



UNRWA Situation Report #42 on the situation in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank, including East Jerusalem

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Day 52 of Hostilities

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A Palestinian man carrying children in the Gaza Strip during the temporary humanitarian pause, 27 November 2023. © 2023 UNRWA Photo by Ashraf Amra

1. Key points

The Gaza Strip

- UNRWA confirms that one colleague was killed during strikes before the start of the humanitarian pause. In total, 110 UNRWA colleagues have been killed since the 7 October.
- The humanitarian pause, which entered into force on the morning of 24 November, was maintained for a fifth consecutive day on 28 November, after the decision was taken by Israel and Hamas to extend on the evening of 27 November.
- **A convoy of trucks delivered humanitarian aid to UNRWA shelters in the northern Gaza Strip. The six-truck convoy reached Jabalia on 27 November, an area that had been cut off from assistance for nearly 50 days.**
- Around 1.8 million people (or over 80 per cent of the population) have been displaced across the Gaza Strip since 7 October.

- As of 28 November, nearly 1.1 million internally displaced persons (IDPs) were sheltering in 156 UNRWA installations across all five governorates of the Gaza Strip, including in the Northern area.
- **Nearly 956,000 IDPs were sheltering in 99 facilities in the Middle, Khan Younis and Rafah areas.**

The West Bank, including East Jerusalem

- An exchange of fire took place during Israeli Security Forces (ISF) search operations in Aida refugee camp and Dheisheh refugee camp. As a result, four Palestinians were injured by live ammunition.
- One bullet hit the window of the UNRWA Health Clinic in Dheisheh refugee camp, Bethlehem. The ISF conducted a number of operations in refugee camps in the northern West Bank, resulting in the detention of six Palestinians. An exchange of fire took place during the search operation in Balata refugee camp in Nablus.

2. Overall situation

The Gaza Strip

- According to the Government Media Office (GMO), as of 18:00 on 23 November, **over 14,800 people have been killed in the Gaza Strip, including nearly 6,000 children and 4,000 women.**
- Overall, around 1,200 Israelis and foreign nationals have been killed in Israel, according to Israeli Authorities, the vast majority on 7 October (OCHA).

The West Bank, including East Jerusalem

- According to OCHA, **since 7 October, 232 Palestinians, including 61 children, have been killed by the ISF in the West Bank. In addition, eight people, including one child, have been killed by Israeli settlers.**

3. Humanitarian access & protection of civilians

The Gaza Strip

- As of 28 November, **110 UNRWA colleagues have been killed since the beginning of the war.**
- **As of 28 November, UNRWA was able to verify that 104 incidents have occurred at 82 UNRWA premises since the beginning of the war. Thirty (30) installations were directly hit and 52 sustained collateral damage. In addition, UNRWA received reports of military use of its facilities on at least five occasions.**
- Since the beginning of the conflict, **at least 218 internally displaced people sheltering in UNRWA schools have reportedly been killed and at least 894 have been injured.**

4. UNRWA response

The Gaza Strip

UNRWA Shelters

- **The number of displaced people continues to increase.** On 28 November, at least 10,000 additional IDPs sought refuge in UNRWA shelters in the Middle and Southern areas.
- **In total, almost 1.1 million displaced people are now sheltering in 156 UNRWA installations.**
- **The average number of IDPs in UNRWA shelters is 9,558, more than four times their capacity.**

Health

- Since the beginning of the war, **UNRWA staff in Gaza have treated over 650,000 patients.**
- On average, there are 10,700 medical consultations in UNRWA health centres per day.
- On 28 November, nine (out of 22) UNRWA health centres were still operational in the Middle and Southern areas, recording **9,701 patient visits**, including Palestine Refugees and non-refugees.
- Midwives are providing care for post-natal and high-risk pregnant women at the nine operational health centres. There are an estimated 50,000 pregnant women in Gaza, with more than 180 giving birth every day. **A total of 414 post-natal and high-risk pregnancy cases were attended to at health centres on 28 November. In addition, post-natal care continued in the shelters, with 1,094 cases attended to since 7 October.**
- On 28 November, 816 **children were vaccinated** at seven health centres according to the national vaccination programme, bringing the total number to 11,622 since 4 November.
- On the same day, emergency dental services (bleeding, swellings, trauma and extraction) were provided to **388 cases** at seven health centres.
- **UNRWA continued to provide health care to IDPs at shelters through 126 medical teams on 28 November. 284 health workers attended to a total of 10,919 patients. Each team is composed of 1-2 doctors and a nurse.**

Psychosocial support (PSS)

- UNRWA teams, including 196 social workers in the shelters, provided psychosocial first aid and other specialized protection services to IDPs. **Since 7 October, 78,563 people (over 60 per cent of whom are females) have been reached.**

Food security

- **UNRWA distribution of flour outside of shelters continued on 28 November in the southern governorates. A total of 26,406 families have been reached so far.**

Water and Sanitation Services (WASH)

- **UNRWA continues to operate eight water wells pumping about 9,000 cubic metres to provide potable and domestic water supply.** Potable water trucking operations to the shelters in Rafah and Khan Younis areas continue.
- Solid waste collection from the camps, emergency shelters and transfer to landfills continues in the Middle, Khan Younis and Rafah areas. About 50 loadings were transferred to temporary dumping sites on 28 November. There is an urgent need for additional sanitation trucks and vehicles.
- UNRWA teams continued to handle maintenance works at dozens of shelters.

Quote from Thomas White, Director of UNRWA Affairs in Gaza

“There are some remarkable stories of our courageous colleagues staying and serving their communities in northern Gaza. **A head of UNRWA sanitation services, despite the unspeakable grief of his wife and daughter being killed, is out working every day to provide essential services for the community.**”

Read the full statement [here](#).

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UNRWA situation and response to the escalation in the Gaza Strip

IDPs in UNRWA installations

Confirmed numbers, since 7 October



At least 218 IDPs sheltering in UNRWA premises have been killed and 894 injured since 7 October.

The average number of IDPs in UNRWA shelters is 9,558, more than four times their capacity.

UNRWA fatalities and damage to installations



110 UNRWA colleagues killed



104 incidents



82 UNRWA installations damaged

UNRWA response – Psychosocial support



78,563 people (60 per cent women) were provided with psychosocial support and social work services since 7 October.

UNRWA response – Health



10,919 IDPs in shelters received healthcare through 126 mobile medical points on 28 November.

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650,000 patients treated by UNRWA staff since 7 October.

9,701 patients received healthcare in nine (out of 22) UNRWA health centres still operational in the Middle and South areas on 28 November.

UNRWA response – Food assistance



23,284 families outside of shelters have received flour in southern governorates since 21 November.

UNRWA response - WASH



8 water wells pumping about 9,000 cubic meters are operated by UNRWA to provide potable and domestic water supply.

* IDPs in the North and Gaza areas as of 12 October. UNRWA's ability to provide humanitarian support in the North and Gaza City has since been compromised and access to information including updates on IDPs numbers has since been hindered.

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