

Gaza Strip

Overview As of 6 Nov 2024

Source: Ministry of Health.


 **43,469**
Fatalities

 **102,561**
Injuries

 **+10,000**
Reported missing
under the rubble

Source: Palestinian Civil Defense

Health Facility Functionality and Access

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

 **47/133[§] (35%)**
Primary health care (PHC) facilities are **functional**







§ The number of PHCCs includes active NGOs.

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

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

 **4** Accessible
 **3** Surgeries
 **3** Inpatient

 **2** ICU
 **2** FHFF
 **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
7 HPF

North Gaza
3 HPF

 **3** Partially accessible
 **3** Surgeries



 **3** Inpatient
 **2** ICU



 **7** Accessible
 **5** Surgeries

 **6** Inpatient
 **3** ICU

 **3** Accessible
 **3** Surgeries


 **1** ICU
 **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.

- All three hospitals in North Gaza (Kamal Adwan, Al-Awda Jabalia, and Indonesian) are partially accessible, due to high security risks.
- An additional field hospital (FH) operated by MSF-France, was established in Deir Al-Balah. The FH provides emergency (12 beds), inpatient (72 beds) and surgical services.

557 Health Attacks As of 5 Nov 2024

 **833** People killed in attacks

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

 **1,206** People injured in attacks

 **139** Ambulances affected
Including 68 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



312 Patients admitted due to severe acute malnutrition with complications

Source: Ministry of Health. As of 31 October 2024

Medical evacuation



5,230 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).



768 Fatalities



6,460 Injuries



650 Health Attacks As of 3 Nov 2024



25 People killed in attacks



120 People injured in attacks



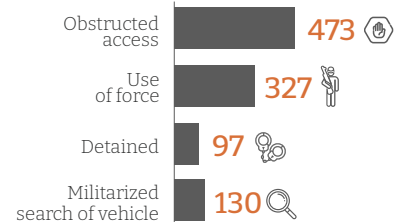
58 Health facilities affected



20 Mobile clinics Including



460 Ambulances affected



Situation Update

Gaza Strip

• Health updates

- On 6 November 2024, WHO and partners successfully evacuated 229 patients and companions outside Gaza. Eighty-four patients and 124 companions were transferred to the UAE, while six patients and 15 companions to Romania. Cumulatively, more than 5,230 (33%) out of the over 15,600 cases requested for medical evacuation have been successfully evacuated outside Gaza, between 7 October 2023 and 6 November 2024, with only 321 patients evacuated since Rafah Closure in May 2024.
- The ongoing ground operation in North Gaza has forcefully displaced around 100,000 people between 6 October to 4 November 2024, according to the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA). Access to Indonesian, Kamal Adwan, and Al-Awda Jabalia hospitals is severely restricted, jeopardizing the right to health of around 75,000 – 95,000 people remaining in North Gaza.
- Persistent fuel shortages continue to threaten humanitarian interventions, including health care provision, impacting the functionality of hospitals, PHCCs and ambulance services. From 3 November 2024, due to critical fuel shortages, Al-Awda Jabalia Hospital was forced to start running its generators for only three hours per day, disrupting lifesaving surgeries and other healthcare services.
- During a visit to Kamal Adwan Hospital on 3 November, the WHO team observed that only three physicians (two pediatricians and one general physician) and some 30 nurses, remained at the hospital, providing healthcare to around 120 patients. At least 40 casualties were observed in the emergency department, at the time of the mission.
- Between 30 October and 5 November 2024, twelve attacks on health care were verified, including eight in North Gaza. The attacks affected seven ambulances and caused injuries to 21 people inside the health facilities, including 11 staff members and 10 children.
- The Ministry of Health reported that the Indonesian Hospital currently has a total of 17 staff members providing healthcare services to 35 patients present in the facility. However, accessibility remains severely restricted for patients outside the hospital.
- According to Israeli authorities, over 1,200 Israelis and foreign nationals were killed inside Israel, and approximately 5,400 reported injuries. As of 5 November, there have been 368 reported fatalities and 2,394 reported injuries of Israeli soldiers since the start of the ground operation in the Gaza Strip.

• Polio

- The second round of the polio vaccination campaign in the Gaza Strip was completed on 5 November, with an overall 556 774 children under the age of 10 being vaccinated with a second dose of polio vaccine, and 448 425 children between 2- to 10-years-old receiving vitamin A, following the three phases conducted in the last weeks.

- Administrative data confirm around 94% of the target population of 591 714 children under the age of 10 years received a second dose of 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. However, in northern Gaza, where the campaign was compromised due to lack of access, approximately 88% coverage was achieved according to preliminary data. An estimated 7000-10 000 children in inaccessible areas like Jabalia, Beit Lahiya and Beit Hanoun remain unvaccinated and vulnerable to the poliovirus.
- Efforts will now continue to boost immunity levels through routine immunization services offered at functional health facilities and to strengthen disease surveillance to rapidly detect any further poliovirus transmission (either in affected children or in environmental samples). The evolving epidemiology will determine if further outbreak response may be necessary.

• 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 for malnutrition treatment, including 6, 368 (1.5%) with severe acute malnutrition (SAM), and 22,686 (5.2%) admitted due to moderate acute malnutrition (MAM).
- Three 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 (seven beds); and the third supported by MSF-Spain at Nasser Medical Complex in Khan Younis (six beds). The SAM SC serving the North Gaza governorate at Kamal Adwan Hospital (10 beds) is currently out of service, since five staff were detained during the recent raid of the hospital, while some were displaced with their families to Gaza City. The designated space has been repurposed to accommodate the influx of trauma patients to the hospital.

Response

- WHO has procured more than USD 35.8 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, mental health 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 high security risk missions, support patient transfers, conduct needs assessment, support deployment of emergency medical teams (EMT) and field hospitals, and deliver medical supplies and fuel 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 23 EMTs. Since the onset of the emergency, EMTs have carried out a cumulative of 1.8M consultations.
- The Health Cluster reported that 75 partners are currently operational across the oPt, reaching a weekly average of 352,900 people with various healthcare services and supplies.
- In total, 235 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.
- WHO delivered essential laboratory supplies to the Ministry of Health (MOH), including items for the detection of hepatitis A and C, and cholera rapid diagnostic tests, which are estimated to benefit a total of 15,000 patients. Critical medications, including intravenous fluids, to benefit approximately 5,000 patients were also provided to MOH facilities.
- 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

30 Oct - 6 Nov 2024



6

Missions planned
(in the North and South)



2

Missions facilitated
(including partially facilitated)



2

Missions impeded
(ie. delays/unpassable routes)



2

Missions denied
(or canceled)

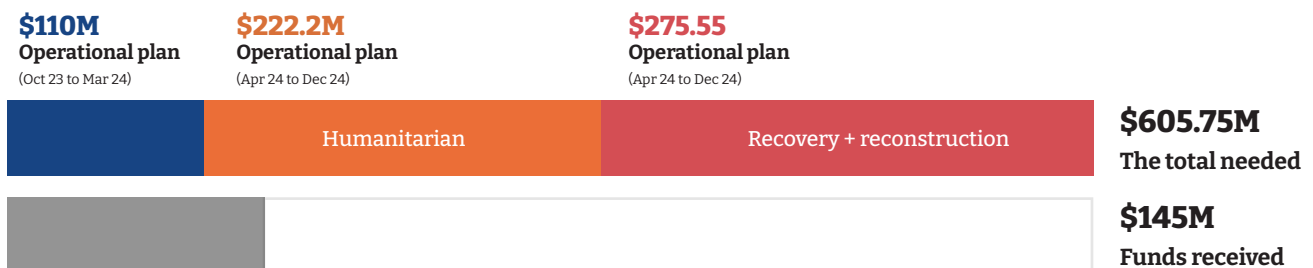
- **On 31 October and 6 November**, WHO carried out two missions to Kerem Shalom Crossing to facilitate the entry of essential medications into the Gaza Strip. A total of 290 pallets of medical supplies for WHO and UNRWA and 27 of cold chain items, including insulin and oncology medication were received at the WHO warehouse.
- **On 3 November**, WHO conducted a mission to key hospitals in Gaza and North Gaza, including Kamal Adwan, Al-Awda Jabalia, and Shifa hospitals, to facilitate patients transfer, and deliver essential medical supplies, fuel, food and water.
 - Kamal Adwan Hospital: Critical medical and surgical supplies and medications, including 150 units of blood, which are enough to carry out 7,000 interventions, were delivered to Kamal Adwan Hospital. Sixty boxes of World Food Program dry food and water for patients, healthcare workers and internally displaced people were also provided to the hospital, in addition to 20,000L of fuel to maintain service provision. The WHO team also facilitated the referral of 25 patients, along with 37 companions to Shifa Hospital.
 - Al-Awda Jabalia Hospital: five patients and five companions were referred from Al-Awda to Shifa in Gaza City.
 - Shifa Hospital: five patients and three caregivers were transferred from Shifa to Nasser Medical Complex in Khan Younis. WHO also facilitated the deployment of two EMTs to Gaza City -Medical Emergency Rescue Committee (MER-C) Indonesia and Palestine Children Relief Fund (PCRF)- which will be serving at Public Aid and Al-Ahli Arab hospitals, respectively.
- **On 6 November**, WHO facilitated the medical evacuation of 90 patients, along with 139 companions, through Kerem Shalom Crossing. The patients were evacuated to hospitals in the United Arab Emirates and Romania, to receive necessary healthcare.

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.**

Funding

WHO oPt total funding ask



- The inter-cluster Flash Appeal has been revised and the funding requirement for humanitarian health response is **\$797.8M*** 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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