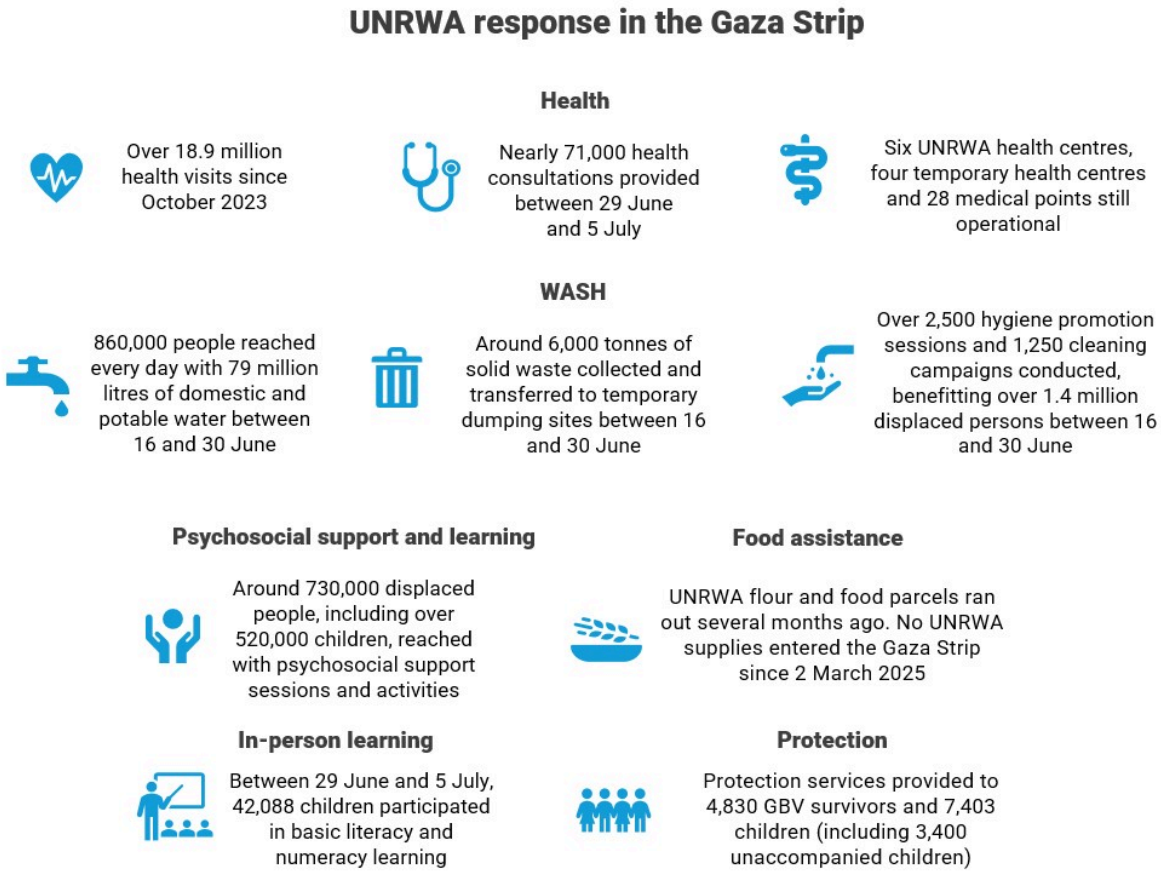
UNRWA SITUATION REPORT #229 ON THE HUMANITARIAN CRISIS IN THE GAZA STRIP AND THE OCCUPIED WEST BANK, INCLUDING EAST JERUSALEM

Wednesday, July 8, 2026

All information updated for 1 - 7 July 2026 [1]
Days 997 - 1003 since the start of the war in the Gaza Strip



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The Gaza Strip

- The latest WASH Cluster monitoring, conducted in June, (https://drive.google.com/file/d/19NjKm0tQ6ITBR3sulSJj-K6EXWT2MQ21/view) indicates a continued deterioration in water security, with 84 per cent of assessed households experiencing moderate-to-high water insecurity. Access to water for domestic use declined between May and June, and drinking water was identified as the most pressing humanitarian concern, reported by 62 per cent of households.
- Sanitation and hygiene conditions also remain concerning. Eighty-six per cent of households reported barriers to accessing toilets and latrines, due to lack of water, privacy concerns, and poor cleanliness, among others. Environmental health risks persist, with 52 per cent of households reporting sewage or sludge near shelters and 43 per cent reporting nearby solid waste accumulation. More than half of households reported lacking hygiene items, while health concerns remain widespread, including skin diseases or scabies (64 per cent), bedbugs (31 per cent), and lice (22 per cent).

Key points

The Gaza Strip

Fatalities and injuries

- Between 7 October 2023 and 29 June 2026, according to the Ministry of Health, as reported by the Health Cluster (https://app.powerbi.com/view?r=eyJrIjoiODAxNTYzMDYtMjQ3YS00OTMzLTkxMWQtOTU1NWEwMzE5NTMw (https://www.ochaopt.org/content/reported-impact-snapshot-gaza-strip-13-may-2026) 73,066 Palestinians were killed in the Gaza Strip and another 173,514 injured. This includes 1,053 fatalities and 3,406 injuries between the announcement of a ceasefire agreement on 10 October 2025 and 30 June 2026.
- UNRWA has recorded 392 colleagues killed in Gaza since the start of the war (310 UNRWA personnel, and 82 persons who were supporting UNRWA)[2], up to 7 July.

Health crisis

- With the support of WHO, insulin syringes entered the Gaza Strip over the reporting period, addressing a critical shortage affecting all major

health partners there. These supplies are critical to avoid treatment disruptions and safeguard thousands of patients from serious complications and life-threatening risks.

Displacement, site management

- UNRWA continues to monitor the movement of displaced persons and displacement sites. A total of 116 UNRWA collective emergency shelters host 76,000 internally displaced persons and are currently considered active.

Operational implications and humanitarian response

- Around 11,000 Palestinian UNRWA personnel continue to provide services and assistance to people in the Gaza Strip. In the occupied West Bank, UNRWA also plays a central role with over 4,000 of the Agency's 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 areas that Israel considers its sovereign 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 the Gaza Strip, 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. Despite the huge needs on the ground, UNRWA was therefore unable to distribute the aid it had pre-positioned outside Gaza, which included enough food parcels, flour, and shelter supplies for hundreds of thousands of people.



UNRWA medical teams provide life-saving maternal and child health services amid continued risks of malnutrition. © June 2026 UNRWA Photo

The occupied West Bank, including East Jerusalem

- According to OCHA (https://www.ochaopt.org/data/casualties), between 7 October 2023 and 29 June 2026, 1,109 Palestinians – at least 243 of them children – were killed in the occupied West Bank, including East Jerusalem. Sixty-three of them have been killed since the beginning of 2026.
- A Palestinian child was shot and killed by Israeli forces in Kalandiya Camp on 5 June, during a search operation in which two other children were also injured.
- A Palestinian baby died after reportedly being delayed passage by Israeli forces through the checkpoint at the main entrance of Deir ʻAmmar Camp near Ramallah on 5 June. According to OCHA (https://www.ochaopt.org/content/movement-and-access-west-bank-april-2026), there are at least 925 movement obstacles that permanently or intermittently restrict the movement of Palestinians across the West Bank, including East Jerusalem.
- Settler violence continued unabated across the West Bank, including an attack on the Palestine Refugee Bedouin community of Umm al Kheir in the South Hebron Hills which left several Palestinians injured.

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Displacement, UNRWA fatalities and damage to installations



392 workers killed
[**310** UNRWA personnel and **82** people supporting UNRWA's work]



312* UNRWA installations impacted and/or damaged



988* incidents reported

*Numbers are subject to change once verifications are concluded.

1.1. Humanitarian access and armed conflict-related incidents[5]

- From 30 June to 6 July, one significant armed incident impacted UNRWA facilities, personnel and
persons supporting UNRWA's activities.
    - On 6 July, at approximately 08:35 in the morning, an UNRWA vehicle was reportedly indirectly impacted by an airstrike by Israeli forces in Mawasi, Khan Younis, while passing through the area. Minor damage to the vehicle was reported, and no casualties among the staff.

- Since the beginning of the war and up to 6 July, **982*** 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, some of them multiple times. 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.

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1.2. UNRWA response

Health and nutrition

- UNRWA has provided over 18.9 million health visits, including 12.9 million medical consultations since the start of the war in the Gaza Strip in October 2023.
- From 16 to 30 June, UNRWA screened 4,958 children aged between six and 59 months at its health centres and medical points, identifying 203 malnourished children.
- By 5 July, six health centres and four additional UNRWA-rented facilities used as temporary health centres were operational in the Gaza Strip. In addition, by that date, UNRWA was providing primary health services through 61 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[5].
- From 29 June to 5 July, an average of 988 UNRWA health personnel per day worked in the Agency's health facilities across the Gaza Strip, providing 70,914 medical consultations in total.
- Between 29 June and 5 July, UNRWA health teams provided 7,326 consultations for post-natal and pregnant women at high risk, 3,393 dental and oral health consultations in fixed and mobile clinics, and 2,463 physiotherapy rehabilitation services sessions in health centres and medical points. A total of 7,841 laboratory tests were conducted in UNRWA health centres and medical points.
- From 29 June to 5 July, 2,404 vaccination sessions were provided at health centres and medical points. In addition, a total of 1,941 students received routine immunisations through school health services.
- UNRWA's telemedicine initiative began in March 2024 and has gradually expanded to include other services such as teledentistry, telephysiotherapy, and telepsychosocial 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.

- Between 7 October 2023 and 6 July 2026, UNRWA's social work teams provided services to 239,818 displaced persons, including psychological first aid, PSS services, family and individual activities, and case management. During the same reporting period, services were provided to 4,830 survivors of gender-based violence (GBV) and 7,405 children, including 3,400 unaccompanied children. The teams supported 37,652 persons with disabilities with PSS. Awareness sessions on GBV, child protection, disability inclusion, as well as managing social and psychological stressors, were conducted for 160,140 displaced persons.
- UNRWA health teams, including 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 29 June to 5 July, UNRWA teams conducted 2,609 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 and through its distance learning initiative. The final exams for all students (Grades 1-9) are taking place from 27 June to 12 July.
- Between 29 June and 5 July, 42,088 children (17,997 boys and 24,091 girls), including 928 children with disabilities, took part in learning activities conducted across 676 classrooms in 78 UNRWA collective emergency shelters.
- UNRWA leverages digital tools to provide basic literacy and numeracy activities for over 280,000 children in the Gaza Strip, facilitated by approximately 7,500 teachers using self-learning material developed by UNRWA that is hosted on the Agency's digital learning platform.

Food security

- From 7 October 2023 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 two 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 970 million litres of drinking and domestic use water and collected and disposed of 70,000 tonnes of solid waste. UNRWA estimates that around 1.7 million people benefitted from the Agency's water provision and solid waste collection services in 2025.
- Between 16 and 30 June, UNRWA distributed around 79 million litres of domestic and drinking water in various areas and from different sources, reaching over 860,000 displaced people daily.
- Between 16 and 30 June, UNRWA teams collected around 6,000 tonnes of solid waste inside the Agency's emergency shelters and surrounding areas. More than 1,250 cleaning campaigns were conducted, benefitting over 1.4 million displaced persons. Activities included cleaning emergency shelters, cleaning and clearing 500 manholes, as well as water desludging. UNRWA teams also conducted over 2,500 hygiene promotion sessions over the same period.

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> **Quote from Christian Saunders** (https://x.com/UNRWA/status/2072198623819928020)**, UNRWA Commissioner-General ad interim**:
>
> **"UNRWA must be allowed to operate at full capacity in Gaza and bring in essential supplies. Lives depend on it."**

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[1] Some information reported may relate to periods outside the reporting timeframe.

[2] Including 20 people killed while on duty.

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

[4] 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.

[5] 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.

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