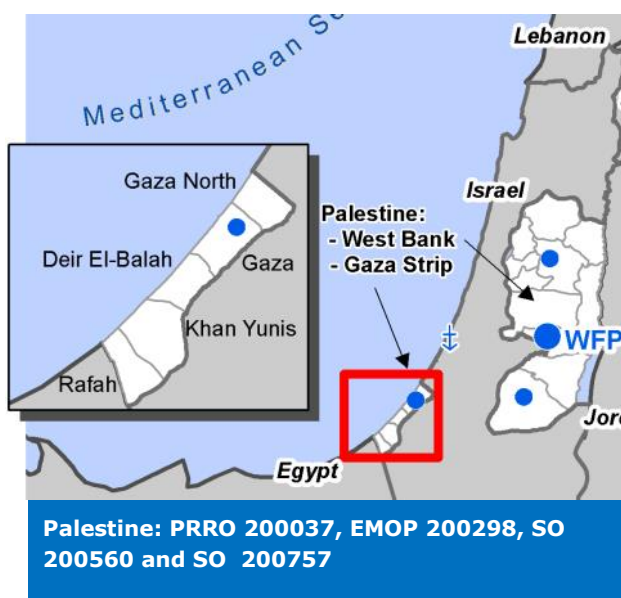




Joint WFP-UNRWA special food distribution in Gaza
WFP/Eyad al Baba



Palestine: PRRO 200037, EMOP 200298, SO 200560 and SO 200757

In numbers



4.4 million total population Palestine

33% food insecure in Palestine

57% food insecure in Gaza¹

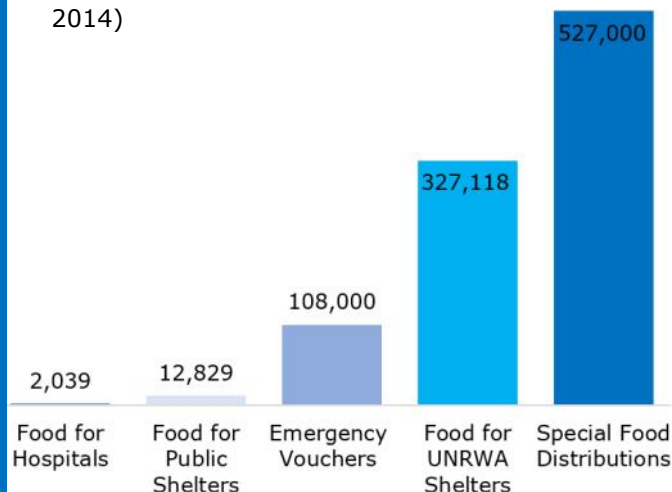
19% food insecure in the West Bank

Gaza Crisis Appeal



Approximately US\$ 70 million

Affected People Reached (as of 25 August 2014)



World Food Programme

Palestine - Gaza Emergency, August 2014

Highlights

- WFP is facing critical funding shortfalls for its Gaza emergency response and **requires approximately US\$ 70 million – an official updated appeal will be sent out in the next days.** In response to the shortfalls WFP is reducing the food rations which are being provided to displaced people in UNRWA shelters.

Situation Update

- The number of displaced people in Gaza is estimated to be around 500,000.** An estimated 100,000 people will not be able to return to their homes after a ceasefire, and will be in need of food and other assistance for a longer period. The livelihoods of almost the entire population of Gaza have been severely affected or lost.
- WFP continues to transport food into Gaza** to reach affected people with food assistance. Between 22 and 25 August 26 WFP trucks crossed from Israel into Gaza through Kerem Shalom cargo crossing. The trucks carried pulses, milk, canned meat and wheat flour.

WFP Response



- While people in Gaza are **displaced**, they receive a special emergency ration of ready-to-eat food.
- Once people return to their homes or a location with a host community** where they can cook, store food, etc. people will receive either in-kind food assistance or voucher assistance. The in-kind assistance, is being delivered through the following two modalities:
- One-time special food parcels** with a focus on host communities supporting people in their homes.
- WFP or UNRWA's regular in-kind food distribution** – this is the case for people who were already part of these programmes.
- WFP and UNRWA cooperate closely to cross check lists of beneficiaries** to ensure that those receiving the special food parcels are not part of WFP's or UNRWA's regular food assistance programmes. A complaint system has also been activated. Cross checking of lists and complaint systems allow WFP and UNRWA to immediately

1. According to the results of the latest food security assessment, which was held prior to the Gaza emergency.

address inclusion and exclusion errors during challenging times.

- As the situation allows, **WFP will progressively shift from in-kind assistance to voucher assistance for returnees** to support them with their immediate needs, while assessing the most appropriate interventions to support the rebuilding of their livelihoods.

ASSISTANCE DELIVERED TO DATE:

- **SPECIAL FOOD DISTRIBUTIONS:** Between WFP's partner Global Communities and UNRWA, approximately 527,000 people (or 72 percent) out of the 730,000 people targeted have been reached with food parcels. More than 994 metric tons (mt) of rice and 2,981 mt of wheat flour has been distributed.
- **FOOD FOR UNRWA SHELTERS:** WFP assists approximately 327,118 displaced people in 91 UNRWA shelters with emergency food rations.
- **FOOD FOR PUBLIC SHELTERS:** WFP distributes emergency food rations to 12,829 displaced people at 17 public shelters.
- **VOUCHERS FOR FAMILIES SHELTERING IN HOST COMMUNITIES:** WFP and Oxfam GB are distributing emergency electronic food vouchers to 108,000 people (18,000 families) living in host communities. This programme is being scaled up as additional people are being identified as in need.
- Families can use the voucher to buy locally produced food at local shops. A **WFP-UNICEF partnership** enables families to be able to purchase water and sanitation products in addition to food with a single voucher.
- The vouchers have an overall value of approximately US\$ 128 (440 NIS) per month, for an average family of six.
- The redemption rate for the emergency vouchers this week stands at 86 percent. This percentage is expected to rise in the next days. Voucher recipients can use their cards in a total of 72 voucher shops in the five governorates across the Gaza Strip.
- **FOOD FOR HOSPITALS:** WFP is reaching

approximately 2,040 patients and hospital staff emergency food rations.

WFP's ONGOING PRE-CONFLICT PROGRAMMES:

- WFP and Global Communities completed the regular **July-August food distribution cycle, reaching 95,000 people**. A total of 150 families did not show up at the distribution points in Gaza City and Khan Younis. Global Communities is working to reach the remaining families to distribute the food rations.
- **WFP's regular voucher programme, targeting 60,000 people**, remained functional during the crisis. The voucher redemption rate at the start of the fourth week of August stands at 88 percent.
- **WFP's School meals programme, which was due to start at the beginning of the new school year, has been suspended** until a ceasefire agreement has been reached and students can go back to school. WFP is working to adjust the programme in response to the conflict.

Monitoring

WFP is closely monitoring the food security situation in Gaza, as well as available stocks at voucher shops.

Basic commodities:

- Pressure remains on the availability of bread and eggs.
- The lack of electricity limits the storage capacity for fresh food for both shops and households.

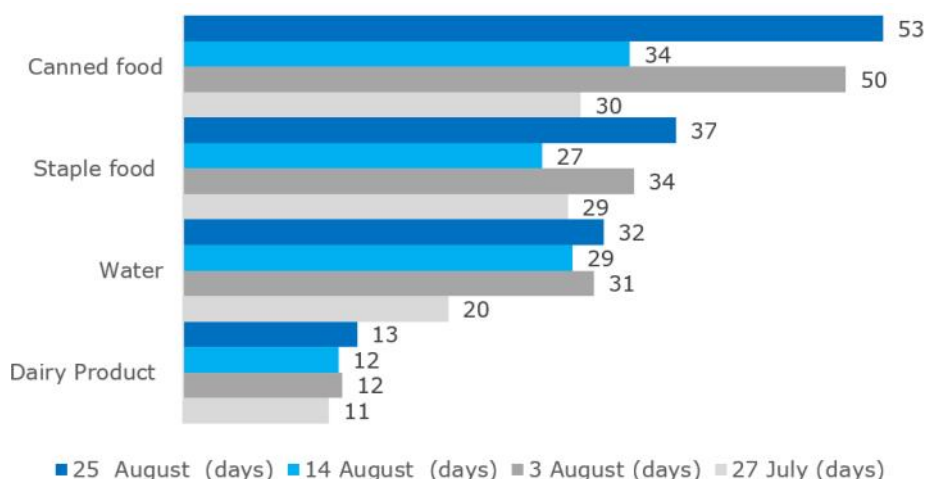
Wheat and bakeries:

- Pressure on bakeries because of the high demand of bread remains. Bakeries face challenges with their generators and fuel stock.

Dairy products:

- People mostly buy dairy products for immediate consumption, or products such as shelf life milk, because there is no possibility for refrigeration in houses.

Stocks in Voucher Shops in Number of Days (25 August 2014)



Food Security Sector

- The Food Security Sector (FSS) together with clusters and humanitarian partners, participated in a coordination meeting led by the Ministry of National Planning to discuss a **100-day humanitarian implementation plan for Gaza** following a cessation of hostilities.
- Together with humanitarian partners in Palestine, the FSS has completed the two phases of the **Multi-Cluster/Sector Initial Rapid Assessment (MIRA)**. The analysis of the results is currently taking place.
- The **Emergency Food Security and Agriculture damages Assessment (EFSAA)** will start one week after a possible ceasefire agreement. The EFSAA is a rapid qualitative assessment of the food security and livelihood situation of households in the Gaza Strip.

Agricultural Work Committees (UAWC).

- Through lead agency WFP, the Logistics Cluster also coordinated the **transportation of 98 pallets of water from Ashqelon to Gaza** on behalf of the Palestinian Agricultural Development Association (PARC).

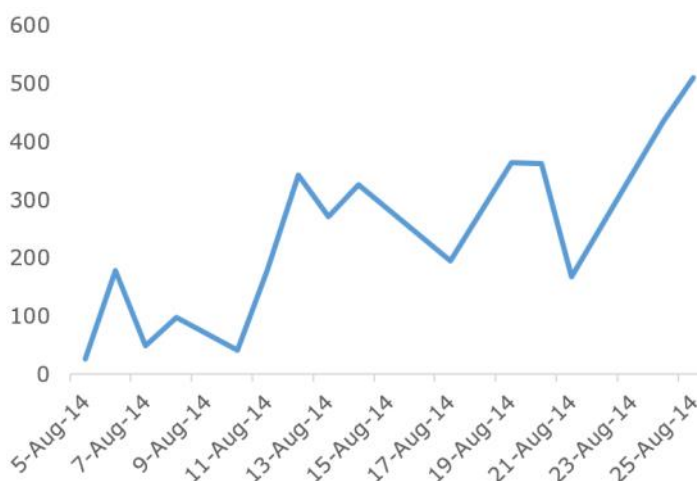
Resourcing Update

- WFP requires **US\$ 70 million** for its humanitarian response in Gaza for a period of three months and US\$ 20 million for its regular food assistance in Gaza (US\$5 million) and the West Bank (US\$15 million).

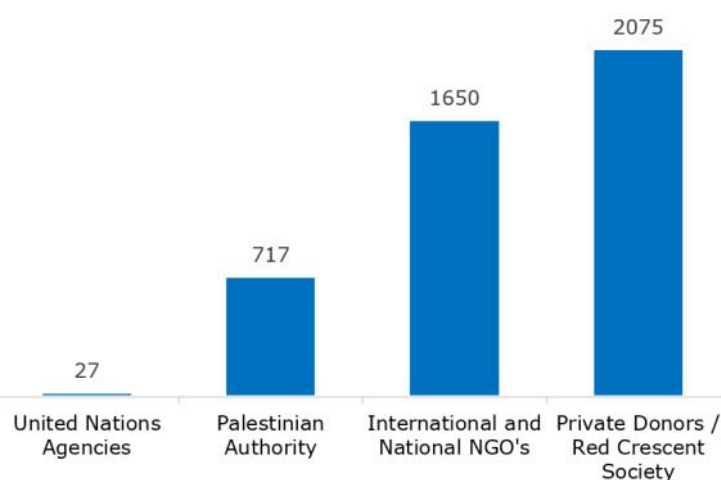
Logistics Cluster

- Since the activation of the Logistics Cluster on 30 July, the **delivery of more than 3,580 pallets of humanitarian relief items to Gaza via 138 trucks has been coordinated**, for a total of 31 humanitarian organizations.
- On 24 August, the Logistics Cluster facilitated the transportation of **128 pallets of food, shelter and water, sanitation and hygiene supplies** into the Gaza Strip on behalf of the Union of

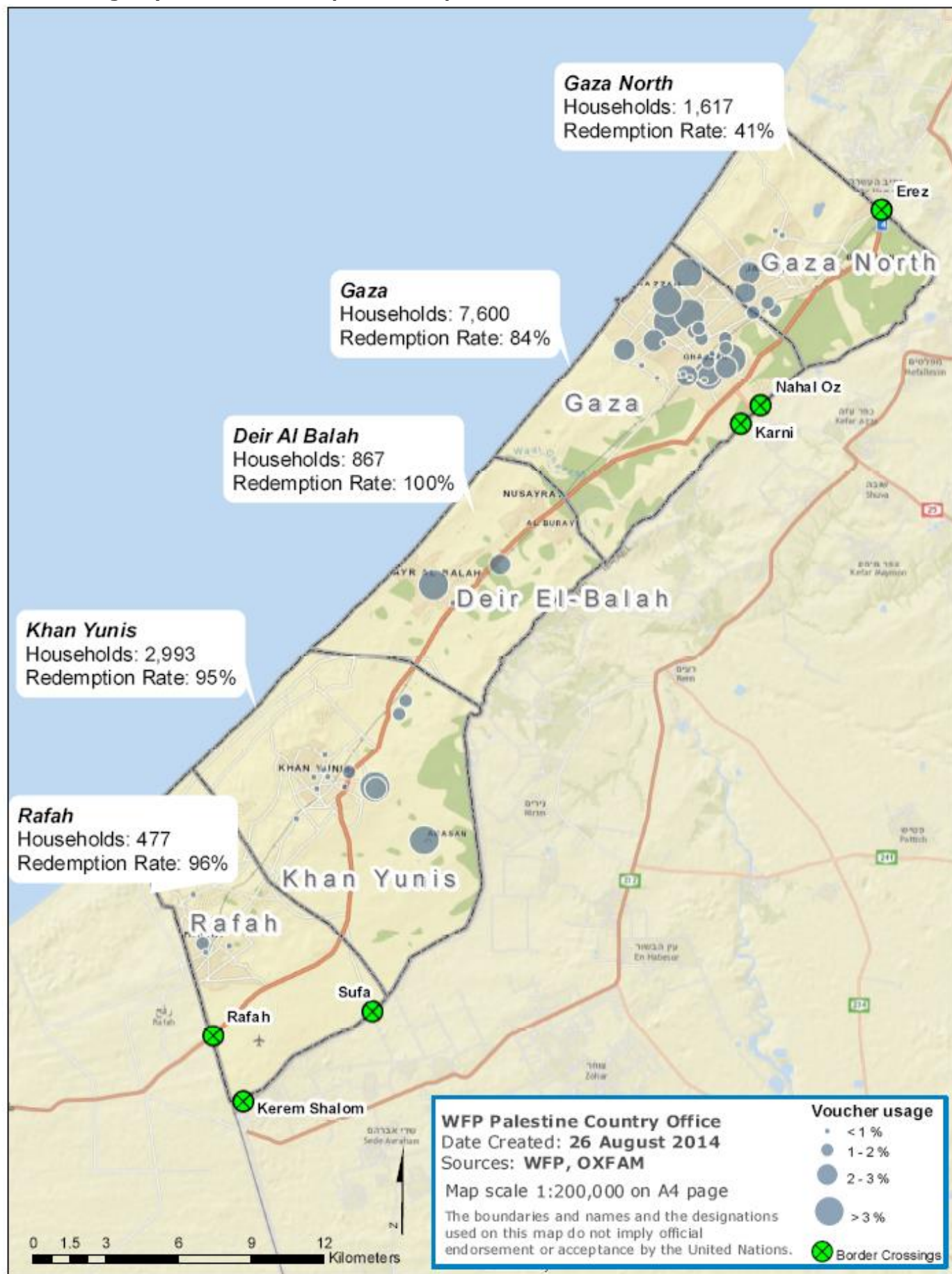
Daily Total Number of Pallets Transported via the Logistics Cluster (25 August 2014)



Total Number of Pallets Transported per organization type since activation of the Logistics Cluster (25 August 2014)



Gaza Emergency - Voucher Redemption Rates per Governorate



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