



UNRWA staff holds a child in a school-turned-shelter in Nuseirat
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UNRWA EMERGENCY RESPONSE TO THE ONGOING HUMANITARIAN CRISIS in the occupied Palestinian territory*

July 2024

UNRWA is the backbone of the humanitarian response in **the Gaza Strip**. Before the beginning of the war on 7 October 2023, the Agency was supporting two-thirds of the population in Gaza with education, healthcare, relief and social services, food and cash assistance. It is the largest human development organisation in the Gaza Strip. Currently, almost everyone in Gaza (2.1 million people) is in need.

When the war started, UNRWA scaled up its response, reaching **1.8 million** of the most vulnerable people with lifesaving aid and services. This included shelter for displaced families¹, healthcare, food assistance, emergency, waste collection, mental health and psychosocial support. The Agency has always remained committed to serving communities across the Gaza Strip despite multiple challenges, including the war, severe access restrictions, ongoing and repeated displacement affecting the vast majority of people including our staff, and most recently the break down of law and order.

Violence in **the West Bank (including East Jerusalem)** was surging to levels unseen in two decades, even before the war started, and has worsened since.

¹ 1.9 million people

Palestine Refugees in camps there are severely affected: frequent and increasingly intensive operations by Israeli Security Forces in camps, and exchanges of fire with Palestinian armed groups, have resulted in record casualties (including among children), arrests, extensive infrastructure damage and internal displacement. Enhanced Israeli Authorities' restrictions on the movement of Palestinians in the West Bank since the war started have undermined the access of Palestinians to livelihoods and essential services, including health and education, as well as the ability of humanitarian actors to reach people in need.

In response to the ongoing and unprecedented escalation of conflict and humanitarian needs in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank, UNRWA appeals for **US\$ 1.21 billion** to address the most critical humanitarian needs of 1.9 million of the most vulnerable refugees and non-refugees in Gaza and the West Bank, including East Jerusalem. As of early July 2024, the appeal is 19 per cent funded.

*unless specified otherwise, data provided in this factsheet covers the period since the war started on 7 October.



Total population in the Gaza Strip
2.1 MILLION



People registered with UNRWA in the West Bank
1.1 MILLION

THE GAZA STRIP

UNRWA response

Since the war started on 7 October, UNRWA has:

- ◇ Provided over **4.3 million** health consultations through operational health centres (currently eight out of 26) and around 100 mobile teams, including vaccination of over **120,000** children.
- ◇ Reached **1.9 million** people with flour.
- ◇ Provided psychosocial support activities to around **680,000** internally displaced people, the vast majority of them children.

As of early July, the number of UNRWA colleagues killed in the Gaza Strip since 7 October is **194**. This is the highest number ever of United Nations (UN) workers killed since the UN was established just after the Second World War.



625,000

Children out of school including nearly 300,000 students enrolled in UNRWA schools



Over 4.3 million

Medical consultations provided since the beginning of the war



eight health centres

out of 26 still operational



1.9 million

people reached with flour, many of them multiple times



Up to 1.9 million

internally displaced people (some multiple times)



188

UNRWA installations impacted since the war started (over 50 per cent of our installations)

Flash appeal
funding requirements
US\$ 1.1 billion*

*nearly 21 per cent funded as of early July 2024

THE WEST BANK including East Jerusalem

UNRWA response

- ◇ In the West Bank, UNRWA provides education to over **46,000** students. In the first semester of the school year **6,000** students from Jenin, Tulkarem, Nur Shams and Balata refugee camps lost an average of **18** school days due to ongoing operations by Israeli Security Forces and confrontations with Palestinian armed groups.
- ◇ Since the war began on 7 October, Palestinians in the West Bank are increasingly dependent on humanitarian assistance including UNRWA. Nearly one third of jobs were lost, impacting **200,000** people. This is largely due to the suspension of work permits by the Israeli Authorities to Palestinian workers.



Road reconstruction Nur Shams camp March
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Students enrolled in UNRWA schools



Internally displaced people due to the demolition of 330+ homes (from 7 October 2023 to 30 March 2024)



234,891

Patients served in UNRWA health centres in 2023



35,211

Cash and food assistance recipients (Social Safety Net) in 2023



38,502

Emergency food recipients in 2023



1,057

Students enrolled in Technical and Vocational Education and Training centres



● Official Palestine Refugee camps



Total number of camps

19

Flash appeal funding requirements US\$ 85 million

*only 1,5 per cent funded as of early July 2024

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