

SITUATION REPORT

CRISIS IN PALESTINE

July — August 2025

Highlights

Gaza city military offensive threatens essential health care: The escalation risks wiping out half of the Strip's hospital bed capacity, and facilities providing obstetric, newborn, and sexual and reproductive health (SRH) services.

Unsafe deliveries are increasing: Every week in Gaza at least 15 births take place outside hospitals, many without a skilled attendant, putting both mother and newborn at grave risk.

Famine is hitting women and newborns hardest: Over 60 per cent of pregnant women and new mothers are suffering from malnutrition, two thirds severely, with rising anemia, preterm births, and newborn complications.

Protection risks for women and girls are rising: Forced displacement, overcrowding, and hunger are driving higher levels of gender-based violence (GBV), early marriage, and exploitation, while critical protection services, including safe spaces and shelters, are being forced to shut down just as they are needed most.

UNFPA life-saving supplies reach Gaza after months of blockade: In August, UNFPA delivered 10 truckloads of reproductive health and hygiene supplies to support 240,000 people. Yet 160 additional truckloads have been stranded at the border for over five months, loaded with critical SRH and protection supplies.

65,944
Fatalities[1]
64,905 in Gaza
1,039 in WB

173,960
Injuries[1]
164,926 in Gaza
9,034 in WB

1.36M+
Women of reproductive age[2]
545,000+ in Gaza
820,000+ in WB

128,000
Estimated pregnant women[2]
55,000 in Gaza
73,000 in WB

85,000
People reached with SRH services

30,000
People reached with GBV programmes

[1] Palestinian Ministry of Health - 15 September 2025
[2] MISP calculation

Situation Overview

The scale of devastation in Gaza continues to deepen. Strikes are taking place across the Strip, with intensified bombardment in and around Gaza city, killing and injuring civilians, destroying critical infrastructure, and forcing families into repeated displacement. Military operations in Gaza city and the north will have catastrophic consequences, with nearly 1 million people at risk of further displacement. More than 97,000 people have fled south since mid-August, joining hundreds of thousands with no safe place to go.

Over 86 per cent of Gaza is under militarized zones or displacement orders, leaving a few overcrowded areas which lack the space and basic services to support the people already there. Families are being pushed south into streets and open fields, exposed to the elements without shelter, food, clean water, access to health care, or the basics to survive. Humanitarian convoys face constant delays, interference, and restrictions at crossing points, choking the lifeline for a starving population. The aid that trickles in is a fraction of what is needed. Without an immediate ceasefire, and unimpeded entry of aid and safe humanitarian access at the scale needed, starvation will continue to spread and claim countless more lives.

Famine in Gaza is no longer a threat but a grim reality. More than half a million people are already starving, and projections show this number could surpass 640,000 by the end of September. One in three people goes without food for days at a time. By 8 September, the Ministry of Health confirmed over 390 deaths from starvation, including 140 children, alongside more than 2,400 killed and 17,700 injured while desperately trying to access aid. Food lines and distribution points have become deadly. The systems that sustain life have been dismantled, forcing an entire population into destitution.

For women and girls, hunger is life-threatening. Over 40 per cent of pregnant and breastfeeding women are severely malnourished, and two-thirds suffer from anemia. In August, 61 per cent of those screened at Save the Children clinics were malnourished, nearly seven times higher than in March before aid was cut off. One in five babies is born prematurely or underweight, yet access to emergency newborn care has dropped by 70 per cent. Incubators are so scarce that several infants share one, greatly increasing infection risks.

The health system across the Gaza Strip is collapsing and could lose half of its bed capacity if the military offensive continues. In Gaza city, four hospitals providing obstetric and newborn care and 21 primary healthcare centers delivering outpatient SRH services are at risk of shutdown. Southern facilities are already operating several times over capacity, unable to absorb the influx of patients from the north.

Access to health services has become increasingly difficult. Reduced availability of care forces families to travel long distances, often on damaged roads that delay or obstruct movement, particularly in emergencies or at night. The fuel crisis has critically affected ambulance services, private transportation, and the operation of hospitals and health points. Many ambulances are out of service due to strikes or lack of fuel, while those still functioning face severe delays. With hospitals overwhelmed or inaccessible, women are increasingly giving birth in shelters, streets, and other unsafe settings. In the first seven months of 2025, more than 465 deliveries took place outside hospitals, some attended only by paramedics and many without any medical staff at all, with June and July recording the highest numbers.

Women and girls face heightened protection risks as safe spaces collapse and overcrowding worsens. Reports of GBV are rising, fueled by hunger, stress, and repeated displacement. Five women and girls' safe spaces (WGSSs), which service 1,000 women every week, one women's shelter, and several GBV service points are under direct threat from the offensive in Gaza city. Service providers are forced to relocate, operate remotely, or continue without essential supplies, disrupting critical support for survivors. Older women and women with disabilities are particularly vulnerable to abuse and exploitation.

In the West Bank, violence and displacement are escalating at alarming levels. Since January 2025, more than 2,780 Palestinians have been injured by Israeli forces and settlers, nearly 500 of them by settlers alone. Close to 40,000 people have been displaced from the northern West Bank as refugee camps are violently raided and emptied. Homes, schools, and health centers are being demolished, raising the likelihood that displacement will become permanent. Settler attacks on communities are intensifying, damaging property, cutting water supplies to some 100,000 people across 20 villages in Ramallah, and leaving communities increasingly vulnerable.

Movement restrictions, including road closures and checkpoints, are severely disrupting access to schools, workplaces, markets, and health facilities. An estimated 73,000 pregnant women face barriers to reaching care, and around 232,000 women and girls now have limited access to reproductive health services, particularly in Jenin, Tulkarem, and Tubas. Among them are 14,800 pregnant women, with 1,600 births expected next month. Many of these deliveries may take place in unsafe, unsterile conditions, heightening risks of infection, complications, and newborn death. These risks are compounded by stress, malnutrition, and displacement.

UNFPA Response

In July and August 2025, amid escalating violence, collapsing services, and severe access restrictions, UNFPA sustained life-saving SRH, GBV, and youth services across Gaza and the West Bank.

Sexual and reproductive health: Over 80,000 people accessed SRH services. In Gaza, UNFPA supported the establishment of a new maternity field hospital, deployed midwives to health centers and communities, and sustained six containerized maternal health units providing emergency obstetric and neonatal care. Essential medicines, contraceptives, and reproductive health kits were distributed to maintain service delivery. In the West Bank, UNFPA operated mobile clinics and supplied reproductive health medicines and commodities to health facilities.

Gender-based violence: Over 21,000 people received GBV prevention and response services. In Gaza, UNFPA supported WGSSs, delivering case management, psychosocial support, cash and voucher assistance, and menstrual hygiene kits. Frontline workers were trained and provided with staff care. In the West Bank, fixed and mobile safe spaces expanded access for hard-to-reach communities, offering case management, psychosocial support, GBV prevention and response services, and distributing dignity kits and cash assistance.

Adolescents and youth: Over 14,000 adolescents and youth were engaged in resilience, education, and protection initiatives. In Gaza, UNFPA supported youth hubs and girls' tents provided recreational and educational activities, life-skills, prevention of sexual exploitation and abuse (PSEA) awareness, and psychosocial support. In the West Bank, youth accessed health services, life-skills education, and pre-marriage counseling, while hundreds of young volunteers led community-based peace and resilience initiatives.

Results Snapshot

85,000
People reached with **SRH services**

45
Health facilities supported

30,000
People reached with **GBV prevention, mitigation and response** activities

24
Safe spaces for women and girls supported

Gaza Strip

204 Inter-agency reproductive health kits distributed to 16 health facilities and service delivery points, supporting 19,000 SRH services, including 6,000 safe births, in the next three months

29,690 Cycles of oral contraceptives delivered to health facilities to support an estimated 10,000 women of reproductive age over the next three months

18,450 Units of Oxytocin, Anti-D, and Misoprostol distributed to health facilities to support the management of postpartum hemorrhage and miscarriage complications, as well as the prevention of Rhesus (Rh) sensitization

6 Containerized maternal health units provided basic and comprehensive emergency obstetric and neonatal care in the Middle Area and Khan Younis, supporting over 4,000 SRH services

74,205 People received SRH services through UNFPA-supported service delivery points, including fixed facilities and mobile units

13,635 People reached with SRH information and awareness through in-person outreach activities

125 Midwives deployed to health centers and communities to support SRH consultations and emergency deliveries

19 Health professionals trained on maternal and SRH service provision

1 Maternity field hospital established in Al Awda, Nuseirat, with support from UNFPA and partners to expand access to reproductive and maternal health care

17 WGSSs supported nearly 5,800 women and girls with multi-sectoral GBV risk mitigation, prevention and response services

5,360 Menstrual hygiene kits distributed to women and girls

22,400 People reached with PSEA and GBV information and awareness through in-person outreach activities

6,800 People received mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) through individual and group sessions

265 Women in Gaza received cash and voucher assistance to address their immediate needs, including protection from exploitation and violence

50 GBV frontline workers reached with staff care initiatives and MHPSS support

9,600 People reached through community based initiatives on peace and resilience led by 109 young volunteers

7 Multi-purpose youth hubs and girls' tents reached 5,300 adolescents and youth with recreational and educational classes, awareness sessions, capacity building, PSEA, psychosocial first aid (PFA) and comprehensive life education (CLE).

West Bank

52,500 Cycles of oral, emergency, and injectable contraceptives delivered to health facilities, supporting an estimated 23,000 women of reproductive age

7 WGSSs supported 1,400 women and girls with multi-sectoral GBV risk mitigation, prevention and response services

1,120 People reached with comprehensive SRH services, including breast cancer screenings, SRH information and awareness-raising activities, through five UNFPA-supported mobile clinics in Area C and Northern West Bank

6 Mobile WGSSs deployed to the Jordan Valley, Hebron, Tubas, Bethlehem, and Jerusalem to provide psychosocial support and GBV prevention and response services to hard-to-reach communities

685 Women in the West Bank and East Jerusalem received cash and voucher assistance to address their immediate needs

1,290 Frontline workers trained on gender responsive basic psychosocial support including referral procedures

1,900 People received MHPSS through individual and group sessions

170 GBV frontline workers reached with staff care initiatives and MHPSS support

80 People were reached with PSEA and GBV information and awareness through in-person outreach activities

110 Dignity kits distributed to displaced women and girls

4,550 Adolescents and youth accessed youth-friendly health services, CLE and pre-marriage counseling

1,600 People reached through community based initiatives on peace and resilience led by 530 young volunteers

Coordination Mechanisms

Gender-Based Violence:

UNFPA, through the GBV Area of Responsibility (AoR), continued to lead coordination across Palestine, adapting response efforts amid intensifying risks. An inter-agency assessment in displacement sites informed advocacy with shelter, protection, and food security actors to better integrate GBV risk mitigation. Updated referral maps were issued to help partners navigate disrupted services. The AoR also rolled out joint training with PSEA, Protection Cluster, and WHO on safe case management and digital documentation, and initiated the development of a National GBV Manual with the Ministry of Health. In addition, UNFPA published a Cash Assistance in Gaza and the West Bank Fact Sheet to highlight linkages between cash, protection, and GBV risk mitigation.

Sexual and Reproductive Health:

UNFPA, through the SRH Working Group (SRHWG) under the Health Cluster, continued to lead coordination on essential SRH services. The group finalized the first draft of the 2025 SRH data report with MoH and Palestine Health Information Center (PHIC), updated the SRH Facility Closure Tracker and Service Mapping, and developed the August 2025 Sexual Reproductive, Maternal and Newborn Health (SRMNH) Contingency Plan. UNFPA also released a Mobile Clinics in the West Bank Fact Sheet and convened an inter-agency Training of Trainers on Clinical Management of Rape in Gaza. Advocacy advanced the integration of SRH with nutrition and cash programming for pregnant and breastfeeding women, in collaboration with the Nutrition Cluster and WFP/UNICEF.

Adolescents and Youth:

UNFPA continued to lead adolescent and youth coordination, ensuring the needs of young people remain central to the humanitarian response. UNFPA finalized and disseminated the Mapping of Adolescent and Youth Humanitarian Actors and Actions in Palestine, the first comprehensive analysis of actors and initiatives serving young people across Gaza, the West Bank, and East Jerusalem. The study provides a foundation for advocacy, planning, and collaboration with UN agencies, civil society, and youth-led groups to strengthen youth-responsive action.

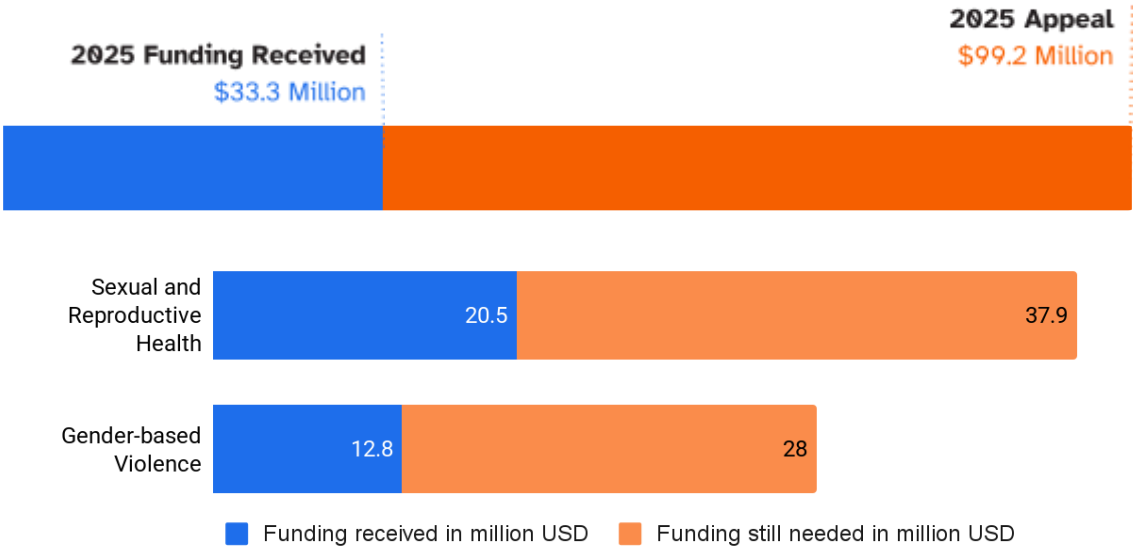
Other Groups

UNFPA continued to lead the Mobile Clinic Working Group, coordinating partners to redirect services in the West Bank to address growing accessibility challenges. UNFPA also actively contributed to the Cash Working Groups in Gaza and the West Bank, as well as the Gaza Multipurpose Cash Assistance Group, ensuring that SRH and protection needs are reflected in cash-based assistance planning and delivery.



Funding Status

As part of the 2025 Occupied Palestinian Territory (OPT) Flash Appeal, UNFPA is requesting **$99.2 million** for its operational response to address ongoing and emerging needs. As of September 2025, UNFPA has received **$33.3 million**. An additional **$65.9 million** is urgently needed to support UNFPA's operational response through December 2025.



We extend our heartfelt appreciation to all partners and supporters whose contributions have been instrumental in facilitating UNFPA's humanitarian response, particularly in assisting Palestinian women, girls, and youth.

** List of UNFPA donors who have supported UNFPA's response since October 2023.*

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