



# Situation Report

## Humanitarian Crisis in Palestine



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## KEY FIGURES



**59,491**

Fatalities<sup>1</sup>  
58,479 in Gaza  
1,012 in West Bank



**146,055**

Injuries<sup>1</sup>  
139,355 in Gaza  
6,700 in West Bank



**~1.9M**

Internally displaced<sup>2</sup>  
1.9M in Gaza (90% of population)  
40,000+ in West Bank



**18 of 36**

Hospitals in Gaza<sup>2</sup>  
partially functional



**61 of 167**

Primary healthcare centres in the Gaza Strip<sup>2</sup> are partially functional



**1.36M+**

Women of reproductive age<sup>3</sup>  
545,000+ in Gaza  
820,000+ in West Bank



**128,000**

Estimated pregnant women<sup>3</sup>  
55,000 in Gaza  
73,000 in West Bank



**12,000+**

Expected births in the next month<sup>3</sup>  
4,000 in Gaza  
8,000 in West Bank



**11,000**

Pregnant women are at risk of imminent famine IPC Phase 5 (Catastrophe)<sup>4</sup>



**1.2M**

Youth aged 18-29<sup>5</sup>  
470,000 in Gaza  
730,000 in West Bank

<sup>1</sup> Palestinian Ministry of Health - 15 July 2025

<sup>2</sup> [OCHA Reported Impact Snapshot - Gaza Strip - 09 July 2025](#)

<sup>3</sup> [MISP calculation](#)

<sup>4</sup> [IPC Acute Food Insecurity And Malnutrition Analysis](#)

<sup>5</sup> Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics

## HIGHLIGHTS

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- **Critical services in Gaza are collapsing under fuel shortages:** putting hospitals, ambulances, water systems, and humanitarian operations on the edge of shutdown.
- **Maternal and newborn care is facing a total shutdown:** Fuel and supply shortages are crippling services, leaving pregnant women, premature and low birth weight babies without life-saving support. In the seven partially functioning hospitals and four field hospitals still providing obstetric and newborn care, fuel is nearly depleted. Services are being cut, diagnostic units are closing, and equipment is failing. With one in three pregnancies high-risk, the loss of ultrasound machines, lab analyzers, fetal monitors, and incubators is leaving hundreds of preterm and low birth weight babies without the critical care they need to survive. As a result, more women are giving birth outside hospitals, often in unsafe, unhygienic conditions. In the first six months of 2025, 157 out-of-hospital births were reported in Gaza.
- **Births have sharply declined while maternal and newborn deaths are rising:** a stark reflection of the collapse of health services and the dangerous conditions in which women are forced to give birth. According to the Ministry of Health in Gaza, Only 17,000 births were recorded in the first six months of 2025 — a staggering 41 per cent drop compared to the same period in 2022. Miscarriages have surged, with over 2,600 women affected, while 220 pregnancy-related deaths occurred before delivery. Premature births and low birth weight cases have sharply increased, with more than 1,460 babies born too early, over 1,600 born underweight, and over 2,500 infants admitted to neonatal intensive care. Newborn deaths are rising, including at least 21 babies who died on their first day of life.
- **The risks of gender-based violence (GBV), exploitation, and abuse are deepening in Gaza:** daily forced displacement orders push women and girls into overcrowded, unsafe areas with no shelter or essential supplies. With protection services and community networks collapsing, GBV hotlines severed, and case management impossible, they are left without safe spaces or access to support. Incidents of sexual exploitation, abuse, domestic violence, family separation, and early marriage are rising sharply. The mental health crisis among women and girls is deepening.
- **Basic hygiene supplies, including menstrual products, are completely exhausted:** compounding health and protection risks for women and girls. These essential items have been blocked from entering Gaza for over four months, leaving 700,000 women and girls in Gaza without any means to manage their hygiene.
- **In the West Bank, over 230,000 women and girls,** including 14,800 pregnant women, have limited or no access to reproductive health services, with maternal health care disrupted by increased violence, movement restrictions, and attacks on health facilities.
- **UNFPA sustains critical support amid an escalating crisis:** Despite immense challenges, UNFPA remained on the ground in May and June, reaching over 91,000 people with essential sexual and reproductive health, GBV, and youth-focused services across Palestine. Yet, more than 160 UNFPA aid trucks remain stranded at the border.

## SITUATION OVERVIEW

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- The scale of devastation in Gaza keeps expanding: families relentlessly uprooted, starved, and stripped of the basics to survive. Daily attacks continue on displacement shelters, schools, hospitals, water points, and civilians waiting in line for food – more than 800 people have been killed near Israeli militarized distribution points.
- Starvation is rampant. The entire population of Gaza is acutely food insecure. One in every five people faces catastrophic hunger. Over 90,000 women and children urgently require treatment for malnutrition. Among the 155,000 pregnant women and new mothers in Gaza, severe malnutrition is widespread contributing to high-risk

pregnancies and preterm births. Mothers are too malnourished to breastfeed, with no access to clean water or infant formula. Thousands of newborns face the risk of death or irreversible health damage.

- Gaza's water and sanitation systems have been devastated. With fuel supplies blocked, only 40 per cent of drinking water production facilities remain operational — all at risk of imminent shutdown. Waterborne diseases are spreading rapidly. Acute watery diarrhea now accounts for nearly 39 per cent of reported illnesses, while cases of meningitis and hepatitis are steadily rising. The collapse of water and sanitation services is fueling a public health emergency.
- Nearly 725,000 people have been forcibly displaced since March 2025, including 16,000 pregnant women. 86 per cent of Gaza is now within militarized zones or under displacement orders. People are confined to overcrowded, unsafe areas with no shelter, no water, no food, and no basic supplies.
- For over 130 days, Gaza has faced a near-total blockade on humanitarian aid. UNFPA has more than 160 trucks loaded with maternal health medicines, hygiene supplies, and life-saving equipment — including maternity units, medicines, ultrasounds, portable incubators, hygiene kits, and protection materials — stranded at the border.
- With no shelter materials allowed in since March, more than 1.1 million people remain without adequate shelter. Aid workers themselves are starving and operating under life-threatening conditions, struggling to sustain even the most basic humanitarian response.
- In the West Bank, women are giving birth in emergency centers or at home due to blocked access to hospitals. Maternal health services in Jenin, Tulkarem, and Tubas are severely disrupted by road closures, checkpoints, curfews, and attacks on health facilities. More than 808 attacks on health and humanitarian personnel have been reported in the West Bank since October 2023.

## UNFPA RESPONSE

In May and June 2025, amid escalating insecurity, the collapse of essential services, and a tightening aid blockade, UNFPA sustained life-saving SRH, GBV, and youth services across Gaza and the West Bank.

- **Over 57,500 people were reached with SRH services**, including family planning, maternal health, and emergency obstetric care — delivered through static health facilities, mobile clinics, containerized units, emergency safe motherhood centers, and community midwives. UNFPA also provided reproductive health kits, essential medicines, and supplies to help maintain service delivery.
- **GBV prevention and response services reached over 24,500 individuals**, offering psychosocial support, case management, and referrals to legal and health services. Women and girls' safe spaces remained a critical source of protection and care where operational. Dignity kits and emergency cash assistance were provided to those in need.
- **More than 9,000 adolescents and youth** received mental health and psychosocial support, life-skills education, and youth-friendly health services. Youth also engaged in community-based peacebuilding and emergency preparedness efforts, reaching thousands of peers and community members.



## RESULTS SNAPSHOTS



**57,500**

People reached with **SRH services**



**34**

**Health facilities** (*primary healthcare, mobile units, medical points, field hospitals, and hospitals*) supported



**33,500**










People reached with **GBV services and youth-focused support**











**12**

**Women and girls' safe spaces**, including 2 shelters, supported

### Gaza Strip

	212	Inter-agency reproductive health kits distributed to 26 health facilities and service delivery points across Northern, Central, and Southern Gaza, supporting 26,630 SRH services, including 6,150 safe births, in the next three months
	1,802	Vials of Oxytocin and Bakri Balloons distributed to health facilities to support the management of postpartum hemorrhage
	6	Containerized maternal health units provided basic and comprehensive emergency obstetric and neonatal care in the Middle Area and Khan Younis, supporting over 3,000 SRH services
	67	Health providers trained on maternal and SRH service provision
	6	Women and girls' safe spaces reached nearly 9,000 women and girls with multi-sectoral GBV risk mitigation, prevention and response services, including mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS), case management, information sessions, and community outreach
	193	Women received cash and voucher assistance to address their immediate needs, including protection from exploitation and violence
	3,755	People received mental health and psychosocial support through individual and group sessions
	3,560	Adolescents and youth reached through multipurpose youth centres, youth hubs, and girls' tents with recreational and educational classes, awareness sessions, capacity building, prevention of sexual exploitation and abuse (PSEA), comprehensive life education (CLE), peacebuilding and resilience initiatives.
	361	Youth received psychosocial first aid through the Shubak Al Shabab helpline and the <a href="#">Mostashari application</a>



West Bank		
	461,000	Units of pharmaceuticals, medical consumables, and surgical instruments distributed to health facilities to support the provision of 20,000 SRH services over the next three months
	2,136	People reached with comprehensive SRH services, including breast cancer screenings, SRH information and awareness-raising activities, through five UNFPA-supported mobile clinics in Area C and Northern West Bank
	6	Women and girls' safe spaces reached over 3,000 women and girls with GBV risk mitigation, prevention, and response services, including MHPSS, case management and information sessions
	814	People received MHPSS through individual and group sessions
	1,933	Women received cash and voucher assistance to address their immediate needs, including protection from exploitation and violence
	1,200	Dignity kits distributed to displaced women and girls
	1,480	Postpartum kits, containing essential hygiene and care items for new mothers and newborns, distributed
	5,050	Youth accessed youth-friendly health services and CLE, and participated in awareness-raising activities, and peacebuilding and resilience initiatives



## COORDINATION MECHANISMS



### Gender-based Violence:

UNFPA continued to lead GBV coordination across Palestine, adapting response efforts amid intensifying risks and deteriorating conditions. In May and June, the GBV Area of Responsibility (AoR) worked closely with Site Management actors to advance gender-responsive site management and ensure women's inclusion in decision-making and GBV risk mitigation. The GBV AoR also contributed to inter-agency advocacy on the protection needs of persons with disabilities and older persons in Gaza. Capacity-building efforts included PSEA orientations for GBV service providers and MHPSS sessions to enhance integrated survivor support. The GBV AoR published [Guidance on GBV Case Management in the Gaza Strip](#), [GBV Trends Analysis April-May 2025](#), and [Guidance Note on the Link between Food Scarcity and Gender-Based Violence](#) – all critical tools to support frontline responders in navigating the complex, high-risk environment while maintaining survivor-centered approaches.



### Sexual and reproductive health:

UNFPA continues to lead the Sexual and Reproductive Health Working Group (SRHWG) under the Health Cluster, coordinating partners to sustain essential SRH services. In May and June, the SRHWG focused on harmonizing SRH and maternal, newborn health training plans, tracking community deliveries, and updating the SRH dashboard, closure tracker, and service mapping. The group issued [advocacy briefs on Urgent Action for Addressing SRH in the Northern West Bank](#), and strengthened referral pathways, including for malnourished pregnant and breastfeeding women, in coordination with other clusters. Coordination advanced on telemedicine for the West Bank and on joint work with the Education Sector to integrate youth, SRHR, and protection activities. The SRHWG also marked the International Day of the Midwife with a joint webinar, highlighting midwives' roles in crisis settings, and published [Silent Struggles: The Menstrual Hygiene Crisis in Gaza](#) and [Referral Pathways for SRHR in Palestine](#) to address service fragmentation, supply shortages, and movement restrictions.



### Adolescents and youth

UNFPA continued to lead adolescent and youth coordination efforts, ensuring the needs of young people remain central to the humanitarian response. In May and June, UNFPA conducted a Mapping Analysis of Adolescent and Youth Actors to better understand and strengthen the landscape of humanitarian actors working with and for adolescents and youth in Gaza and the West Bank. Based on this analysis, a fact sheet and advocacy brief are being developed with key recommendations to address gaps in programming. UNFPA also published the [Adolescent Kits Guidance Note](#), promoting a gender- and culturally sensitive approach to supporting adolescents' physical, educational, and psychosocial needs by providing essential supplies and protection tools to help safeguard their dignity and well-being.

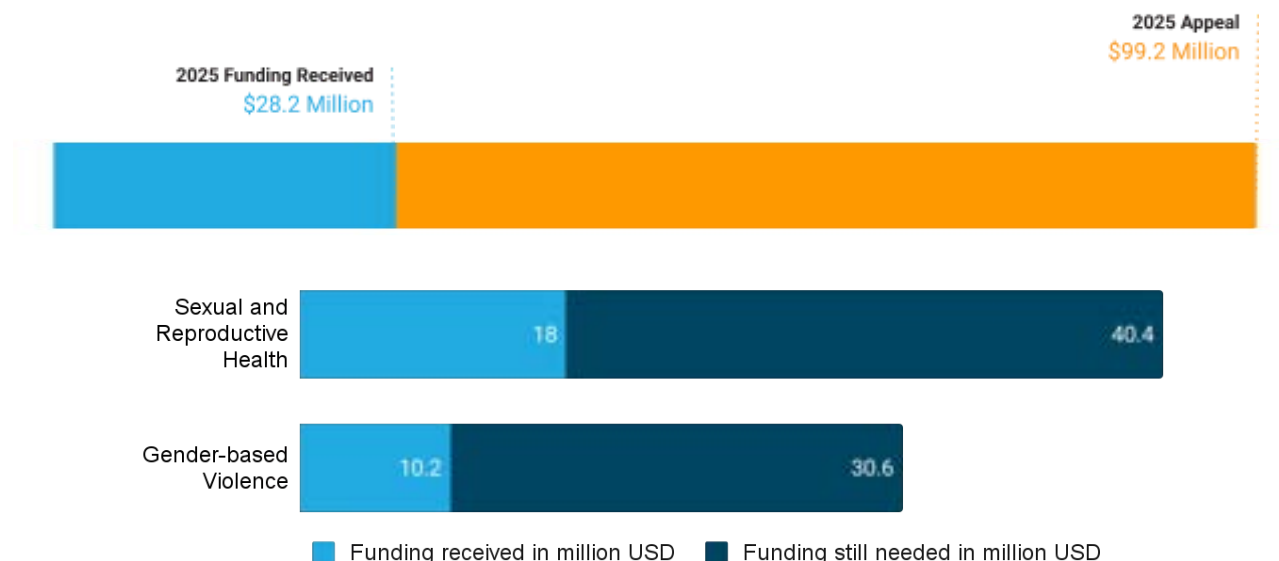


### Other working groups

UNFPA leads the Mobile Clinic Working Group, redirecting services to locations in the West Bank to address accessibility challenges. Additionally, UNFPA actively participates in the Gaza and West Bank Cash Working Groups and the Gaza Multipurpose Cash Assistance Group.

## FUNDING STATUS

As part of the 2025 Occupied Palestinian Territory (OPT) Flash Appeal, UNFPA is requesting **\$99.2 million** for its operational response to address ongoing and emerging needs. As of July 2025, UNFPA has received **\$28.2 million**. An additional **\$71 million** is urgently needed to support UNFPA's operational response through December 2025.



We extend our heartfelt appreciation to all partners and supporters whose contributions have been instrumental in facilitating UNFPA's humanitarian response, particularly in assisting Palestinian women, girls, and youth.

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