

Gaza Strip

Overview As of 15 Oct 2024

Source: Ministry of Health.



42,409
Fatalities



99,153
Injuries



+10,000
Reported missing
under the rubble

Source: Palestinian Civil Defense

Health Facility Functionality and Access



17/36 (47%)
Hospitals **partially functional (HPF)** *



47/132[§] (36%)
Primary health care (PHC) facilities are **functional**

§ The number of PHCCs includes active NGOs.



5 Field hospitals **partially functional (FHPF)**



5 Field hospitals **fully functional (FHFF)**



4 Accessible



2 ICU



3 Surgeries



2 FHPF



3 Inpatient



3 FHPF



0 Accessible



0 Surgeries



0 Inpatient



0 ICU



1 FHFF



1 FHPF

Khan Younis
4 HPF
5 FH

Rafah
0 HPF
2 FH

Deir al Balah
3 HPF
3 FH

Gaza
7 HPF

North Gaza
3 HPF



3 Accessible



3 Inpatient



3 Surgeries



2 ICU



7 Accessible



6 Inpatient



5 Surgeries



3 ICU



3 Accessible



1 ICU



3 Surgeries



2 FHFF



3 Inpatient



1 FHPF



The above disaggregation of accessibility and availability of inpatient, surgery and ICU services covers hospitals only, and does not include field hospitals.

- Partial accessibility to Al-Awda Jabalia, Kamal Adwan, and Indonesian hospitals in North Gaza, due to increased militarization and deteriorating security situation.
- All primary healthcare centers in north Gaza are currently out of service.



535 Health Attacks As of 15 Oct 2024



823 People killed in attacks



110 Health facilities affected
Including **32** Hospitals damaged



1,164 People injured in attacks



118 Ambulances affected
Including **66** Sustained damage

* Partially functional facility: when a health facility is unable to fully provide some or all of the services as normal, or there is an interruption in any of the services provided at the facility, due to various reasons.

† Source: The Health Resources and Services Availability Monitoring System (HeRAMS)



Malnutrition



280 Patients admitted due to severe acute malnutrition with complications

Source: Ministry of Health.

Medical evacuation



5,138 Patients*
(33% of 15,600 requested cases) have been evacuated since October

Long term conditions



>2,000 People diagnosed with cancer each year, including 122 children



>1,500 Patients in need of kidney dialysis to maintain life[§]



>60,000 People with raised blood glucose*



45,000 Patients living with cardiovascular disease



>650,000 People with raised blood pressure*



+ 485,000 People with mental health disorders*

§ Source: Ministry of Health

* Source: STEPS Survey 2022

Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn and Child Health



~ 50,000 Women are pregnant



~ 5,500 Women are due to give birth within the next month including

~ 1,400 Requires Cesarean section
~ 180 Deliveries / day

- More than 500,000 women in the reproductive age lack access to essential services including antenatal care, postnatal care, family planning and management of sexual transmitted infections.
- Maternity services are provided at nine out of 17 partially functioning hospitals, and at four field hospitals (ICRC, IMC, UKMED, and Kuwait FHS).



756 Fatalities



6,460 Injuries



647 Health Attacks As of 15 Oct 2024



25 People killed in attacks



120 People injured in attacks



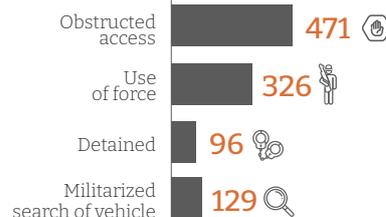
58 Health facilities affected



20 Mobile clinics Including



457 Ambulances affected



Situation Update

Gaza Strip

• Evacuation order and general health updates

- Five evacuation orders were issued between 5 and 12 October, covering areas in Bureij and Nusseirat camps in northern Deir Al Balah; Bani Suhaila, Shaikh Nasser and Ma'an in Khan Younis; Gaza and North Gaza.
- One medical point is within the evacuation area announced on 12 October, in addition to one primary healthcare center (PHC) and six medical points within 420 meters of the zone.
- A total of 61 health facilities (20 in North Gaza and 41 in Gaza), including 10 hospitals, 19 PHCs, and 32 medical points are within the evacuation zone announced on 6 October, ordering approximately 431,000 people residing in Gaza and North Gaza to evacuate to Mawassi area in the South.
- One primary healthcare center (West Nusseirat PHC) is within the evacuation area announced on 5 October in northern Deir Al Balah, while 12 health facilities, including Al-Awda Nusseirat Hospital (420m), are within one kilometer of the affected area.
- OCHA reported that, as of 15 October, at least 75,000 people have been displaced over the past 10 days, mostly within the north, with around 100 people having crossed from northern Gaza southward via Salah Ad Din or Al Rashid roads.
- The deteriorating security situation in North Gaza is hindering access to health services in the governorate, and increasing the burden on facilities in Gaza City to respond to the acute health needs of the vulnerable population. All primary healthcare centers in north Gaza are currently out of service, while access to the three hospitals is compromised.
- On 14 October, Al-Aqsa Hospital reported at least four people killed and 40 injured in an attack on the tents of internally displaced people inside the hospital.
- The attack on Rufaida School in Deir Al-Balah, on 10 October, hit the medical point at the school and resulted in the death of two nurses out of the total 28 people killed, in addition to 6 health workers injured out of the 56 reported injuries in the attack.
- Persistent fuel shortages continue to threaten humanitarian interventions, including health care provision, impacting the functionality of hospitals, PHCCs and ambulance services.
- Medical evacuation of patients outside of Gaza remains limited since 7 May. As of 15 October, out of 15,600 cases requested for medical evacuation, 5,138 (33%) have been evacuated, since October 2023, with only 229 patients evacuated since Rafah Closure in May 2024. Of utmost urgency is the restoration of medical evacuations from Gaza to the West Bank, including East Jerusalem, where hospitals are ready to receive patients. Patients must also be facilitated to be transferred to Egypt and Jordan, and from there to other countries when needed. WHO appeals for the establishment of multiple medical evacuation corridors to ensure sustained, organized, safe and timely passage of patients via all possible routes, including Rafah and Kerem Shalom.

- According to Israeli authorities, over 1,200 Israelis and foreign nationals were killed inside Israel, and approximately 5,400 reported injuries. As of 15 October, there have been 353 reported fatalities and 2,345 reported injuries of Israeli soldiers since the start of the ground operation in the Gaza Strip. One hundred and one hostages remain in Gaza.
- **Polio**
 - The second round of the polio vaccination campaign began on 14 October, targeting an estimated 591,719 children under 10 years old with a second dose of the novel oral polio vaccine type 2 (nOPV2). Phase I will run from 14–17 October, targeting 179,160 children, Phase II from 19–22 October, with a target of 293,275 children, and Phase III is tentatively planned for 23–24 October, pending further coordination, to reach 119,279 children. Humanitarian pause zones from Round 1 remain in place for Phases I and II, though adjustments may occur in Phase III due to the recent security developments.
 - A total of 337 vaccination teams and 135 supervisors will be involved in Phase I, which will take place in Central Gaza. A cumulative of 156,943 children were vaccinated (88% of phase I target population), including 128,121 children between two- and 10-years receiving vitamin A supplements.
- **Malnutrition**
 - The Nutrition Cluster reported that a total of 350,405 children were screened for malnutrition, from January to 12 October 2024. Out of this, 24,089 (6.9%) were admitted for malnutrition treatment, including 5,214 (1.5%) with severe acute malnutrition, and 18,875 (5.4%) admitted due to moderate malnutrition.
 - Three severe acute malnutrition (SAM) stabilization centers (SC) are fully functioning across the Gaza Strip, supported by WHO and MedGlobal at Patients Friends Benevolent Society Hospitals in Gaza City (10 beds each); WHO and IMC at the IMC Deir Al-Balah FH (7 beds); and the third supported by MSF-Spain at Nasser Medical Complex in Khan Younis (6 beds). Accessibility to the only SAM SC serving the North Gaza governorate at Kamal Adwan Hospital (10 beds) is compromised, due to the security situation. Two children with SAM with complications who were admitted to Kamal Adwan SC defaulted and were displaced with their families.

Response

- WHO has procured more than USD 35.1 million worth of health commodities, 56% of which has already been delivered to the Gaza Strip. Procured items include essential trauma emergency supply kits (TESK), non-communicable diseases and SAM kits, in addition to critical medications and supplies that are needed to maintain provision of essential health services.
- WHO and partners continue to carry out missions, support patient transfers, conduct needs assessment, support deployment of emergency medical teams (EMT) and field hospitals, and deliver medical supplies to health facilities, across the Gaza Strip.
- The Health Cluster reported that 75 partners are currently operational across the oPt, reaching a weekly average of 377,100 people with various healthcare services and supplies.
- WHO delivered essential medications and supplies to the Ministry of Health (MOH) and different health partners, including UNRWA, As-Sahaba Hospital, the Palestinian Medical Center, MSF-Belgium, Project Hope, Abdel Shafi Community Health Association (ACHA), which are enough to provide health services to 119,200 patients with non-communicable diseases.
- WHO provided MOH and health partners, including ACHA, Project Hope and MedGlobal, with essential medications to manage 11,000 patients with mental health disorders.
- In total, 243 health service points, including 135 medical points, are currently operating throughout the Gaza Strip, providing essential primary health care services to the vulnerable population. Mapping of population density and health service points availability is ongoing to identify gaps in service delivery.
- Inter-cluster reception points are activated on Salah Ad-Din and Al-Rashid streets, to register internally displaced people crossing from Gaza to the south. Water, food, and basic stabilization health services are provided, while cases requiring further interventions are referred to the proper service provider.
- The Health Cluster and WHO regularly update the oPt [Unified Health Dashboard](#), providing a snapshot of conflict-related casualties, communicable disease surveillance, medical evacuations, attacks on health, and overall Health Cluster response in the oPt, with emphasis on the ongoing emergency in the Gaza Strip.

WHO Mission Update

2-15 Oct 2024



16

Missions planned
(in the North and South)



3

Missions facilitated
(including partially facilitated)



4

Missions impeded
(ie. delays/unpassable routes)



9

Missions denied
(or canceled)

Out of 16 WHO planned missions during October 2024, only three were facilitated, while the rest were denied, cancelled, or impeded.

- **On 12 October:** WHO conducted a mission to As-Sahaba Hospital in Gaza City, to deliver 23,000 litres of fuel, medical supplies and 800 units of blood.
- **On 12 October:** WHO led a joint mission and transferred 19 critical patients from North Gaza to Shifa Hospital in Gaza city. The team also delivered 20,000 litres of fuel to Kamal Adwan (15,000) and Al Awda (5,000) hospitals, to maintain service provision at the hospitals.
- **On 14 and 15 October:** WHO conducted missions to areas in Deir Al-Balah to deliver the poliovirus vaccine and logistical support needed to implement the first phase of round II of the poliovirus campaign

WHO Recommendations

- Immediate ceasefire.
- Expand and sustain humanitarian access into Gaza for fuel, water, food, medicines and other necessary supplies.
- Expand humanitarian corridors and ensure safe passage to allow delivery of humanitarian aid and personnel within Gaza.
- Active protection of civilians and health care, preserving the function of remaining health facilities.
- Establish and strengthen a routine process for medical evacuation for all patients in need, without distinction of any kind, ensuring timely referral of the +10,000 critical patients that need to be medevaced out of Gaza.
- Tactical pauses in the north to enable polio vaccination campaigns.

Funding

WHO oPt total funding ask

\$110M

Operational plan

(Oct 23 to Mar 24)

\$222.2M

Operational plan

(Apr 24 to Dec 24)

\$275.55

Operational plan

(Apr 24 to Dec 24)

Humanitarian

Recovery + reconstruction

\$605.75M

The total needed

- The inter-cluster Flash Appeal has been revised and the funding requirement for humanitarian health response is **\$408.5M*** and is targeting **2.9M people in Gaza and West Bank**.



[The WHO Operational Response Plan for the occupied Palestinian territory \(oPt\) for April 2024 to December 2024](#) was published, on 29 May 2024.

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