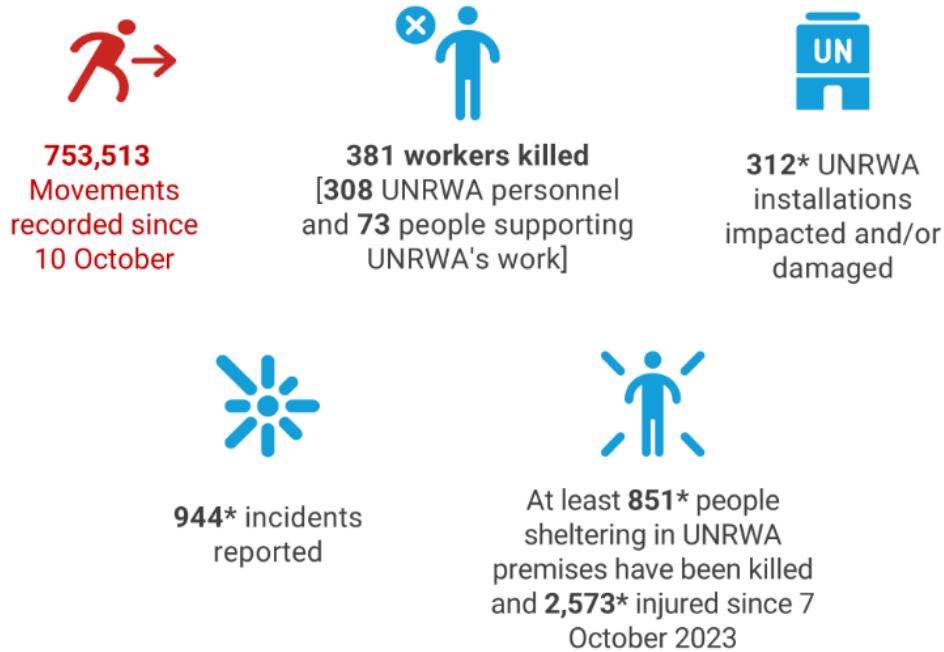
## **2. Gaza humanitarian overview and response**

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## Displacement, UNRWA fatalities and damage to installations



*\*Numbers are subject to change once verifications are concluded.*

### Humanitarian access, armed conflict-related incidents

- UNRWA is verifying details of incidents that reportedly impacted the Agency's premises, assets, and/or personnel. Additional information will be provided once it becomes available\*.
- From 19 to 25 November, one significant incident has impacted UNRWA installations, staff and/or persons supporting UNRWA's activities.
  - One 24 November 2025, an UNRWA school was reportedly impacted due to an Israeli Forces quadcopter strike in Jabalia Camp. No casualties were reported among UNRWA personnel, with minor damage to the facility reported.
- As of 25 November, **944\*** incidents impacting UNRWA premises and the people inside them have been reported since the beginning of the war. **312\*** (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 **851\*** persons sheltering in UNRWA buildings have been reported killed and at least **2,573\*** injured since the start of current hostilities. UNRWA

continues to verify and update the number of casualties caused by these incidents. A total of 116 UNRWA facilities are located within the Israeli Forces' militarized zone.

*\*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.*

## **UNRWA Response**

### **Health and nutrition**

- UNRWA has provided over 15.6 million health consultations since the start of the war. This includes 10.6 million medical consultations through UNRWA doctors and another 5 million through nurses and other health staff, for vaccination, health checks, and counselling.
- As of 23 November, only four health centres<sup>4</sup> and three additional UNRWA-rented facilities used as temporary health centres were operational in the Gaza Strip. In addition, as of 23 November, UNRWA provides primary health services through 109 mobile medical teams working in 32 health points inside and outside shelters in the Middle Area, Khan Younis, Al Mawasi and Gaza City<sup>5</sup>.
- Between 1 and 15 November, UNRWA screened 3,983 children from six to 59 months of age at its health centres and medical points, identifying 378 malnourished children.
- Between 17 and 23 November, UNRWA health teams provided 5,308 consultations for post-natal and pregnant women at high risk, 3,509 dental and oral health consultations in fixed and mobile clinics, and 2,333 physiotherapy rehabilitation services sessions in health centres and medical points. A total of 4,913 lab tests were conducted in UNRWA health centres and medical points.
- Between 17 and 23 November, an average of 1,186 UNRWA health personnel per day worked in UNRWA health facilities across the Gaza Strip, providing 67,846 medical consultations in total.
- From 17 to 23 November, 3,621 vaccination sessions were provided at health centres and medical points. Additionally, 1,241 students received vaccination services through school health services.

### **Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS)**

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<sup>4</sup> Out of 22 regular UNRWA health centres.

<sup>5</sup> The number of operational health facilities changes constantly based on demand, access and security. In particular, the number of medical points and teams in Gaza City continued to change due to heightened security risks and recurrent forced displacement orders.

- UNRWA remains one of the largest providers of emergency learning and PSS services across the Gaza Strip.
- With the support of 236 school counsellors and over 300 assistant counsellors, the Agency has conducted 336,257 critical PSS sessions for approximately 730,000 displaced persons, including more than 520,000 children since the beginning of the war. Between 17 and 23 November 2025, a total of 14,183 displaced persons accessed these services.
- Between 7 October 2023 and 30 November 2025, UNRWA's social work team provided services to 243,500 displaced persons, including psychological first aid, PSS services, family and individual activities, and case management. During the same reporting period, services were provided to 2,946 survivors of gender-based violence (GBV) and 6,615 children, including 2,615 unaccompanied children. The team supported 30,233 persons with disabilities with PSS; at least 8,276 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 148,209 displaced persons.
- UNRWA health teams, including 49 psychiatrists, psychosocial counsellors and supervisors, continued to provide MHPSS services in Gaza City, the Middle and Khan Younis areas, assisting special cases referred from UNRWA health centres and shelters. From 17 to 23 November, UNRWA teams responded to 2,324 cases in health centres and at health points through individual consultations, psychological first aid, awareness sessions and to address cases of GBV.

### Learning

- UNRWA has been providing learning services in the Gaza Strip in Temporary Learning Spaces (TLS) and through its distance learning initiative.
- Between 17 and 23 November, 50,842 children (23,679 boys and 27,163 girls, including 691 children with disabilities) benefited from the learning activities conducted in 338 TLSs in 64 schools turned shelters.
- UNRWA has also leveraged digital tools to provide Arabic and mathematics education to 296,028 children in Gaza, facilitated by 7,665 teachers through self-learning material developed by UNRWA, hosted on the Agency's digital learning platform, and delivered through a community-based approach.

### Food security

- Since 7 October 2023 and until the start of the previous 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. During the ceasefire, UNRWA reached over 2 million people with critical food assistance.

- **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 almost eight months (since 2 March 2025).**

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

- Since October 2023, UNRWA has carried out emergency WASH activities across the Gaza Strip, at UNRWA shelters and informal displacement areas. Activities include operating and maintaining water wells and desalination systems and supplying water with water trucks. In addition, UNRWA continues to maintain hygiene in its shelters and sites through cleaning supplies, community-based solid waste management, water tanks disinfection campaigns and pest control.
- In 2025, UNRWA water provision and solid waste collection have reached around 1.4 million people (to date).
- Between 16 and 30 November, UNRWA distributed over 55,500 cubic metres of domestic and potable water in different areas, reaching around 400,000 IDPs. This increase was due to the repair of water well #3 in Jabalia and an expansion in shelter-based wells in Gaza city and North Gaza area.
- Between 16 and 30 November, UNRWA teams collected around 5,400 tons of solid waste inside UNRWA shelters and surrounding areas. 360 cleaning campaigns were conducted inside its areas of responsibility, benefiting over 300,000 displaced persons. UNRWA teams also conducted over 600 hygiene promotion sessions over the same period.

#### **Quote from Qamar, a 12-year-old girl in Gaza:**

**“I hope education continues in proper classrooms with windows and new desks.”**

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## UNRWA response in the Gaza Strip

### Health



Over 15.6 million health consultations since October 2023



Over 67,000 health consultations provided between 17 and 23 November



Four UNRWA health centres, three temporary health centres and 32 medical points still operational

### WASH



400,000 people reached with 55,500 cubic metres of domestic and potable water between 16 and 30 November



Around 5,400 tons of solid waste collected and transferred to temporary dumping sites between 16 and 30 November



600 hygiene promotion sessions and 360 cleaning campaigns conducted inside UNRWA shelters, benefiting over 300,000 displaced persons between 16 and 30 November

### Psychosocial Support and learning



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

### Food assistance



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

### In-Person Learning



As of 23 November, 50,842 children are participating in basic literacy and numeracy learning



Protection services provided to 2,946 GBV survivors and 6,615 children (including more than 2,615 unaccompanied children)

### Protection