

WFP food assistance helps Sanaa to prepare meals for her family in Gaza, but she hopes for greater access to nutritious fresh foods to support her health.
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WFP PALESTINE EMERGENCY RESPONSE
External Situation Report 98

Reporting Period: 1–30 Sep 2026

HIGHLIGHTS

- Funding constraints are already forcing WFP to reduce the cash transfer value in Gaza for 75,000 families, and to scale back assistance in the West Bank from 400,000 to 200,000. WFP is shifting to more targeted assistance, prioritizing the most vulnerable. Unless more funding is received, WFP will be forced to make even further cuts next month.
- As winter approaches, displaced families in Gaza face heightened risks from flooding and harsh weather, while funding shortfalls and access constraints continue to limit winter preparedness and strain humanitarian response efforts.
- Aid throughput into Gaza declined in September due to disruptions across key supply corridors. All humanitarian cargo continued to use the sole operational entry point at Kerem Shalom, increasing pressure on the crossing and contributing to multiple returns and longer offloading times.

SEPTEMBER IN NUMBERS

Reporting period 1-30 September 2026

PALESTINE — **1,700,754 beneficiaries** (2 million planned)

Gaza — 1,522,568 (1.6 million planned)

- **Cargo Movements**: 9,164 mt of food aid were collected inside Gaza
- **Digital Cash Transfers** → 556,763
- **Bread bundles** (~90,000 2kg bundles, daily)
- **223,738 Food parcels + 223,686 Flour bags** → 856,079
- **1,921,050 Hot Meals** → 222,404
- **Malnutrition prevention assistance** → 349,444
- **Malnutrition treatment assistance** → 13,137
- **Fortified Biscuits and Date Bars (TLS)** → 289,088
- **Fresh Fruit Pilot with UHT Milk** → 0
- **Cash for Prevention of Malnutrition** → 33,106
- **USD 256,452 Cash for Work** → 830

West Bank — 206,437 (400,000 planned) Needs-Based Plan Figure

- **USD 2.57 M National Cash Transfer Programme Support** (vouchers) → 151,006
- **USD 429,253 Emergency Response for IDPs (Military Incursions)** (vouchers) → 25,639
- **USD 424,240 Malnutrition Prevention Assistance** (vouchers) → 3,669
- **USD 23,903 Assistance for Vulnerable Herder Communities** (vouchers) → 1,531
- **USD 14,045 Assistance for Vulnerable Herder Communities** (vouchers) → 60
- **In-kind Rations for Bedouins and Herders** → 24,532

WFP Contributions: USD 321 M *Jan – Dec 2026*

Government donors | Private donors

293 M | 28 M

Largest Donors *Since Oct 2023*

Private Donors

WFP Total Needs for 2026: USD 1.3 B

WFP Six-months Net Funding Requirements: USD 449 M *Oct 2026 – Mar 2027*

Figures are subject to change pending final partner reporting for the month. Total beneficiary numbers account for overlap among individuals receiving multiple types of assistance.

SITUATION UPDATE

- As **winter approaches, humanitarian concerns are mounting across Gaza,** following the severe challenges of winter 2025/26. Displaced people remain highly exposed to flooding, harsh weather and deteriorating living conditions in overcrowded displacement sites and damaged shelters. Winter preparedness efforts are constrained by funding shortfalls, access restrictions and shortages of critical supplies, heightening risks of disease outbreak and worsening humanitarian needs.
- According to WFP Palestine Market Monitor of September, **markets in the Gaza Strip remain relatively stable**, although price volatility and supply constraints amongst some commodities persist, underscoring the need for sustained commercial and humanitarian inflows. In the West Bank, recurring checkpoint closures, settler attacks, high unemployment and elevated fuel prices continue to deepen people's economic hardship.

Food insecurity remains widespread and severe in Gaza with 1.4m people (67% of the population) facing acute food insecurity. Dietary diversity remains significantly below pre-conflict levels.

- **In the West Bank,** restrictions on access to agricultural land, settler-related violence, and settlement expansion continue to undermine agricultural livelihoods across the West Bank, where farming remains a key source of income and resilience for many rural communities. Ahead of the 2026 olive harvest, farmers face land attacks, crop theft and damage to agricultural assets. These pressures are compounded by worsening economic conditions, with unemployment rising to 28 per cent in Q2 of 2026, more than double pre-conflict levels, while declining incomes and reduced purchasing power are increasing household vulnerability.

PROGRAMME UPDATE

General Food Assistance in Gaza

- In September, WFP reached **856,100 people** through general food distributions across **35 distribution points.**

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Rations consisted of **one food parcel and one bag of wheat flour** per household.

- **Twenty-two bakeries** receiving wheat flour and diesel produced around **90,000 2 kg bundles daily**, while **18 bakeries** supported with diesel only produced **62,050 1 kg bundles for sale** in the open market.
- WFP-supported kitchens produced and distributed around **250,000 hot meals daily** across approximately 313 sites, including shelters and camps.

Nutrition Assistance in Gaza

- WFP partners provided **malnutrition prevention assistance** across 223 sites, reaching **349,450** pregnant and breastfeeding women and girls (PBWG) and children under five (CU5). **Treatment services** across 111 sites reached **13,137** malnourished PBWG.
- In collaboration with UNICEF and the Education Cluster, WFP provided fortified snacks to **289,088 children** across 357 temporary learning spaces (TLS). The programme targets 300,000 children during the school year.
- In September, under **Cash for Prevention of Malnutrition** activities reached 33,108 of 35,000 targeted beneficiaries, including 16,615 children under five and 16,493 pregnant and breastfeeding women, with cash top-ups of ILS 195 and ILS 387 per beneficiary respectively, to improve dietary diversity complemented by social and behaviour change communication sessions.

Digital Payments in Gaza

- The **cash assistance** cycle for September to November supported 96,000 of the 100,000 targeted households. Under the vulnerability-based, two-tiered approach introduced in July, 25,000 households (125,000 people) receive ILS 1,250, while 75,000 households (375,000 people) receive ILS 750.
- Under **Cash for Work (CfW), 830 participants** continued activities in sewing, carpentry, digital financial inclusion, agricultural land rehabilitation and clay-oven production, while **738 participants have graduated to date.**

West Bank Operations

- In September, **WFP assisted 206,430 vulnerable people in the West Bank** with food vouchers, cash-based transfers and in-kind assistance, including food-insecure households, displaced families and herder communities affected by ongoing violence and socioeconomic pressures.

Accountability to Affected Populations

- WFP's Community Feedback Mechanism (CFM) recorded **50,273 cases**, mostly from Gaza (93 percent) mainly related to targeting criteria and distribution information.

SUPPLY CHAIN

- **Access constraints continued to disrupt humanitarian cargo movements in September.** The **closure of Karam Abu Salem/Kerem Shalom (KS)** for four days during holidays and a two-week scanner outage at **Ashdod Port** reduced throughput and delayed dispatches. WFP continues to advocate for contingency arrangements, including backup scanning capacity, to prevent future disruptions.
- The **Egypt corridor** recorded its lowest throughput of 2026, with around 60 percent of trucks returned or held in Al-Arish. While offloading rates improved toward month-end, throughput remained constrained, and new handling requirements are expected to further reduce daily capacity.
- **Jordan corridor** dispatches remained on hold due to commodity preparation and customs delays.
- With northern entry points still closed, all humanitarian cargo relied on the Kerem Shalom crossing, increasing congestion, truck returns and offloading delays.
- Given disruptions across multiple supply corridors in September, food dispatches offloaded from the West Bank contributed to sustaining WFP's operational requirements in Gaza.
- Under the Specialized Machinery and Engineering Projects (SMEP), **WFP completed road rehabilitation in Gaza city,** improving access along priority supply routes. Preparations for winterization are underway.

CLUSTERS AND COMMON SERVICES

Food Security Sector (FSS)

- As of 30 September, 25 FSS partners operating 103 kitchens prepared and delivered **695,000 meals daily** across 1,145 locations.
- Since 20 September, **another round of animal fodder distribution has targeted around 2,200 livestock holders,** with each receiving two 50 kg bags of concentrated feed and 50 kg of barley.
- As the olive harvest season approaches, partners are providing **harvesting tools and fuel support for six operational olive presses** to sustain Gaza's remaining olive-processing capacity and support smallholder farmers.

Logistics Cluster (LC)

- Between 1 and 30 September, aid throughput into Gaza declined due to public holiday-related disruptions and corridor constraints. **Of the 2,046 UN/INGO trucks manifested on operational days, 72 percent were successfully offloaded**.
- Inside Gaza, Logistics Cluster common transport services moved **8,695 pallets** from KS to temporary storage facilities on behalf of eight partners.
- Along the Jordan corridor, the Logistics Cluster coordinated **seven convoys carrying 7,916 pallets** of shelter, food and water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) items for six partners, including 7,606 pallets transported to KS.
- **Offloading of "dual-use" cargo** such as generators, medical equipment, water system components remains limited to one day per week.

Emergency Telecommunications Cluster (ETC)

- The ETC continued to enhance inter-agency security communications in Gaza through VHF radio standardization across 10 UN agencies and training, reaching 17 UN and INGOs staff.
- However, extensive infrastructure damage and ICT equipment restrictions continued to constrain telecommunications and security communications services.

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