Over the last four weeks, WFP has been able to dispatch just 9,000 metric tons of food aid inside Gaza - a tiny fraction of what a population of 2.1 million hungry people needs.

What is even worse is that **far too many people have died** while trying to access the trickle of food aid coming in.

Only a massive scale-up in food distributions can stabilize the situation, calm anxieties and rebuild the trust within communities that more food is coming.

Safer and more reliable convoy routes, faster permission approvals, dependable communication services, and the opening of additional border crossings are urgently needed now.

The fear of starvation and desperate need for food is causing large crowds to gather along well-known transport routes, hoping to intercept and access humanitarian supplies while in transit.

Any violence resulting in starving people being killed or injured while seeking life-saving assistance is completely unacceptable.

WFP continues to call for the protection of all civilians and all aid workers delivering life-saving assistance.

During the ceasefire, WFP facilitated as many as 600 trucks per day into Gaza, which helped push back the tide of hunger.

WFP stands ready.We have food in the corridors, experienced teams on the ground, and proven systems in place to respond at scale.

What is urgently needed now is another ceasefire, so we can reach families with critical food supplies in a consistent, orderly and safe manner -- wherever they are across the Gaza Strip.

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