Gaza Strip: Palestinians Internally Displaced Persons

Locations of Collective Centres and "Pre-fabricatd housing units" Sites (19 January 2015)

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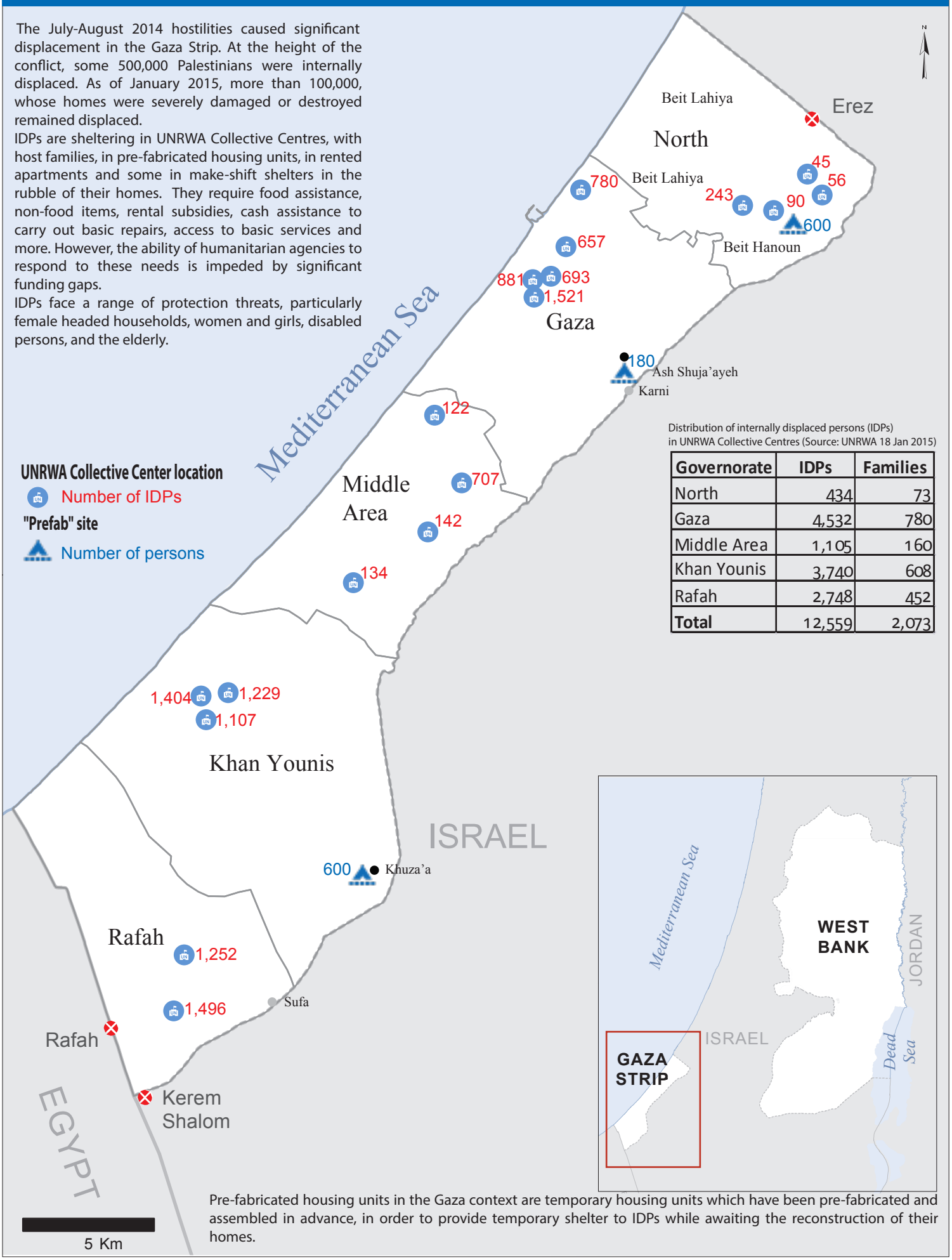
The July-August 2014 hostilities caused significant displacement in the Gaza Strip. At the height of the conflict, some 500,000 Palestinians were internally displaced. As of January 2015, more than 100,000, whose homes were severely damaged or destroyed remained displaced.

IDPs are sheltering in UNRWA Collective Centres, with host families, in pre-fabricated housing units, in rented apartments and some in make-shift shelters in the rubble of their homes. They require food assistance, non-food items, rental subsidies, cash assistance to carry out basic repairs, access to basic services and more. However, the ability of humanitarian agencies to respond to these needs is impeded by significant funding gaps.

IDPs face a range of protection threats, particularly female headed households, women and girls, disabled persons, and the elderly.



Distribution of internally displaced persons (IDPs) in UNRWA Collective Centres (Source: UNRWA 18 Jan 2015)

Governorate	IDPs	Families
North	434	73
Gaza	4,532	780
Middle Area	1,105	160
Khan Younis	3,740	608
Rafah	2,748	452
Total	12,559	2,073

Pre-fabricated housing units in the Gaza context are temporary housing units which have been pre-fabricated and assembled in advance, in order to provide temporary shelter to IDPs while awaiting the reconstruction of their homes.