

In numbers



4.4 million total population Palestine

33% food insecure in Palestine

57% food insecure in Gaza¹

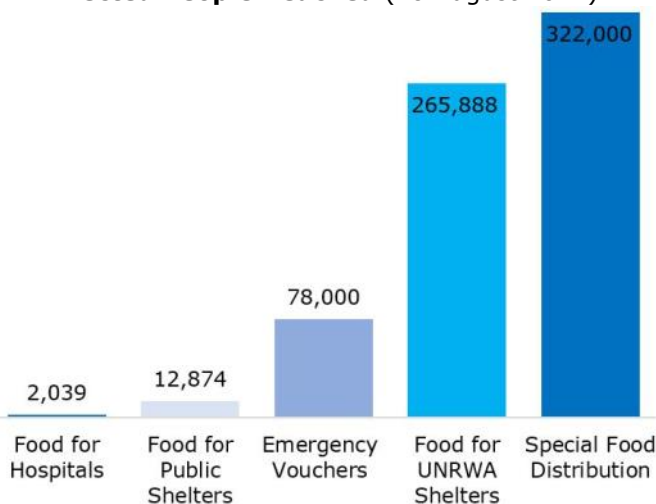
19% food insecure in the West Bank

Gaza Crisis Appeal



US\$ 48 million

Affected People Reached (18 August 2014)



World Food Programme

Palestine - Gaza Emergency, August 2014

Highlights

- **WFP and UNRWA have launched a special food distribution providing 730,000 conflict-affected people in Gaza with food assistance.** The beneficiaries are not part of WFP or UNRWA's regular food assistance programmes. This is a special distribution to help families address food needs linked to the conflict. Between 11 and 17 August 18,409 metric tons (mt) of rice and 1,227 mt of wheat flour was distributed between WFP and UNRWA.
- **WFP continues to expand the emergency voucher project.** WFP and Oxfam GB monitoring has showed that local markets have sufficient capacity for a further expansion of the project which enables voucher recipients to buy goods in local markets.
- **Humanitarian needs in Gaza are being assessed through inter-agency and joint assessments.** The Multi-Cluster/Sector Initial Rapid Assessment (**MIRA**) is currently taking place and will be followed by the Emergency Food Security and Agriculture damages Assessment (**EFSAA**).
- **WFP requires US\$ 48 million for Gaza emergency response, of which US\$ 15 million is urgently required** for emergency food assistance in September and October.

Situation Update

- **WFP and its partners continue to procure and transport food into Gaza** to reach additional affected people with food assistance. Between 14 and 18 August, a total of 48 WFP trucks crossed through Kerem Shalom into Gaza, carrying wheat flour, milk, vegetable oil, biscuits, canned meat and canned pulses.
- **Negotiations for a ceasefire are expected to have an impact on the movement of people either to the shelter or back home.** A large number of people remain in the shelters because of the fluid security situation or because their houses have been destroyed.

WFP Response



While people in Gaza are **displaced**, they will receive either an emergency ration of ready-to-eat food or an

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

emergency electronic voucher.

Once people return to their homes or a location with a host community where they can cook, store food, etc. people will receive either:

- **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.

EMERGENCY RESPONSE TO CONFLICT-AFFECTED PEOPLE IN GAZA:

- **SPECIAL FOOD DISTRIBUTION:** Between WFP's partner Global Communities and UNRWA, approximately 322,000 people out of the 730,000 people targeted have been reached with special food parcels.
- **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 address inclusion and exclusion errors during challenging times.
- **FOOD FOR UNRWA SHELTERS:** WFP assists approximately 265,888 displaced people in 88 UNRWA shelters with emergency food rations.
- **FOOD FOR PUBLIC SHELTERS:** WFP distributes emergency food rations to 12,874 displaced people at 20 public shelters.
- **VOUCHERS FOR FAMILIES SHELTERING IN HOST COMMUNITIES:** WFP and Oxfam GB are distributing emergency electronic food vouchers to 78,000 people (13,000 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.
- WFP and Oxfam GB are adding more voucher shops to the programme for sufficient geographical coverage. A total of **12 new voucher shops** have been selected.
- **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 resumed the regular **July-August food distribution cycle, targeting 95,000 people**. Since August 6, Global Communities, in partnership with WFP, has reached 83,630 beneficiaries. Global Communities opened additional distribution points during the latest ceasefire, and staff worked double shifts to increase distribution hours. As a result, the current cycle is nearly completed, despite the challenges. To date, 2,174 mt of sugar, flour, vegetable oil, and chick peas have been distributed.
- **WFP's regular voucher programme, targeting 60,000 people**, remained functional during the crisis. The voucher redemption rate in the second week of August reached almost 100 percent. Rates for the third week of August will be available in the next days.

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. Prices of fresh vegetables are higher than prior to the conflict. The price of olive oil has gone up.
- 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 only buy dairy products for immediate consumption, or products such as shelf life milk, because there is no possibility for refrigeration in houses.

Food Security Sector

- The Food Security Sector (FSS) is working closely on phase two of the **Multi-Cluster/Sector Initial Rapid Assessment (MIRA)**, which consists of five inter-cluster teams visiting key informants in 23 locations across the Gaza Strip for a period of around 3 to 4 days.
- **Following the MIRA, the FSS will start the Emergency Food Security and Agriculture damages Assessment (EFSAA)** in Gaza. The EFSAA is a collaborative assessment effort of the Food Security Sector, led jointly by FAO and WFP in coordination with other UN agencies like UNRWA and carried out by a consultancy company that will provide a report on the global overview of agriculture damages and losses, and on changes in the food security situation. Findings will be available within 6 to 8 weeks.

Logistics Cluster

- Since the activation of the Logistics Cluster on 30 July, **the delivery of more than 1,750 pallets of relief items to Gaza via 66 trucks has been coordinated**, for a total of 24 humanitarian organizations.
- On 14 August, the Logistics Cluster facilitated the transportation of **326 pallets of food, shelter and WASH supplies into the Gaza Strip** on behalf of the Palestinian Red Crescent Society and the Ministry of Social Affairs.
- On 17 August, the Logistics Cluster facilitated the transportation of more than **160 pallets of privately donated items including food, blankets, diapers and clothes** for distribution within the Gaza Strip

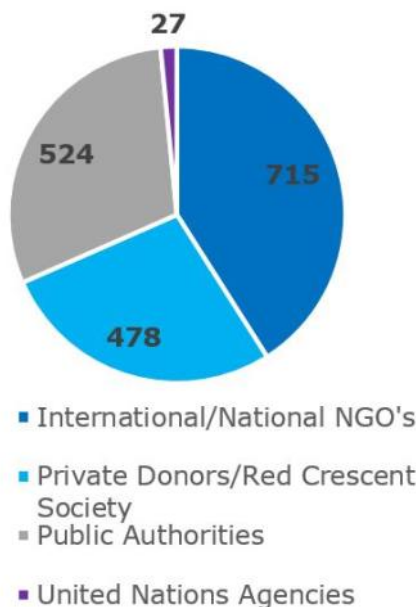
Resourcing Update

- 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).

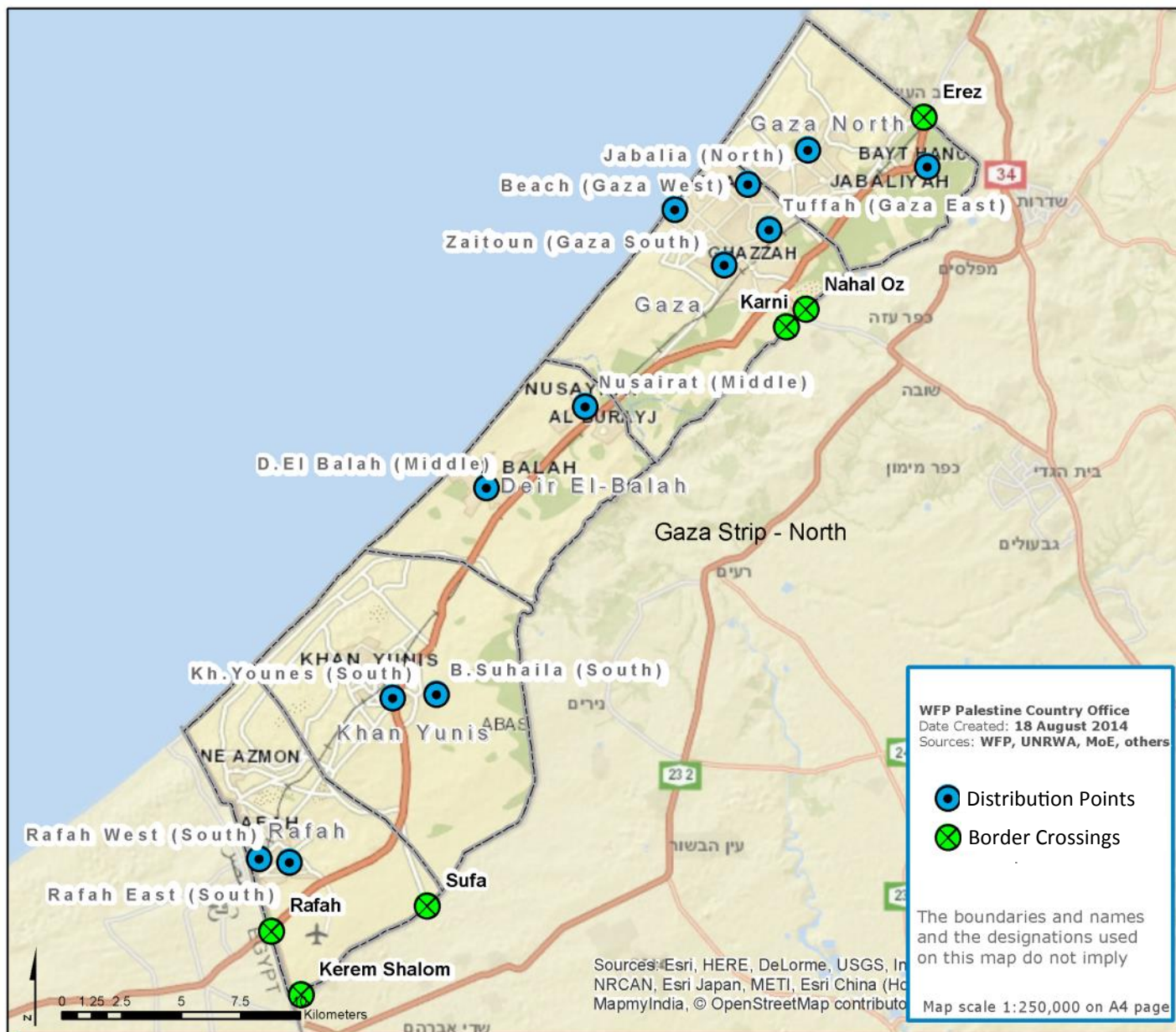
Daily Total Number of Pallets Transported via Logistics Cluster (18 August 2014)



Pallets received by Logistics Cluster by Organization Type (30 July - 17 August)



Gaza Emergency - Food Distribution Points



This map shows the food distribution points across the Gaza Strip for the special distribution between WFP, UNRWA and partners. In its third week, the special distributions have reached approximately 322,000 people out of the targeted 730,000 people.

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