

OVER 300 DAYS OF ISRAEL'S WAR ON GAZA

UNFPA's Humanitarian Response in the OPT 2024

KEY FIGURES

Since October 7, at least **39,677** Palestinians, over **70%** of whom are women and children, have been killed, and **91,645** injured in Gaza. In the West Bank and East Jerusalem, Israeli forces and settlers have killed **587** Palestinians, including over **100** children¹

At least **278** aid workers, including **201** UN staff members, have been reported killed in Gaza²

747 health workers have been reported killed⁴

70% of Gaza's civilian infrastructure has been damaged or destroyed³

Approximately **1.9 million** people, or **90%** of Gaza's population, are internally displaced²

Nearly **the entire** Gaza population is facing a mental health crisis due to ongoing trauma, continuous displacement, pervasive insecurity, and profound anxiety about the future¹

There have been **1,012** health attacks: **492** in Gaza and **520** in the West Bank⁴

Out of **36** hospitals in Gaza, **16** are partially functional, with only **8** hospitals and **4** field hospitals providing maternal health services⁴

Out of **119** primary health care centers in Gaza, **49** are partially functional⁴

Half of Gaza's population lacks access to essential services due to extensive destruction, hindered humanitarian aid, security risks, closed crossing points, bureaucratic obstacles, and a breakdown of law and order⁵

85% of Gaza's schools and all universities are damaged or destroyed, leaving **625,000** students without access to education⁶

Over **25,000** children in Gaza have lost one or both parents, with at least **17,000** being unaccompanied or separated from their family members⁷

More than **1 million** Palestinian children in Gaza now require mental health and psychosocial support due to the lifelong trauma from the war⁷

There are **1.32 million** women of reproductive age: **525,000** in Gaza and **798,000** in the West Bank⁸

There are **122,000** pregnant women: **48,000** in Gaza and **74,000** in the West Bank⁸

There are **450** deliveries daily: **180** in Gaza and **270** in the West Bank⁸

In Gaza, **500,000** women of reproductive age, including **155,000** pregnant and breastfeeding women, lack access to antenatal and postnatal care, family planning, and management of sexually transmitted infections⁹

Miscarriages in Gaza have increased by **300%** since October 2023¹⁰

6 out of **10** women who are or have been pregnant reported pregnancy complications¹¹

Pregnant women are three times more likely to die during childbirth than before October 2023¹²

A **significant** portion of births consists of preterm and low-birth weight babies⁹

76% of pregnant women suffer from anaemia and malnutrition, urgently needing prenatal vitamins and supplements¹²

72% of mothers in Gaza face challenges in breastfeeding due to malnutrition and anxiety, and many families cannot afford milk formula when available¹¹

96% of Gaza's population faces crisis levels of hunger (IPC3), including approximately **46,300** pregnant women¹³

745,000 people, over a third of Gaza's population, are at emergency levels (IPC4), including **17,000** pregnant women; **11,000** people are in catastrophic/famine conditions (IPC5)¹³

Over **690,000** women and girls of menstruating age in Gaza face severe challenges accessing menstrual hygiene products, toilets, water, and privacy¹⁴

Since October 7, Gaza has seen a **significant increase** in gender-based violence, including intimate partner violence, emotional violence, and sexual violence¹⁵

¹ Palestinian Ministry of Health, as of 7 August 2024

² OCHA Reported Impact Snapshot | Gaza Strip - 24 July 2024

³ World Bank, as of January 2024

⁴ Health Cluster, 300 Days of War, 7 August 2024

⁵ UN Estimates, July 2024

⁶ Education Cluster, July 2024

⁷ UNICEF, July 2024

⁸ UNFPA MISP calculation

⁹ UN Inter-agency rapid assessment, July 2024

¹⁰ International Planned Parenthood Federation, 9 July 2024

¹¹ UN Women, May 2024

¹² Care International - Birth Under Bombs, July 2024

¹³ IPC Acute Food Insecurity Analysis, June 2024










¹⁴ UNFPA Menstrual Health Management Plan in Gaza, June 2024

¹⁵ Gender-Based Violence Area of Responsibility (GBV AoR) in oPt





RESPONSE RESULTS

October 2023 to July 2024

GAZA STRIP

-  **686 reproductive health kits**, containing thousands of boxes of life-saving medicines, equipment, and consumables, have been distributed to health partners across north, middle, and south Gaza, supporting over 30,000 safe births
-  **6 containerized mobile maternal health units** have been delivered and established within field hospitals in Khan Younis and the middle area, providing basic and comprehensive emergency obstetric and newborn care services, including assisted deliveries and surgical procedures like C-sections and blood transfusions
-  **29 sexual and reproductive health (SRH) teams and 55 community midwives** have been trained and provided with midwifery kits to offer antenatal and prenatal care, family planning, and referral services to displaced pregnant and lactating women at shelters and displacement camps
-  **15 mobile medical points** in south and middle Gaza have been supported to deliver antenatal and prenatal care services to pregnant and lactating women at non-formal shelters
-  **50,897 dignity and menstrual health management kits and 6,182,000 disposable menstrual pads**, have been distributed to internally displaced women and girls in designated shelters and host communities
-  **3,700 women received Cash and Voucher Assistance (CVA)** to address their specific needs
-  **2,400 comprehensive postpartum kits** have been distributed to new mothers in shelters and hospitals, including basic hygiene and care items for mothers and newborns
-  **50,000 women and girls have been reached with gender-based violence (GBV) prevention and response services** at 6 UNFPA-established safe spaces and through community outreach in the south and middle areas of the Gaza Strip
-  **154,000 women, adolescents, and children** received psychosocial first aid sessions, remote counseling, GBV prevention and risk mitigation sessions, and recreational and community support initiatives led by 800 youth volunteers

WEST BANK

-  **429 obstetric pharmaceutical supply packs and 22 reproductive health kits**, containing life-saving medicines, equipment, consumables, and fetal heart monitors, have been delivered to ensure continuity of Ministry of Health services
-  **5 mobile clinics deployed in Area C** across four West Bank governorates reached over 30,000 residents in 64 communities, providing primary health care, SRH care, GBV detection, screening mammography, clinical breast exams, awareness sessions, and referrals
-  **6 safe spaces provided GBV prevention and response services** to women and girls, including 650 mother's health kits, 2,750 dignity kits, and CVA to 230 GBV survivors and those at risk
-  **374 safe delivery bags** were provided to equip ambulances, medical reproductive health devices delivered to **7 safe motherhood centers**, and **85 emergency and ambulance officers** trained in emergency safe delivery to ensure obstetric care amid movement restrictions and checkpoint delays



HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE PLAN

January to December 2024

UNFPA's humanitarian response plan for 2024 is dedicated to addressing the most pressing humanitarian needs of women and girls, particularly those affected by the current crisis in Gaza. The plan focuses on delivering life-saving SRH and GBV protection and response services, while prioritizing the integration of adolescent and youth needs. Additionally, it emphasizes the coordination of partners engaged in SRH and GBV service provision to ensure a collaborative and effective response across all areas of focus.

Sexual and Reproductive Health (SRH)

Ensuring safe deliveries and access to lifesaving SRH in Gaza: This includes supplying essential medications, disposables, and equipment to health partners, establishing and equipping mobile maternity units and community health facilities, and deploying doctors, midwives, psychosocial counselors, and community mobilizers to support pregnant and lactating women (PLW). It also includes enhancing health service providers' capacity for essential SRH services during emergencies, distributing postpartum kits to new mothers, and providing cash assistance to PLW to meet basic needs and access SRH supplies.

Strengthening readiness for integrated SRH services in the West Bank: This includes supplying medications, disposables, and equipment to health partners, equipping safe motherhood centers and ambulances, and operationalizing mobile clinics in Area C for level two primary health care with integrated SRH services and screening mammography.

Gender-based Violence (GBV)

Mitigating GBV risks and addressing the protection needs of women and girls: This includes supporting multi-sectoral service provision, including sheltering, psychosocial support, cash assistance, and awareness-raising on GBV prevention, along with operationalizing fixed and mobile safe spaces and integrating GBV services within healthcare. It also includes distribution of dignity and menstrual health management kits to safeguard the dignity and well-being of women and girls.

Adolescents and Youth

Enhancing the psychological health and protection of adolescents and youth from GBV while involving them in humanitarian response and advocacy: This includes providing youth-friendly health services in shelters, establishing inclusive safe spaces, and offering mental health support by youth for youth via remote helplines. Supporting youth groups with sub-grants to identify community needs and lead humanitarian initiatives is also a key focus.

Inter-Agency Coordination

Facilitating collaboration and coordinated responses among humanitarian actors: This includes leading and coordinating the newly established SRH Working Group for Gaza; continuing to co-lead with the Ministry of Health the national SRH Working Group; coordinating the Mobile Clinic Working Group under the Health Cluster to ensure efficient delivery of healthcare services; and leading and coordinating the [GBV Area of Responsibility \(AoR\)](#), which includes two sub-national coordination clusters in the West Bank and Gaza. UNFPA provides technical support to over 35 GBV sub-cluster members in Gaza, regularly developing dashboards, mapping GBV activities, updating GBV service referral pathways, and supporting advocacy efforts through the established National GBV Sub-Cluster Advocacy Working Group; coordinating the Adolescent & Youth Health Emergency Response and Advocacy under the Palestine Adolescent Health Coalition and the UN Youth Group; and ensuring a tailored response to the needs of adolescents and youth in emergencies.





UNFPA has intensified its humanitarian response in Gaza to ensure the delivery of life-saving SRH and GBV protection and response services to women, girls, and youth affected by crises. UNFPA remains committed to being on the ground and advocating for critical conditions to be met, including a ceasefire, a safe and conducive operational environment, increased access points into Gaza, the easing of restrictions on vital supplies, unhindered access to affected populations, and the safeguarding of health facilities and assets to facilitate the safe delivery of assistance by humanitarian and health workers.

FUNDING NEEDS

January to December 2024

As part of the OPT Flash Appeal, UNFPA is requesting **90.2 million USD** for its operational response from January to December 2024. As of August 2024, UNFPA has received **34.5 million USD**, leaving an urgent shortfall of **55.7 million USD** needed to fully support UNFPA's operational response until at least December 2024 and beyond.

We extend our heartfelt appreciation to all our 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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