

Gaza Strip

Overview As of 8 Jan 2025

Source: Ministry of Health.



46,006
Fatalities



109,378
Injuries



+10,000
Reported missing
under the rubble

Source: Palestinian Civil Defense

Health Facility Functionality and Access



18/36 (50%)
Hospitals **partially functional (HPF)** *



52/138\$ (38%)
Primary health care (PHC) facilities are **functional**

\$ The number of PHCCs includes active NGOs. Source: oPt Unified Health Dashboard



4 Accessible



2 ICU



3 Surgeries



2 FHFF



3 Inpatient



3 FHPF



0 Accessible



0 Surgeries



0 Inpatient



0 ICU



1 FHFF



1 FHPF

Khan Younis
4 HPF
5 FH

Deir al Balah
3 HPF
4 FH

Gaza
10 HPF

North Gaza
1 HPF



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



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



1 Partially accessible



1 Inpatient



1 Surgeries



1 ICU



10 Accessible



6 Inpatient



5 Surgeries



3 ICU



3 Accessible



1 ICU



3 Surgeries



3 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.

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

- The Rantissi Pediatric hospital and the specialized Ophthalmic Hospital in Gaza City resumed partial functionality, providing day care and outpatient services, after being out of service since November 2023.
- Al-Awda Jabalia remains as the only partially functioning and accessible hospital in North Gaza, while the Indonesian and Kamal Adwan hospitals have been out of service for over two weeks.



664 Health Attacks As of 6 Jan 2025



886 People killed in attacks



1,352 People injured in attacks



122 Health facilities affected
Including **33** Hospitals damaged



168 Ambulances affected

* 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.

Malnutrition



462 Patients admitted due to severe acute malnutrition with complications

Source: Ministry of Health. As of 4 December

Medical evacuation



5,393 Patients* have been evacuated since October 2023

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 of 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).

West Bank, including east Jerusalem

Overview As of 6 Jan 2025
Source: Ministry of Health.



838 Fatalities



7,123 Injuries



664 Health Attacks As of 11 Dec 2024



26 People killed in attacks



120 People injured in attacks



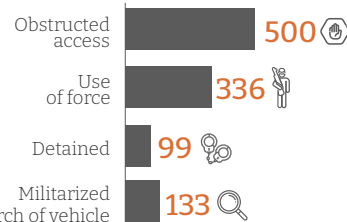
61 Health facilities affected



22 Mobile clinics
Including



469 Ambulances affected



Situation Update

Gaza Strip

• Health updates

- Ongoing hostilities across the Gaza Strip—including operations in North Gaza, mass evacuation orders, and attacks on healthcare facilities—continue to severely restrict healthcare services and jeopardize the right to health for 2.1 million Palestinians in the Strip.
- Between 1 and 6 January 2025, WHO recorded 10 attacks on healthcare in the Gaza Strip, all in North Gaza. Eight incidents impacted Al-Awda Jabalia Hospital, while two targeted the Indonesian Hospital.
- The Ministry of Health reported eight deaths from hypothermia, including seven infants. To prevent further fatalities, efforts are focused on reducing exposure risks through social and behavior change communication campaigns to educate parents and caregivers on hypothermia prevention and management, alongside procurement of essential supplies like thermal blankets and hot water bags.
- On 31 December 2024, WHO facilitated the evacuation of 55 patients, including 38 children, and 72 companions to the UAE. On 8 January 2025, 10 patients and their companions were evacuated to Jordan for specialized care. Since the Rafah Crossing closure in May 2024, medical evacuations from Gaza have been severely restricted, with only 446 patients evacuated. As of 8 January 2025, a total of 5,393 patients, 92% of whom are children, have been evacuated since 7 October 2023.
- Persistent fuel shortages continue to threaten humanitarian interventions, including healthcare provision, impacting the operations of hospitals, PHCCs and ambulance services, and forcing partners and health facilities to ration the limited supplies available.

• Malnutrition

- From 1 January to 31 December 2024, the Nutrition Cluster reported that 657,008 children aged 6-59 months were screened for malnutrition. Of these, 39,341 (6.3%) were admitted to the Community Management of Acute Malnutrition (CMAM) Program for treatment, including 7,675 (1.2%) with severe acute malnutrition (SAM) and 31,666 (4.8%) with moderate acute malnutrition (MAM).
- Four SAM stabilization centers (SC) are currently operational across the Gaza Strip: Patients Friends Benevolent Society Hospital in Gaza City (10 beds), IMC Deir Al-Balah FH SC (10 beds), Nasser Medical Complex in Khan Younis (6 beds), and Al-Awda Nusseirat Hospital in Deir Al-Balah (10 beds). The SAM SC at Kamal Adwan Hospital, serving the North Gaza governorate, remains out of service due to the ongoing security situation.
- In 2024, a total of 456 SAM patients with complications were admitted to SCs, along with six new cases during the first week of 2025.

Response

- WHO has procured more than USD 55 million worth of health commodities, 42% 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, along with critical medications and supplies that are needed to maintain the provision of essential health services.
- The EMT Coordination Cell (EMT CC) reported that 16 partner organizations (15 international and one national) have deployed EMTs across the Gaza Strip. These teams provide a wide range of healthcare services, including primary, maternal health, surgical, and trauma care. Since the onset of the emergency, EMTs have carried out more than 2.3 million patient consultations.
- On 26 December 2024, the Trauma Working Group launched a standardized protocol for wound management, which it developed with the endorsement of the MoH.
- WHO supported the expansion of the inpatient surgical department at Nasser Hospital by adding 88 beds, enabling the facility to accommodate the increased influx of patients.
- WHO conducted a training on Psychological First Aid (PFA) to 34 participants from the Health and Protection Clusters to enhance their ability to provide immediate psychosocial support in emergencies.
- The Health Service Delivery Working Group conducted a needs assessment of oncology and cardiology services, identifying gaps in healthcare staffing, training, and referral pathways.
- The Health Cluster reported that 65 partners are currently operational across the oPt, reaching a weekly average of 392,200 people with various healthcare services and supplies.
- In total, 250 health service points, including 168 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.
- 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

1-8 January 2025



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Missions planned
(in the North and South)



1

Missions facilitated
(including partially
facilitated)



2

Missions impeded
(ie. delays/unpassable
routes)



0

Missions denied
(or canceled)

WHO, in collaboration with partners, continues to conduct high-priority missions to support patient transfers, carry out needs assessment, deploy emergency medical teams (EMT) and field hospitals, and deliver medical supplies to health facilities across the Gaza Strip.

In 2024, WHO planned 279 missions, of which 111 (40%) were facilitated, while the rest were either denied (24%), impeded (25%), or cancelled (11%).

- **On January 4:** WHO conducted a mission to Public Aid and Shifa hospitals in Gaza City, providing the facilities with fuel to maintain service provision. During the mission, one companion of a patient who had passed away was also returned to Gaza City. The team facilitated the referral of six patients and four companions to Nasser Medical Complex in Khan Younis for onward evacuation abroad and supported the return of an EMT from Public Aid Hospital to South Wadi Gaza.
- **On 5 January:** WHO conducted a mission to Kerem Shalom Crossing, facilitating the entry of eight trucks, carrying 183 pallets of essential medications and supplies to support the humanitarian health response

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 +12,000 critical patients that need to be medevaced out of Gaza.

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)



\$605.75M

The total needed



\$170M

Funds received



[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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