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In numbers



4.4 million total population Palestine

33% food insecure in Palestine

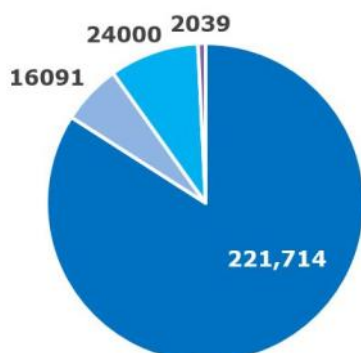
57% food insecure in Gaza¹

19% food insecure in the West Bank

WFP Gaza Crisis Appeal

US\$ 48 million

WFP Emergency Food Assistance in Gaza by Affected Group (06 August 2014)



■ IDP's at UNRWA shelters ■ IDP's at public shelters
■ IDP's at host communities ■ Patients and hospital staff



World Food Programme

Palestine - Gaza Emergency, August 2014

Highlights

- The Logistics Cluster is now active and has opened up **three new staging areas in Ashqelon, Jerusalem and in Hebron**. The staging areas will be used to carry out cargo consolidation and palletisation before shipment to Gaza. The Cluster also secured **three new warehouses for the use of partners in Gaza** – in Rafah, the Middle Area and in Khan Younis.
- On 6 August, WFP called a coordination meeting with the **Minister of Social Affairs** in Ramallah, bringing together Food Security Sector partners, UN partners and government donors to ensure a coherent, coordinated and efficient response and enhanced private sector engagement.
- WFP and UNRWA launched a **large scale bread distribution**, purchasing bread in Jerusalem and the West Bank and transporting it to Gaza. This has relieved the pressure on Gaza bakeries which saw a threefold increase in bread customers following electricity cuts which left people unable to bake bread at home. The bread shipments have helped to reduce the pressure on Gaza bakers who had customers waiting for four hours for bread. As people are able to find ways to bake bread and the pressure on Gaza bakeries reduces, this programme will also be reduced so as not to interfere with the market.
- On 5 August, WFP reached a total of **329,117** conflict affected people in Gaza with emergency food assistance while on 6 August, after the cease fire appeared to be holding, the figure of total assisted people went down to **263,844**. Emergency relief includes:
 - **Emergency electronic food vouchers** to 4,000 displaced families – approximately 24,000 people – who are living with host families. The voucher modality is being rapidly scaled up as new families are identified as in need and who live in proximity to functioning markets and have access to cooking facilities.
 - **Emergency ready-to-eat food for 221,714 displaced people** who have taken refuge in UNRWA schools used as shelters and to 16,091 people that are sheltered in government shelters.
 - **A total of 2,039 patients and staff in hospitals continue to be assisted** with emergency food rations.

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

Situation Update

- Following the announcement of the 72-hours ceasefire, **WFP has started its regular in-kind food distributions in Gaza** targeting 85,000 people. UNWRA is also launching its regular distributions.
- An estimated 63,000 people will not be able to return to their homes** and will be in need of food and other assistance.

WFP Response

EMERGENCY RESPONSE TO CONFLICT AFFECTED PEOPLE IN GAZA:

- FOOD FOR UNRWA SHELTERS:** WFP assists approximately **221,714** displaced people in 94 UNRWA shelters with emergency food rations.
- FOOD FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL SHELTERS:** WFP distributes emergency food rations to **16,091** displaced people at 22 public shelters.
- VOUCHERS FOR FAMILIES SHELTERING IN HOST COMMUNITIES:** WFP and Oxfam GB are distributing emergency food vouchers to displaced families who are staying in host communities. A total of **4,000 families** (approximately 24,000 people) have been reached with vouchers. Families can use the voucher to buy food at local shops and after the launch of a **WFP-UNICEF partnership**, families also have the option to buy water and sanitation products. The vouchers have an overall value of approximately US\$ 128 (440 NIS) per month, for an average family of six.
- The voucher redemption rate stands at **84 percent**. WFP is working to provide new voucher cards to families who have lost their cards and is adding more voucher shops to the programme for sufficient geographical coverage. New requests for vouchers are being received and the programme is expected to scale up in the coming

days.

- FOOD FOR HOSPITALS:** WFP is reaching approximately 2,040 patients and hospital staff emergency food rations.

WFP's ONGOING PRE-CONFLICT PROGRAMMES:

- On 5 August, WFP has resumed its regular **July-August food distribution cycle in Gaza, targeting 85,000 people**.
- WFP's regular voucher programme, targeting 60,000 people**, remained functional during the crisis. The voucher redemption rate in the first week of August stands at 85 percent.
- A number of WFP voucher shops, which were closed during the previous weeks, are resuming their activities. Five shop owners whose shops were located in the heavily hit neighborhood of Al Shejaiya, have opened up stores in other areas in Gaza. To ensure voucher recipients have sufficient access to nearby shops, WFP has removed any restrictions to ensure **people can redeem their voucher in all WFP shops across the five governorates in Gaza**.

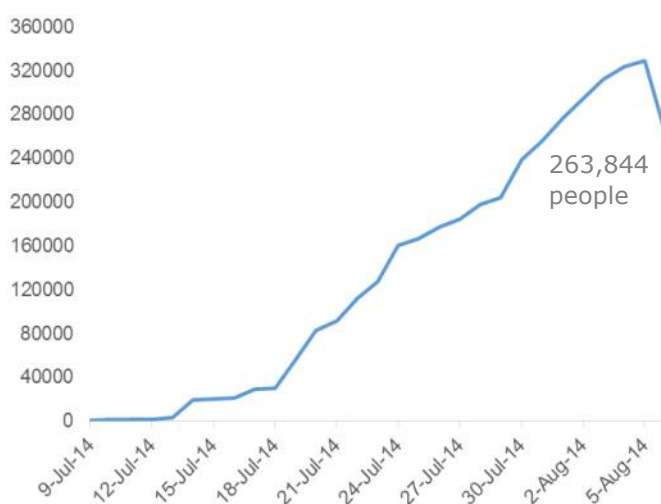
Monitoring

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

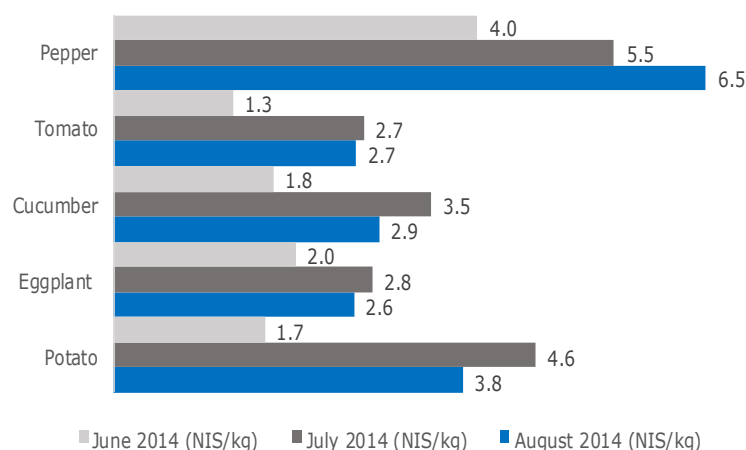
Basic commodities:

- Pressure on the availability of bread in Gaza remains. WFP has scaled up the transfer of fresh bread from the West Bank and East Jerusalem to Gaza. Lines at bakeries had been four hours several days ago; the waiting time now is approximately 30 minutes.
- Eggs are still expensive because some of Gaza's large poultry farms have been severely damaged.

Conflict-Affected People Reached in Gaza (06 August 2014)



Vegetable Prices Rise 71 Percent Since the Start of the Conflict (6 August 2014)



Wheat and bakeries:

- Pressure on bakeries because of the high demand of bread remains due to people not being able to prepare bread at home. Bakeries face challenges with their generators and fuel stock but have been adjusting and are increasing their capacity.

Dairy products:

- People only buy dairy products for immediate consumption, or products such as long-live milk, because there is no possibility for refrigeration in houses.

Food Security Sector



- The lack of adequate quantities of fresh fruits and vegetables, as well as the rising prices for these food commodities, requires Food Security Sector (FSS) partners to increase their efforts in bringing food into Gaza that are rich in vitamins and minerals. In order to counter the difficulties in delivering fresh fruit and vegetables, other options like dry fruit and nuts, should be considered.

Logistics Cluster



- The Logistics Cluster coordinated the crossing of eight trucks into Gaza, carrying bread, water and other non-food items.
- Ten generators were transported to the electrical company sites in Gaza at the request of the United Nations Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process (UNSCO).

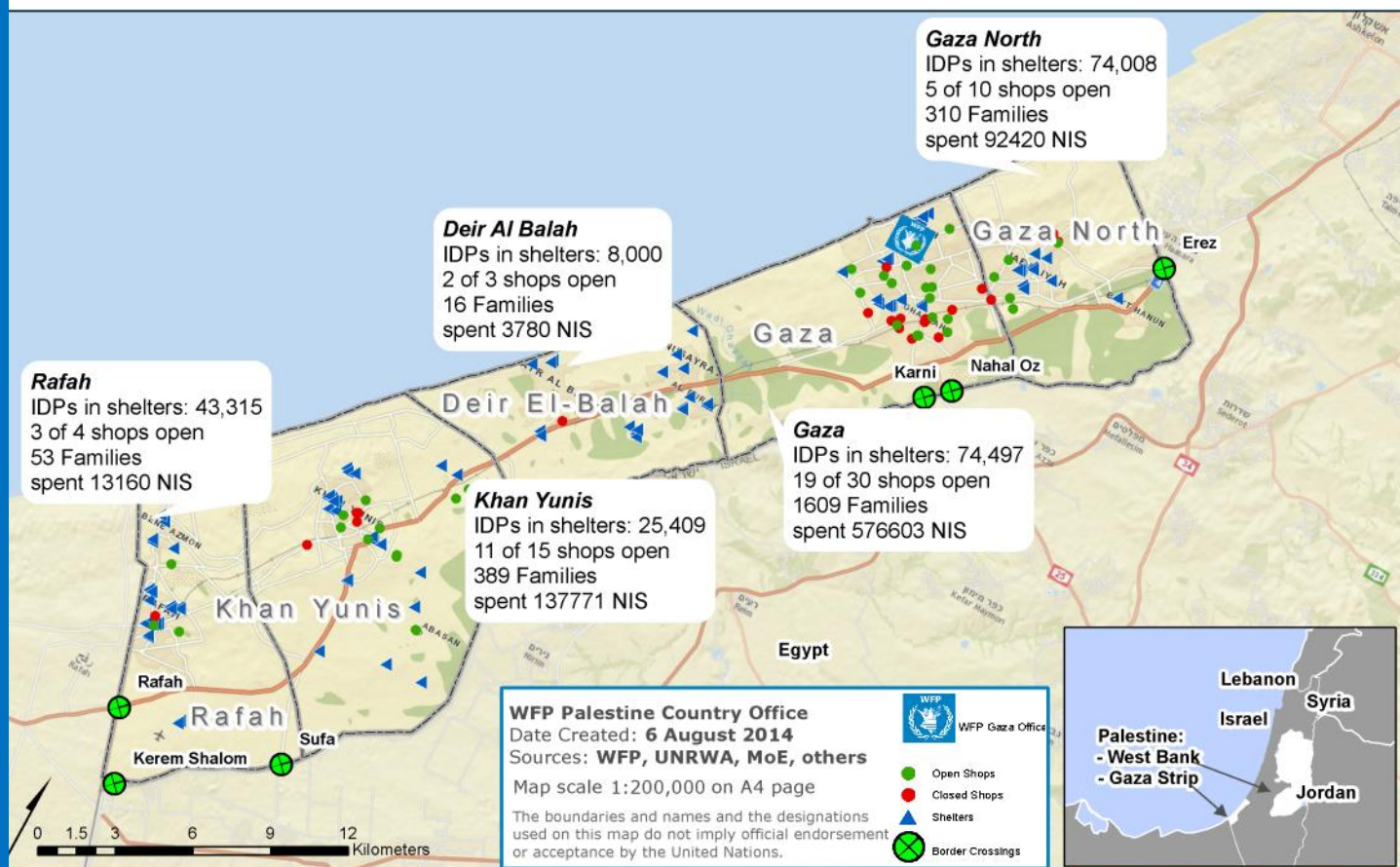
- The Logistics Cluster coordinated the loading of six trucks with Non-food items and food.
- An Information Management officer arrived in Jerusalem to support the work of the Logistics Cluster.

Resourcing Update



- WFP requires US\$ 48 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).
- WFP's funding requirements are reflected in the Humanitarian Country Team's Gaza Crisis appeal.

WFP Food Assistance in Gaza (06 August 2014)



WFP provides emergency food rations to displaced people in shelters, while people sheltered at host communities can buy food in WFP voucher shops with an electronic voucher. This map shows the locations of shelters (blue triangles) and the voucher shops that are open or closed (green and red dots). A number of voucher shops are closed due to the security conditions and are either destroyed or severely damaged.

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