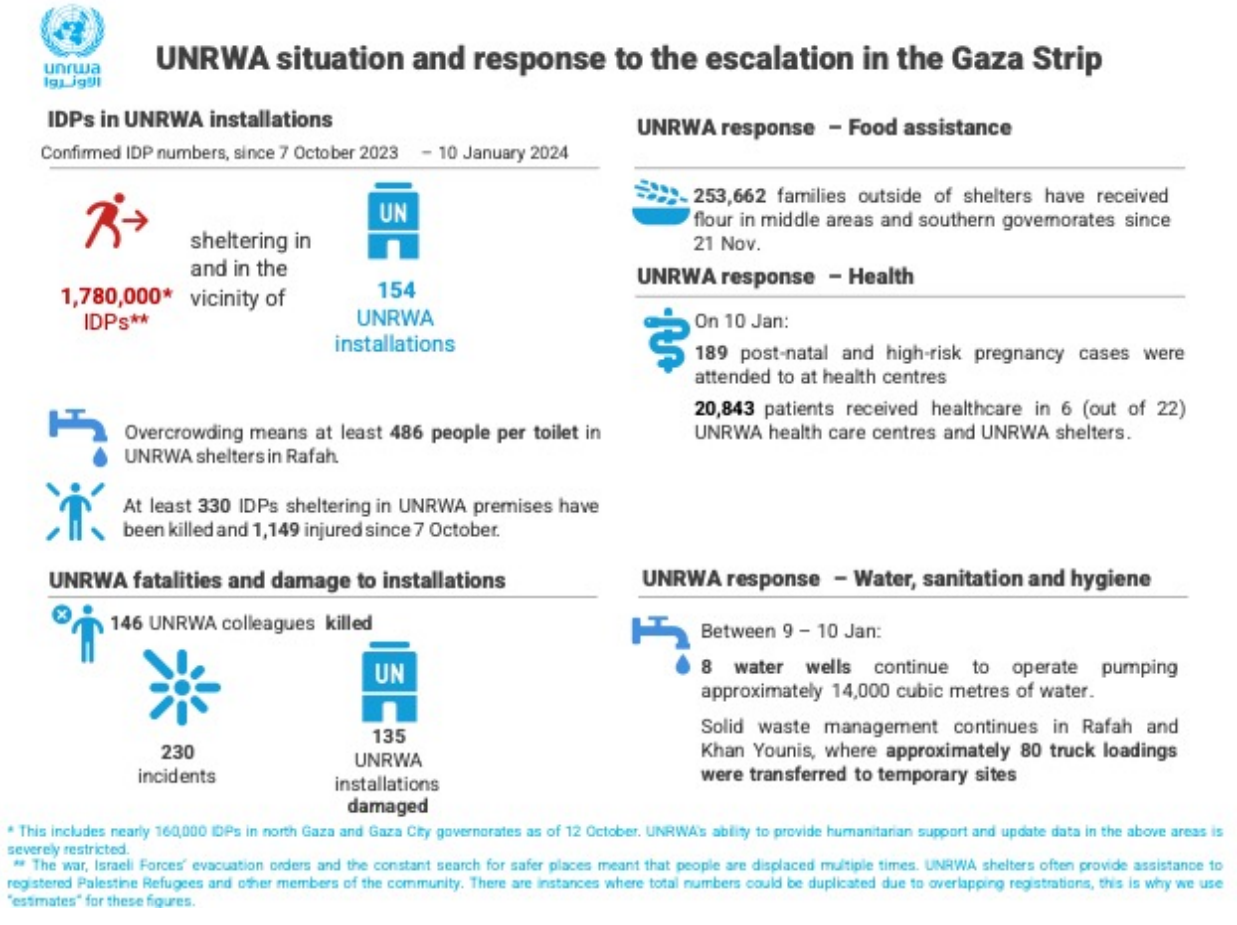
# UNRWA SITUATION REPORT #63 ON THE SITUATION IN THE GAZA STRIP AND THE WEST BANK, INCLUDING EAST JERUSALEM

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All information from 9-10 January 2024, is valid as of 10 January 2024 at 22:30

Days 95-96 of Hostilities




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The Gaza Strip

- As of 10 January 2024, the total number of UNRWA colleagues killed since the beginning of hostilities is **146.**
- Since 7 October 2023, **up to 1.9 million people** (or over 85 per cent of the population) have been displaced across the Gaza Strip, some multiple times. Families are forced to move repeatedly in search of safety.
- As of 8 January, nearly 1.4 million Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) are sheltering in 154 UNRWA facilities across all five governorates of the Gaza Strip, including 160,000 in the north and Gaza City, and nearly 400,000 are in close vicinity of these installations and receiving assistance from UNRWA. A total of 1.78 million* IDPs are receiving assistance from UNRWA.

* This includes nearly 160,000 IDPs in north Gaza and Gaza City governorates as of 12 October. UNRWA's ability to provide humanitarian support and update data in the above areas is severely restricted. The hostilities, Israeli Forces' evacuation orders and the constant search for safer places meant that people are displaced multiple times. UNRWA shelters often provide assistance to registered Palestine Refugees and other members of the community. There are instances where total numbers could be duplicated due to overlapping registrations, this is why we use "estimates" for these figures.

The West Bank, including East Jerusalem

- Between 9 and 10 January, the following Israeli Security Forces (ISF) search and arrest operations occurred:

**9 January:**

- Search and arrest operations in Tulkarm city, Tulkarm refugee camp and Nur Shams refugee camp in northern West Bank continued. Nine Palestinians were reportedly injured in Tulkarm refugee camp due to ISF drone firing a missile.
- Search and arrest operation in Askar Camp, northern West Bank. Five Palestinians, including a child, were injured during the operation. ISF reportedly blew up a house and detained one Palestinian.
- There were reports of search and arrest operations in several villages north, east and south of Jenin city, northern West Bank. ISF reportedly entered with bulldozers and damaged public infrastructure as well as private property. Reportedly, there was an exchange of fire between

Palestinians and ISF in Jenin. Further violence was reported the next day when Palestinians reportedly threw petrol bombs at ISF. Palestinians were detained.

- Search and arrest operation in Qalqiliya, northern West Bank, where four Palestinians were detained.
- A Palestinian allegedly attempted to stab ISF soldiers at a checkpoint in the central West Bank. ISF shot and killed the Palestinian. A PRCS ambulance was preparing to transfer the body of the Palestinian to a hospital in Ramallah, when ISF intercepted the ambulance and took the body. ISF then closed all checkpoints and entrances to villages north of Ramallah.
- ISF conducted a search operation and opened fire during clashes with Palestinians in Ramallah, central West Bank. One Palestinian was injured with live ammunition and two Palestinians were detained. The injured Palestinian died the next day.

**10 January:**

- ISF opened fire during clashes with Palestinians in Abud, central West Bank. Three Palestinians were injured with live ammunition.
- ISF search and arrest operations were conducted in Nablus, Balata refugee camp and other locations across the West Bank.



**Overall Situation**

The Gaza Strip

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number of casualties caused by incidents that impacted its installations, [illegible] reported casualties [illegible] the number of injuries could not be determined.

* Figures are subject to change once further verifications have been conducted. Cases of previous dates were updated (increasing the number of incidents).

**UNRWA Response**

The Gaza Strip

**UNRWA Shelters**

- As of 10 January, in total, **nearly 1.4 million displaced people are now sheltering in 154 UNRWA installations**, with an estimated 400,000 accessing services from UNRWA.
- The average number of IDPs in UNRWA shelters in the middle and southern areas is over **12,000 per shelter. This is more than four times their capacity.**

**Health**

- On 9 January 2024, only six (out of 22) UNRWA health centres were operational in the middle and southern areas with **10,331 patient visits recorded.**
- Midwives are providing care for post-natal and high-risk pregnant women at health centres. On 9 January, a total of 189 post-natal and high-risk pregnancy cases were attended to at the health centres.
- On 9 January, UNRWA continued to provide health care at UNRWA health centres and shelters with 676 staff maintaining health services.
- On 9 January, UNRWA attended to 20,843 patients in UNRWA shelters and health centres.
- Mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) services were resumed in the middle area and Khan Younis (south) with a team of two psychiatrists and 20 counsellors and supervisors to assist special cases referred from health centres and shelters. On 9 January, the team responded to 1,316 cases through individual consultations, awareness sessions and support for gender-based violence cases.
- Vaccination services have resumed in health centres following the arrival of vaccines supplies from UNICEF. The total number of children vaccinated on 9 January was 1,095.
- UNRWA received vaccines from UNICEF for its health centres. Eight different types of vaccines were received (refrigerated and freezer storage). This allowed for vaccination to restart. On 7 January, a total of

- 1,415 children were vaccinated against diseases such as measles, [illegible] and tetanus.

**Psychosocial support (PSS)**

- UNRWA teams, including 264 social workers in the shelters, continue to provide psychosocial first aid and other specialized protection services to IDPs. **As of 10 January, around 84,785 IDPs were reached.**
- **School counsellors conducted 1,183 individual and family consultations in Rafah and Khan Younis (south), alongside 1,010 group sessions**. 21,826 IDPs were reached, with the cumulative total of 66,214 PSS sessions since 7 October.
- During the same period, school counsellors provided psychological support to nearly 494 UNRWA staff, through in-person and remote consultations. **The total number of UNRWA staff who have received psychological support since the beginning of the hostilities is 7,124.**

**Food Security**

- UNRWA continued to **distribute flour** outside of shelters in the southern governorates. **A total of 253,662 families have been reached so far.**
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**Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)**

- Between 9-10 January 2024, water wells in Jabalia (north), Khan Younis and Rafah (south) were operational. Nearly 14,000 cubic metres have been pumped. Khan Younis and Rafah water wells have operated in two shifts (12 hours) to provide potable/domestic water supply services.
- During the same period, solid waste management services continued in Rafah, Khan Younis, Nuseirat and Deir El Balah Palestine refugee camps. The service has been forced to come to a halt in Bureij and Maghazi Palestine refugee camps due to the expansion of the Israeli Forces' operations. About 80 loadings have been transferred to temporary dumping sites.

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**Quote from Ahlam, a frontline UNRWA staff member in Gaza**

"I have worked with UNRWA for 13 years, including during previous wars and escalations, but I have never witnessed anything as horrific as this ongoing war."

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