



SITUATION REPORT

CRISIS IN PALESTINE

October — December 2025

Highlights

Humanitarian response remains inadequate to address overwhelming needs: Despite significant progress on the humanitarian scale-up, women and girls' urgent needs are still immense. UNFPA and its partners are rapidly scaling up maternal health and protection services across Gaza, but continue to face impediments.

Heavy rains are amplifying humanitarian needs: Tents are collapsing, shelters are flooding, and sewage-contaminated water is spreading through living areas. Pregnant women and newborns are especially vulnerable to the cold and disease.

Hunger remains severe: More than one-third of pregnant women screened by UN partners are acutely malnourished. In the first half of 2025, around 10 percent of babies were born underweight

Protection risks are increasing: Women and girls risks of gender-based violence (GBV), early marriage, and exploitation remain extremely high, driven by overcrowding, limited privacy and restricted access. Psychosocial distress is rising, and urgent winterization needs persist.

Health facilities remain overstretched and severely under-resourced: Without predictable access to medicines, equipment, and fuel the system cannot recover.

Situation in the West Bank continues to deteriorate: Military operations, rising settler violence, and punitive movement restrictions are severely limiting access to healthcare, education, and essential protection services.

UNFPA scales up response: Since the ceasefire, UNFPA has expanded life-saving support across Gaza and the West Bank, reaching over 478,000 women, girls, and youth with services and essential supplies.



72,500

Fatalities¹
71,395 in
Gaza
1,105 in WB



180,321

Injuries¹
171,287 in Gaza
9,034 in WB



1.36M+

Women of
reproductive age²
545,000+ in Gaza
820,000+ in WB



128,000

Estimated
pregnant women²
55,000 in Gaza
73,000 in WB



197,000

People
reached with
SRH services



211,000

People reached
with GBV
programmes

¹ Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics - 12 Jan 2025

² [MISP calculation](#)

Situation Overview

Attacks continue across Gaza, driving further displacement and destruction. Nearly 80% of buildings have been damaged or destroyed.

As winter sets in, **nearly 1.3 million people still require shelter**. Heavy rains are worsening conditions—washing away tents, flooding makeshift sites, and exposing **1.2 million people** to sewage or fecal matter within metres of their homes, increasing the risk of disease. Pregnant women and newborns are particularly vulnerable in these conditions.

While the immediate threat of famine has eased, **hunger remains acute**. Food is scarce and costs remain four times higher than before the war. In November, one in four people survived on just one meal a day. Malnutrition persists: **over one-third of pregnant women** screened by UN partners were acutely malnourished. In the first half of 2025, **10% of newborns**—around 300 babies—were underweight. Before the ceasefire, this had spiked to an average of **460 low-birth-weight babies each month**, nearly double the pre-war average. Low-birth-weight infants were **20 times more likely to die** without specialized care, which many hospitals struggled to provide.

Protection risks for women and girls remain severe, with reports of increased GBV, child marriage, and exploitation. Extensive damage to health facilities, safe spaces, and clinics—combined with displacement, movement restrictions, and flooding—has sharply limited access to case management, psychosocial support, and medical care. **More than 57,000 women** now head households under extremely harsh conditions and require direct assistance to feed their children and access healthcare.

The health system remains overstretched and under-resourced. **More than 60% of all health service points are non-functional**, placing immense pressure on the few that remain operational. Only 15% provide emergency obstetric care. Neonatal units are operating at **150–170% capacity**, with up to three newborns sharing an incubator. Around half of all maternal and child health medicines are at zero stock.

The situation in the West Bank remains deeply unstable. Ongoing military operations, record levels of settler violence, and punitive movement restrictions continue to disrupt access to schools, workplaces, markets, and healthcare—including for an estimated **73,000 pregnant women**. Humanitarian needs are rising, and restrictions are further complicating relief operations. As of September, only **42% of health facilities** were fully functional. **Around 232,000 women and girls**, including **14,800 pregnant women**, have limited access to reproductive health services due to the escalation of violence, particularly in Jenin, Tulkarem, and Tubas governorates.



UNFPA Response

Since the ceasefire, UNFPA has expanded life-saving support across Gaza by renovating, establishing, and reopening sexual and reproductive health (SRH), GBV, and youth service delivery points, and by delivering essential supplies to health facilities and GBV service providers. Together, these efforts have enabled an estimated 220,000 women and girls to access critical, life-saving services and protection.

Sexual and reproductive health: Over **197,000 people** accessed SRH services. In Gaza, UNFPA supported the renovation of the maternity department at Alkhair hospital in Khanyounis, reopened primary healthcare facilities, deployed midwives to health centres and communities, and sustained six containerized maternal health units providing emergency obstetric and neonatal care. Essential medicines, contraceptives, medical equipment and reproductive health kits were distributed to maintain service delivery and new mothers were provided with postpartum kits. In the West Bank, UNFPA operated mobile clinics and emergency health centres, and trained health professionals on maternal and SRH service provision.

Gender-based violence: Over **211,000 people** received GBV prevention and response services. In Gaza, UNFPA supported women and girls' safe spaces and women's shelters, delivering case management, vocational training, mental health and psychosocial support, cash and voucher assistance, and menstrual hygiene kits. Frontline workers were trained and provided with staff care. In the West Bank, fixed and mobile safe spaces expanded access to GBV services for hard-to-reach communities, including case management and psychosocial support, as well as distributing dignity kits.

Adolescents and youth: Over **70,000 adolescents and youth** were engaged in resilience, education, and protection initiatives. In Gaza, UNFPA-supported youth hubs, temporary learning spaces, and girls' tents provided recreational and educational activities, life-skills, prevention of sexual exploitation and abuse (PSEA) awareness, and psychosocial support, and supported vulnerable girls and boys with adolescent kits. In the West Bank, youth accessed health services, life-skills education, and pre-marriage counselling through youth-friendly health centres at universities and girls spaces, while hundreds of young volunteers led community-based peace and resilience initiatives.



Results Snapshot


197,000

People reached with SRH services


88

Health facilities supported


281,000

People reached with GBV prevention, mitigation and response activities, and adolescents and youth services


68

Safe spaces and shelters for women, girls and youth supported

Gaza Strip


274

Inter-agency reproductive health kits distributed to 20 health facilities and service delivery points, supporting **47,000** SRH services, including **4,500** safe births

5,250

Cycles of oral contraceptives delivered to health facilities to support an estimated **2,000** women of reproductive age over the next three months

4.3M

Units of essential maternal health medicines, instruments and disposables distributed to health facilities to support safe deliveries, infection control, and postnatal care


6

Containerized maternal health units provided basic and comprehensive emergency obstetric and neonatal care in the Middle Area and Khanyounis, supporting over **6,000** SRH services

107,460

People received SRH services and information through UNFPA-supported service delivery points, including fixed facilities and outreach activities


150

Medical equipment distributed to 20 health facilities to strengthen the provision of SRH services, including cardiotocography devices, electrical delivery beds, examination tables, and newborn incubators


90

Midwives equipped with midwifery kits and deployed to health centres to support SRH consultations and emergency deliveries


490

Health professionals trained on maternal and SRH service provision


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Maternity department at Al-khair hospital in Khanyounis renovated and furnished with support from UNFPA to expand access to reproductive and maternal health care


14,980

New mothers received postpartum kits containing essential hygiene and care items

 20	Safe spaces and women's shelters supported over 7,300 women and girls with case management and multi-sectoral GBV risk mitigation, prevention and response services	 97	High-performance tents distributed to health, protection, and youth service providers, enabling the expansion of critical service delivery points
 124,250	Hygiene and menstrual kits distributed to women and girls across Gaza, helping them maintain their hygiene and dignity	 10,870	People reached with PSEA and GBV information and awareness through in-person outreach activities
 7,650	Women and girls received two months supply of sanitary pads	 2,100	Families received winter blankets
 14,345	People received mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) through individual and group sessions	 1,125	Vulnerable women including GBV survivors and people living with disabilities received cash and voucher assistance to address their immediate needs and access services, protecting them from exploitation and violence
 380	GBV frontline workers reached with staff care initiatives and MHPSS support	 21,720	People reached through community based initiatives on peace and resilience led by 510 young volunteers
 380	Frontline workers trained on GBV service provision including gender responsive basic psychosocial support and referral procedures	 11	"Girls Tents" reached 870 adolescent girls with tailored support including MHPSS, life skills education, and information on SRH and GBV prevention
 15	Multi-purpose youth hubs and temporary learning spaces reached 8,600 adolescents and youth with recreational and educational classes, awareness sessions, capacity building, PSEA, psychosocial first aid (PFA) and comprehensive life education (CLE)	 3,960	Adolescent kits distributed to support affected adolescent girls and boys. These kits include hygiene supplies, educational materials, and protection tools to help adolescents maintain dignity and safety
West Bank			
 3,080	Women and girls reached with SRH services through UNFPA-supported midwives in 10 safe motherhood centres in the West Bank	 10	Safe spaces supported 8,355 women and girls with case management and multi-sectoral GBV risk mitigation, prevention and response services

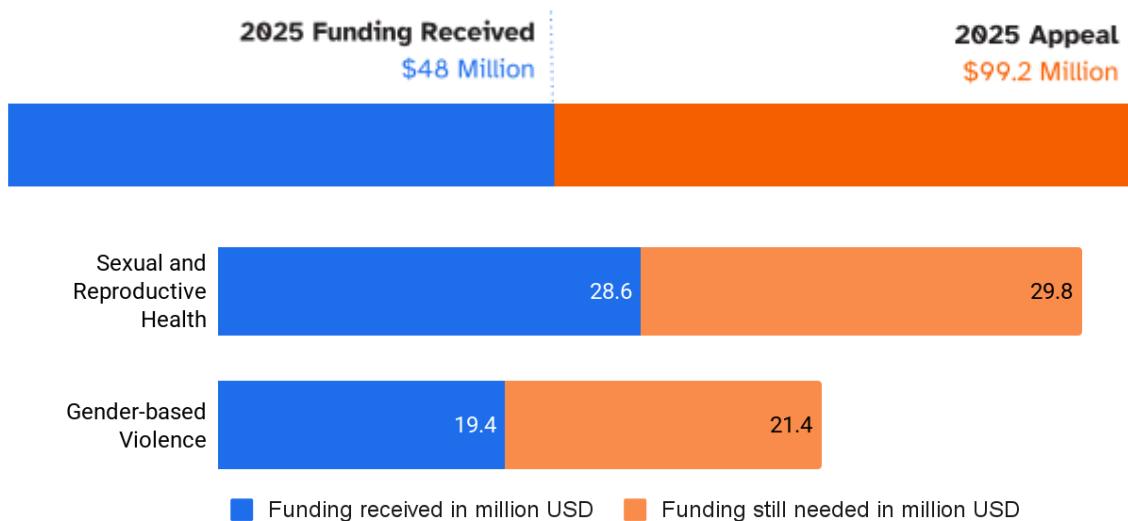
 18,970	People reached with comprehensive SRH services, including breast cancer screenings, SRH consultations and awareness-raising activities, through five UNFPA-supported mobile clinics in Area C and Northern West Bank	 6	Mobile safe spaces operating in the Jordan Valley, Hebron, Tubas, Bethlehem, and Jerusalem to provide psychosocial support and GBV prevention and response services to hard-to-reach communities
 318	Health professionals trained on maternal and SRH service provision	 2,900	New mothers received postpartum kits containing essential hygiene and care items
 172	Frontline workers trained on GBV minimum services, and gender responsive basic psychosocial support including referral procedures	 3,200	Adolescent kits distributed to support affected adolescent girls and boys. These kits include hygiene supplies, educational materials, and protection tools
 135	GBV frontline workers reached with staff care initiatives and MHPSS support	 555	Dignity kits distributed to displaced women and girls
 9,200	People received MHPSS through individual and group sessions	 14,300	People were reached with PSEA and GBV information and awareness through in-person outreach activities
 113	Frontline workers and volunteers trained on CLE, emergency preparedness, response and peace resilience	 6,300	Adolescents reached through in and out of school CLE
 7,700	Adolescents and youth accessed youth-friendly health services, SRH awareness, CLE and pre-marriage counseling	 16,350	People reached through community based initiatives on peace and resilience led by 530 young volunteers

Coordination Mechanisms

UNFPA continued to play a leading coordination role across Palestine. Through the Gender-Based Violence Area of Responsibility (GBV AoR), UNFPA led coordination efforts amid intensifying risks. Under the Health Cluster, UNFPA continued to lead the Sexual and Reproductive Health Working Group (SRHWG), ensuring coordinated delivery of essential SRH services. UNFPA also led coordination on adolescents and youth, keeping the needs of young people central to the humanitarian response. In addition, UNFPA chaired the Mobile Clinic Working Group, coordinating partners to redirect services in the West Bank in response to growing access constraints, and actively contributed to Cash Working Groups in Gaza and the West Bank, as well as the Gaza Multipurpose Cash Assistance Group, to ensure SRH and protection priorities were reflected in cash-based assistance planning and delivery.

Funding Status

In 2025, UNFPA mobilized approximately **50 per cent of its USD 99.2 million** humanitarian funding appeal. Under the 2026 Occupied Palestinian Territory (OPT) Flash Appeal, UNFPA is requesting **USD 110 million** to address ongoing humanitarian needs and support early recovery priorities through 2026.



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