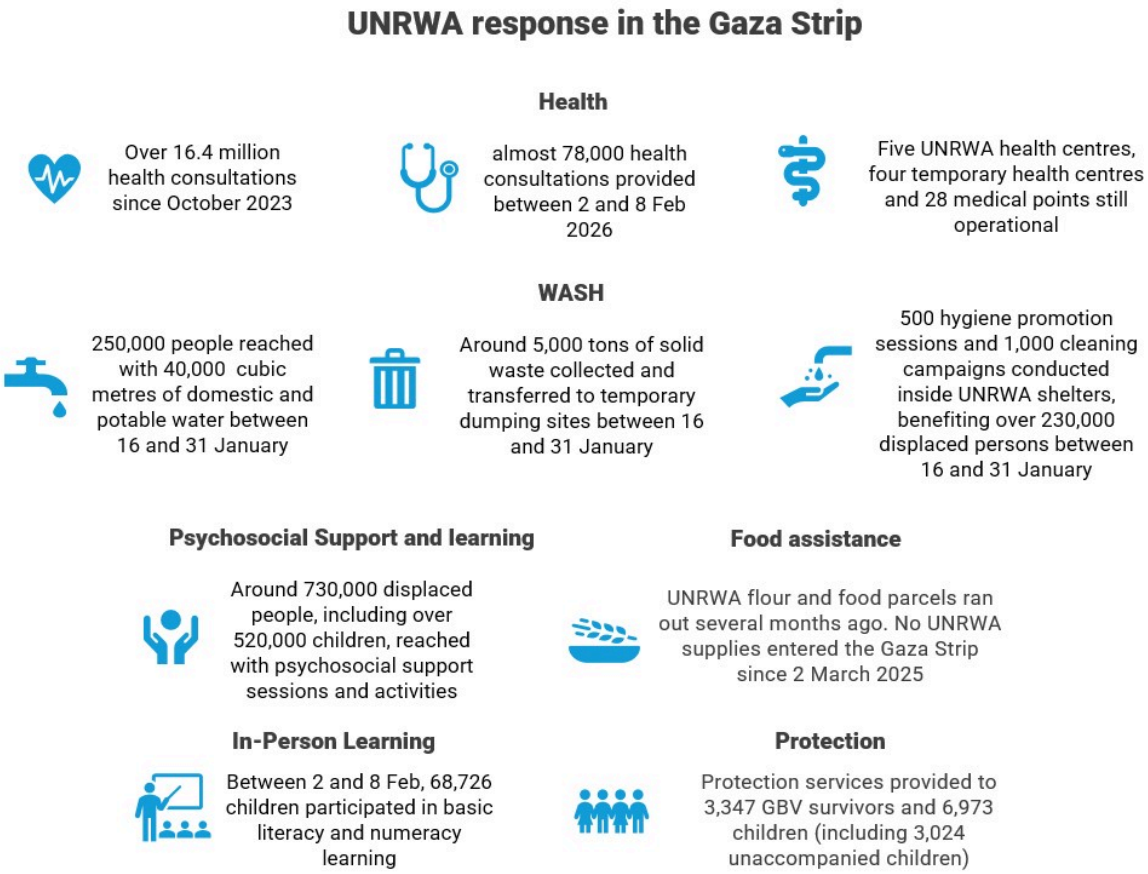
UNRWA SITUATION REPORT #208 ON THE HUMANITARIAN CRISIS IN THE GAZA STRIP AND THE OCCUPIED WEST BANK, INCLUDING EAST JERUSALEM

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All information updated for 4 - 9 February 2026 [1]
Days 849 - 854 since the start of the war in the Gaza Strip



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Highlights

The Gaza Strip

- OHCHR (https://reliefweb.int/report/occupied-palestinian-territory/patterns-ill-treatment-and-coercion-reported-among-palestinians-returning-gaza-enar) reported on 5 February that Palestinians returning to the Gaza Strip through the newly reopened Rafah crossing from Egypt have faced a consistent pattern of ill-treatment, abuse, and humiliation by Israeli forces, raising serious concerns about coercion, discouraging Palestinians from exercising their right to return to areas they were forced to leave, and further contributing to the ethnic cleansing of Gaza.
- On 5 February, Israeli forces reportedly demolished an UNRWA school in Jabalia in North Gaza using explosives. The building, which lay behind the expanded ”Yellow Line” of Israeli military control, was part of a compound of six schools and was the last remaining one; with its demolition, the entire compound has been destroyed. Between January and February, eight UNRWA schools in the militarised area were reportedly demolished by Israeli forces.
- On 7 February, UNRWA reopened the Bureij Health Centre in eastern Middle Area, which had been closed since 7 October 2023. The centre is now providing comprehensive primary healthcare services, and served approximately 175 patients on the first day. Patient numbers are expected to expand significantly in the coming days.

Key points

The Gaza Strip

Fatalities and injuries

- Between 7 October 2023 and 4 February 2026, according to the Ministry of Health (MoH), as reported by OCHA, (https://www.ochaopt.org/content/reported-impact-snapshot-gaza-strip-4-february-2026) 71,824 Palestinians were killed in the Gaza Strip and another 171,608 injured.
- UNRWA has recorded 390 colleagues killed in Gaza since the start of the war (309 UNRWA personnel, in addition to 81 persons who were supporting UNRWA activities[2]), as of 27 January 2026.

th crisis

On 7 February, UNRWA teams started the seasonal influenza vaccination for 2026 across six UNRWA health clinics and medical points in all areas. Vaccination efforts will prioritise elderly people and patients with diabetes, as well as pregnant women, and address the recent rise in cases of acute respiratory infections.

- The Nutrition Cluster warns (https://reliefweb.int/report/occupied-palestinian-territory/nutrition-cluster-bulletin-jan-dec-2025) that modest improvements in access are inadequate relative to the scale and severity of needs. According to successive IPC Acute Malnutrition analyses, Gaza City remains in Critical (Phase 4) through April, while Deir al-Balah and Khan Younis are expected to remain categorised as Serious (Phase 3) until mid-April.

Education crisis

- As stated in a report (https://www.educ.cam.ac.uk/centres/real/publications/Palestinian_Educat published by University of Cambridge and Centre for Lebanese Studies in January 2026, attacks on education continue to affect the lives of children and teachers in Gaza in multiple ways including physical damage to school infrastructure, threats to education progress, as well as the impact on teachers and counsellors who carry the dual burden of supporting students while navigating their own exposure to loss and insecurity.

Displacement, Site management

- UNRWA continues to monitor the movement of displaced persons and displacement sites. An estimated 73,000 displaced people are living in UNRWA collective emergency shelters and the surrounding areas, including in 83 displacement sites managed by the Agency.
- Currently, **117 UNRWA facilities** are located within the Israeli-militarised zone behind the so-called “Yellow Line” and in areas where access is subject to Israeli approval or coordination.

Operational implications and humanitarian response

- Around 11,000 Palestinian UNRWA personnel continue to provide services and assistance to Gaza’s entire population in need. In the occupied West Bank, including East Jerusalem, UNRWA continues to play a central role with over 4,000 UNRWA Palestinian personnel providing education, health, and other services to Palestine Refugees.
- All UNRWA international staff are prevented from entering the Occupied Palestinian Territory - the Gaza Strip and the West Bank, including East Jerusalem. This follows the implementation of laws passed by the Israeli

parliament on 28 October 2024[3] that purport to prohibit UNRWA's operations in East Jerusalem and across Israeli territory, including occupied East Jerusalem, and seek to bar any contact by Israeli officials with UNRWA. **The Israeli authorities have not granted the Agency's international staff visas or permits to enter the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Gaza, since the end of January 2025.**

- Since March 2025, the Israeli authorities have been blocking UNRWA from directly bringing humanitarian personnel and aid into the Gaza Strip. Meanwhile, pre-positioned outside Gaza, UNRWA has enough food parcels, flour, and shelter supplies for hundreds of thousands of people.



Displaced families waiting in line to receive health consultation in UNRWA's reopened Bureij Health Centre © February 2026 UNRWA Photo

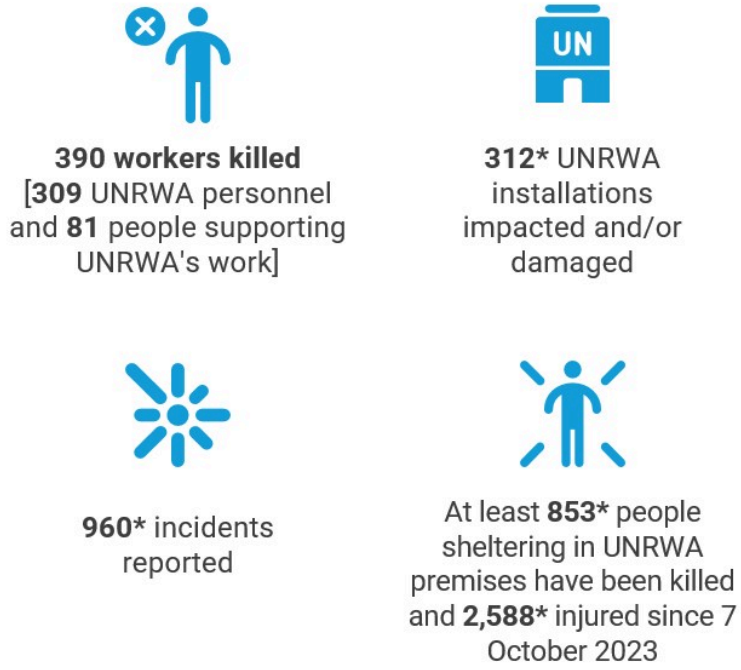
The occupied West Bank, including East Jerusalem

- According to OCHA (https://www.ochaopt.org/data/casualties), between 7 October 2023 and 28 January 2026, 1,052 Palestinians – at least 230 of them children – were killed in the occupied West Bank, including East Jerusalem.
- The Israeli Minister of Energy came to the demolished UNRWA compound in East Jerusalem on 4 February, claiming to personally oversee the cut-off of water and electricity to the compound. The compound was seized and demolished by Israeli authorities on 20 January, following amendments to the Israeli laws targeting UNRWA in late December 2025.
- On 5 February, Israeli forces accompanied by bulldozers started building a new road reportedly to serve Israeli settlers in the vicinity of Qalandiya Camp, temporarily closing Qalandiya checkpoint for several hours. This followed a series of demolitions conducted in the Kufr 'Aqab area north of Jerusalem the preceding week.

- On 8 February, the Israeli security cabinet reportedly endorsed a series of measures that would expand Israeli control over the occupied West Bank, including planning and land ownership provisions and expanded Israeli management of specific sites. The development was condemned by the Palestinian Authority presidency, among others.

Gaza Humanitarian overview and response

Displacement, UNRWA fatalities and damage to installations



*Numbers are subject to change once verifications are concluded.

1.1. Humanitarian access, armed conflict-related incidents

- UNRWA is verifying details of incidents that reportedly impacted the Agency's premises, assets, and/or personnel. Additional information will be provided once it becomes available*.
- From 28 January to 3 February, multiple significant incidents impacted UNRWA installations, personnel and/or persons supporting UNRWA's activities.
  - On 29 January, an UNRWA school was reportedly impacted by bullets due to shooting by Israeli forces in nearby areas, east Deir Al Balah. Minor damage to the facility was reported and no casualties among UNRWA personnel were recorded.
  - On 30 January, an UNRWA health centre was reportedly indirectly impacted by bullets due to shooting by an Israeli forces quadcopter in

Maghazi. Minor damage to the facility was reported, and no casualties among UNRWA personnel were recorded.

- Since the beginning of the war and up to 3 February, **960*** incidents impacting UNRWA premises and the people inside them have been reported. **312*** (or nearly all) UNRWA installations have been impacted by armed conflict-related incidents, with some installations impacted multiple times. UNRWA estimates that, in total, at least **853*** persons sheltering in UNRWA buildings have been reported killed and at least **2,588*** injured. UNRWA continues to verify and update the number of casualties caused by these incidents.

**Since the start of the war in October 2023, the latest casualty figures are continuously under review as UNRWA gains access to locations that were previously inaccessible and as further verifications occur. The summary figures will be published/updated as information becomes available, noting that these numbers are subject to change once verifications are concluded.*

1.2. UNRWA Response

Health and nutrition

- UNRWA has provided over 16.4 million health consultations since the start of the war. This includes 11.4 million medical consultations through UNRWA doctors and another 5 million through nurses and other health staff, for vaccination, health checks, and counselling.
- From 16 to 31 January, UNRWA screened 7,596 children between six and 59 months of age at its health centres and medical points, identifying 221 malnourished children.
- By 8 February, only five health centres and four additional UNRWA-rented facilities used as temporary health centres were operational in the Gaza Strip. In addition, as of 8 February, UNRWA provides primary health services through 81 mobile medical teams working in 28 medical points inside and outside collective emergency shelters in the Middle Area, Khan Younis, Al Mawasi and Gaza City.[4]
- From 2 to 8 February, an average of 1,149 UNRWA health personnel per day worked in the Agency's health facilities across the Gaza Strip, providing 77,769 medical consultations in total.
- From 2 and 8 February, UNRWA health teams provided 6,242 consultations for post-natal and pregnant women at high risk, 3,445 dental and oral health consultations in fixed and mobile clinics, and 2,035 physiotherapy rehabilitation services sessions in health centres and medical points. A total of 8,969 lab tests were conducted in UNRWA health centres and medical points.
- From 2 to 8 February, 2,998 vaccination sessions were provided at health centres and medical points. Additionally, 228 students received

vaccinations through school health services.

- UNRWA telemedicine initiative began in March 2024 and has gradually expanded to include other services such as tele-dentistry, tele-physiotherapy, and tele-psychosocial counselling. Currently, following the establishment of the Centralised Telemedicine Centre, the team provides teleconsultations for curative outpatient care, non-communicable diseases, as well as maternal and cardiological consultations.

Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS)

- UNRWA remains one of the largest providers of emergency learning and psychosocial support (PSS) services across the Gaza Strip.
- Thanks to 236 school counsellors and over 300 assistant counsellors, the Agency has conducted 340,032 critical PSS sessions for approximately 730,000 displaced persons, including more than 520,000 children, since the beginning of the war and as of 18 December 2025.
- Between 7 October 2023 and 10 February 2026, UNRWA's social work team provided services to 249,950 displaced persons, including psychological first aid, PSS services, family and individual activities, and case management. During the same reporting period, services were provided to 3,347 survivors of gender-based violence (GBV) and 6,973 children, including 3,024 unaccompanied children. The team supported 32,570 persons with disabilities with PSS. Awareness sessions on GBV, child protection, disability and special needs, as well as managing social and psychological stressors, were conducted for 153,759 displaced persons.
- UNRWA heath teams, including 49 psychiatrists, psychosocial counsellors and supervisors, continued to provide MHPSS services in Gaza City, the Middle and Khan Younis areas, assisting special cases referred from UNRWA health centres and collective emergency shelters. From 2to 8 February, UNRWA teams had 2,241 visits in health centres and at health points providing individual consultations, awareness sessions, and support for protection cases.

Learning

- UNRWA provides learning services in the Gaza Strip in Temporary Learning Spaces (TLS) and through its distance learning initiative.
- Between 2 and 8 February, 68,726 children (30,933 boys and 37,793 girls), including 892 children with disabilities, benefited from learning activities conducted across 557 classrooms in 74 UNRWA collective emergency shelters.[5]
- Over the past month, UNRWA expanded the delivery of education services and reduced crowding in existing TLS by opening more than 50 new learning spaces, using durable multipurpose tents received by partners.
- UNRWA has also leveraged digital tools to provide basic literacy and numeracy activities to 296,028 children in Gaza, facilitated by 7,665

Food security

- Since 7 October 2023 and until the start of the previous ceasefire on 19 January 2025, UNRWA reached over 388,000 families, or nearly 1.9 million people, with two rounds of flour deliveries; at least 374,000 of those families received three rounds. During that ceasefire, which lasted until March 2025, UNRWA reached over 2 million people with critical food assistance.
- **UNRWA ran out of food at the end of April 2025. The Agency has been blocked by the Israeli authorities from directly bringing in any humanitarian assistance including food since 2 March 2025.**

Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)

- Since October 2023, UNRWA has carried out emergency WASH activities across the Gaza Strip, at UNRWA collective emergency shelters and informal displacement areas. Activities include operating and maintaining water wells and desalination systems and supplying water by truck. In addition, UNRWA continues to maintain hygiene in its shelters and sites by distributing cleaning supplies, running community-based solid waste management, water tank disinfection campaigns, and pest control.
- In 2025, UNRWA distributed 880,000 cubic metres of drinking and domestic use water from different sources, while 70,000 tonnes of solid waste were collected and safely disposed of. UNRWA estimates that around 1.4 million people benefited from UNRWA water provision and solid waste collection services in 2025.
- Between 16 and 31 January, UNRWA distributed over 40,000 cubic metres of domestic and potable water in various areas, reaching around 250,000 displaced people.
- Between 16 and 31 January, UNRWA teams collected around 5,000 tonnes of solid waste inside the Agency’s collective emergency shelters and surrounding areas. More than 500 cleaning campaigns were conducted inside its areas of responsibility, benefiting over 230,000 displaced persons. Activities included cleaning of collective emergency shelters, cleaning 1,400 manholes as part of winterisation plans, and water desludging. UNRWA teams also conducted over 1,000 hygiene promotion sessions over the same period.
- Over the reporting period, UNRWA teams completed repairs and maintenance work on a key water facility in Jabalia, expanding the delivery of clean water by over 400 cubic metres every day.

Quote from Sam Rose, Acting Director of UNRWA Affairs in Gaza: (http://x.com/UNRWA/status/2020044952982507828)

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[1] Some of the information is reported during the reporting period but does not necessarily correspond to the reporting period.

[2] Including 15 people killed while on duty.

[3] The legislation came into effect on 29 January 2025.

[4] The number of operational health facilities changes constantly based on demand, access and security. In particular, the number of medical points and teams in Gaza City continued to change due to heightened security risks and recurrent forced displacement orders.

[5] Since December 2025, the definition of UNRWA temporary learning spaces (TLS) has been updated to refer to one whole shelter, rather than one classroom, in alignment with the Education Cluster.

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