

Gaza Strip

Overview As of 20 Nov 2024

Source: Ministry of Health.



44,056
Fatalities



104,268
Injuries



+10,000
Reported missing
under the rubble

Source: Palestinian Civil Defense

Health Facility Functionality and Access



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



50/136[§] (37%)
Primary health care (PHC) facilities are **functional**

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



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



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



4 Accessible



2 ICU



3 Surgeries



2 FHFF



3 Inpatient



3 FHFP



0 Accessible



0 Surgeries



0 Inpatient



0 ICU



1 FHFF



1 FHFP

Deir al Balah
3 HPF
4 FH

Khan Younis
4 HPF
5 FH

Rafah
0 HPF
2 FH

Gaza
7 HPF

North Gaza
3 HPF



2 Partially accessible



3 Inpatient



3 Surgeries



2 ICU



7 Accessible



6 Inpatient



5 Surgeries



3 ICU



3 Accessible



1 ICU



3 Surgeries



3 FHFF



3 Inpatient



1 FHFP



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)

- Partial accessibility to Kamal Adwan and Al-Awda Jabalia hospitals in North Gaza due to ongoing hostilities in the area.
- Indonesian Hospital continues to provide services to 23 patients present inside the facility. The hospital remains inaccessible to patients outside the facility.



568 Health Attacks As of 20 Nov 2024



846 People killed in attacks



122 Health facilities affected
Including 33 Hospitals damaged



1,237 People injured in attacks



145 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



358 Patients admitted due to severe acute malnutrition with complications

Source: Ministry of Health.

Medical evacuation



5,244 Patients*
(34% 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 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).



784 Fatalities



6,642 Injuries



653 Health Attacks As of 20 Nov 2024



25 People killed in attacks



120 People injured in attacks



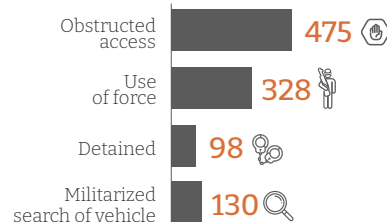
58 Health facilities affected



20 Mobile clinics Including



463 Ambulances affected



Situation Update

Gaza Strip

• Health updates

- The ongoing ground operation in North Gaza has led to significant population displacement and severe restriction of humanitarian access. As of 19 November, the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) reported that between 100,000 and 131,000 people had been displaced from North Gaza to Gaza City, while only some 700 people had moved to the south of Wadi Gaza, since the start of the ground operation on 6 October 2024. Access to humanitarian assistance remains restricted for an estimated 65,000 to 75,000 people remaining in North Gaza, according to a recent OCHA report (19 November).
- The obstruction of humanitarian missions to North Gaza continues to affect the health response, hindering delivery of life-saving supplies and deployment of emergency medical teams (EMTs). Between 8-17 November, five requests for deployment of emergency medical teams (EMT) to Kamal Adwan were denied by Israeli authorities.
- There are currently three doctors and 30 nurses at Kamal Adwan Hospital, providing services to 60 admitted patients. Among these, six are critically ill patients in the ICU, including one child in the neonatal ICU. The hospital reported receiving around 100 injuries on 20 November.
- On 20 November, Al-Awda Jabalia Hospital attended to 20 admitted patients, 29 injuries and 27 follow-up cases. The hospital reported that their fuel stock was completely depleted as of 19 November.
- Between 14 and 20 November 2024, four attacks on health were verified, including three in North Gaza and one in Rafah:
 - During a coordinated WHO medical evacuation mission on 17 November, one patient and one companion were detained at the checkpoint en-route from Kamal Adwan to Shifa Hospital.
 - On 19 November, the office of the Director of Kamal Adwan Hospital was attacked, with no casualties recorded.
 - On 20 November, the rooftop and the courtyards of Al-Awda Jabalia Hospital were attacked, causing damages to the rooftop, and injuring four people, with one person sustaining severe injury.
 - On 18 November, an attack caused severe damages on An-Najjar hospital, the only public hospital in Rafah. The hospital, located in an inaccessible area with ongoing hostilities, has been out of service since May 2024.
- Persistent fuel shortages continue to jeopardize humanitarian interventions, including life-saving healthcare provision, impacting the operations of hospitals, PHCCs and ambulance services.
- Medical evacuation of patients outside of Gaza remains limited since 7 May. As of 20 November, out of 15,600 cases requested for medical evacuation, 5,244 (34%) have been evacuated, since October 2023, with only 342 patients evacuated since Rafah Closure in May 2024.
- According to Israeli authorities, over 1,200 Israelis and foreign nationals were killed inside Israel, and approximately 5,400 were reported injured. As of 19 November, there have been 376 reported fatalities and 2,440 reported injuries of Israeli soldiers since the start of the ground operation in the Gaza Strip.

• Polio

- Administrative data reported from the second round of polio vaccination campaign confirms around 94% of the target population of 591 714 children under the age of 10 years received a second dose of novel oral polio vaccine type 2 (nOPV2) across the Gaza Strip, which is a remarkable achievement given the extremely difficult circumstances the campaign was executed under. The campaign achieved 103% and 91% coverage in central and southern Gaza, respectively. Additionally, an estimated 448 425 children between 2- to 10-years-old also received vitamin A during the second round of the campaign.
- In northern Gaza, where the second round of campaign was compromised due to lack of access, approximately 88% coverage for polio was achieved according to preliminary data. An estimated 7,000 -10, 000 children in inaccessible areas like Jabalia, Beit Lahiya and Beit Hanoun remained unvaccinated and vulnerable to the poliovirus.
- Between 12-24 November, a one-week catch-up polio vaccination campaign was held at four vaccination centers in Gaza City, targeting unvaccinated children under ten years old, displaced from North Gaza to Gaza City. A total of 920 children were vaccinated.

• Malnutrition

- From January to 4 November 2024, the Nutrition Cluster reported that a total of 433, 321 children aged 6-59 months were screened for malnutrition. Out of this, 29,054 (6.7%) were admitted into Community Management of Acute Malnutrition (CMAM) Programme, including 6,368 (1.5%) with severe acute malnutrition (SAM), and 22,686 (5.2%) admitted due to moderate acute malnutrition (MAM).
- Three severe acute malnutrition (SAM) stabilization centers (SC) are operational 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 (10 beds); and the third supported by MSF-Spain at Nasser Medical Complex in Khan Younis (6 beds). The SAM SC serving the North Gaza governorate at Kamal Adwan Hospital (10 beds) remains out of service, due to the deteriorating security situation

Response

- WHO has procured more than USD 40.5 million worth of health commodities, 52% 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 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 EMT Coordination Cell reported that 16 partner organizations (15 international and one national) are deployed across the Gaza Strip, providing a total of 21 EMTs. Since the onset of the emergency, EMTs have carried out a cumulative of 1.9M consultations and provided an additional 532 in-patient bed capacity as of 17 November.
- The Health Cluster reported that 59 partners are currently operational across the oPt, reaching a weekly average of 380,300 people with various healthcare services and supplies.
- In total, 238 health service points, including 160 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

14 - 20 Nov 2024



4

Missions planned
(in the North and South)



2

Missions facilitated
(including partially facilitated)



1

Missions impeded
(ie. delays/unpassable routes)



1

Missions denied
(or canceled)

- **On 17 and 18 November:** WHO carried out an overnight mission to Gaza City and North Gaza. The team delivered 10,000 liters of fuel, critical supplies for the treatment of 1,500 trauma patients, and facilitated the transfer of 23 patients and 22 caregivers to Al-Shifa Hospital. One patient and a caregiver were detained. WHO also transferred two patients from Al-Shifa to Nasser Medical Complex in Khan Younis. During the mission, WHO technical officers also conducted a visit to the Jordanian Military Field Hospital in Gaza City. The deployment of an EMT to Kamal Adwan was once again denied during this mission.
- **On 20 November:** WHO facilitated the medical evacuation of six patients and seven companions to Jordan. Two patients will be further transferred to the United States, while four will remain in Jordan for specialised care.
- Out of a total 17 WHO planned missions, between 1 and 20 November 2024, only five were facilitated, while the remaining were either denied (five), impeded (six), or cancelled (one).

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

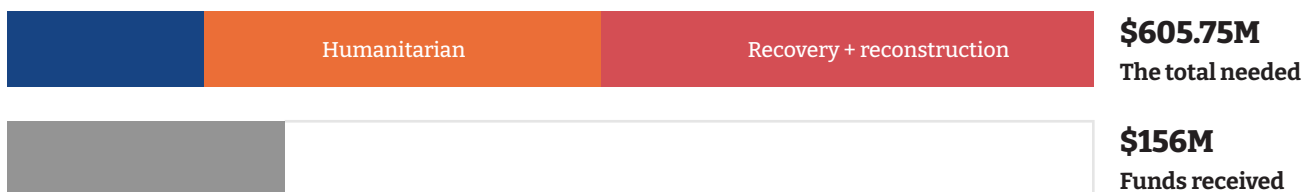
Operational plan

(Apr 24 to Dec 24)

\$275.55

Operational plan

(Apr 24 to Dec 24)



- The 2024 inter-cluster Flash Appeal for health is \$510.6 million, targeting 2.9 million people in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank. It is currently 59% funded.



[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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