

**Food Security Sector – Palestine
Food Assistant Working Group Meeting
Minutes of Meeting**

Date and Venue	December 14, 2023, at 10:00-11:00 am Remotely through Zoom
Facilitator (speakers)	Martina Iannizzotto
Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Operational update ▪ Partners update ▪ Targeting and prioritization of food assistance ▪ Food assistance IDP Shelters mapping. ▪ AOB.

• Introduction

The meeting started by welcoming partners and thanking them for their interest in joining the Food Assistant Working Group Meeting. This was followed by presenting the agenda of the meeting.

• Operational updates

- Thousands of displaced people, some multiple times, from middle areas and Khan Younis to Rafah.
- UNRWA shelters over-crowded,
- There are makeshift camps in all possible areas
- A large part of assistance is currently provided in Rafah, while limited assistance reported to Middle and Khan Younis (due to the very few convoys arriving to Middle area and Khan Younis) and very limited to the North.
- On average, 100 trucks enter Gaza daily. Of those, approximately 30% are food assistance.
- Fuel amount allocated and entered Gaza increased to 194,000 liters, which remains to be hugely insufficient to meet the current needs. Partners requiring bringing in fuel are requested to fill in the prioritization tool, the request will then be submitted to UNRWA.
- Due to lack of fuel and cooking gas, shelter cluster discussed importing firewood to be used for cooking.
- World Central Kitchen imported wood pallets into Gaza, and they were functional to boil water for cooking.
- **Displacement:**
 - 1.9M individuals are displaced; 1.3M are displaced in UNRWA shelters and 200,000 in public shelters.
 - Over 1M people are currently in Rafah – compared to the original population of 280,000 people.

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• Partners update

- UNRWA distributed flour to about 160,000 people in the north of Gaza. In the south, flour distribution reached about 1,153,020 people (74,000 outside of shelters).
- About 100,000 people received food parcels and about 130,000 people received hot meals in southern Gaza.
- World Central Kitchen is partnering with ANERA and MECA for the distribution of hot-meals and two-day (family of 5 people- 6.43 kg) and the seven-day (family of 5 people- 19 kg) Ready to Eat Kits through ANERA and MECA.
- World Central Kitchen will provide community kitchen kits for 2,000 people to be followed up with resupply trucks loaded with food for the community kitchens to feed 28,000 meals.
- **According to JHOC Gaza:**
 - WCK distributed 5,000 food kits to Qatari camp yesterday, following the 3,000 WCK food kits delivered there last week. This WCK distribution is the first successful major distribution outside UNRWA shelters by a humanitarian partner.
 - WFP is working to expand the capacity of its current partners and is in discussion for potential agreements with two more partners. WFP has also shortlisted six bakeries in Rafah for potential support, of which it has visited five. Of these, one has no intention of operating now, while four provided lists of what they need to restart.
 - Most WFP RTEs have been prioritized for UNRWA – around 1,800 metric tons of RTEs (around 190 trucks) needing to be brought in quickly.
 - A request for fuel for mills was sent directly to UNRWA and is being filled. UNRWA and WFP to discuss how to manage output of mills. Flour produced by the mills will enter the commercial sector, allocated to bakeries and the market.
- In December so far, WFP reached an estimated 578,000* vulnerable people with in-kind and cash-based general food assistance across Gaza. Around 600,000 internally displaced people (IDPs) in designated shelters received high energy biscuits or biscuits for one day, and around 110,000 received food parcels or wheat flour to last two weeks (*The total figure accounts for overlap between people receiving more than one type of assistance). Moreover, 11,385 displaced people in host communities received food parcels to support their food needs for 15 days.
- WFP is supporting community-kitchens to provide hot meals to IDPs in partnership with its cooperating partner, Rebuilding Alliance. WFP provided around 30 mt of wheat flour, chickpeas, and salt to 6 community kitchens that have been reaching around 20, 560 people across Gaza.
- Oxfam is distributing fresh vegetable baskets through two partners. Through PARC, Oxfam distributed 4100 baskets in Rafah Governorate and 800 fresh vegetable baskets through ESDC in Nuseirat and Deir al Balah. Oxfam is currently finalizing procurements from Rafah for food parcels. In WB, Oxfam distributed 3 meals to 600 workers for one month in Jericho and 2 meals for patients in Ramallah for one month.
- CRS is continuing MPCA and has procured RTE for 2000 HHs from Cairo.
- MECA: 1 truck arrived from Rafah to middle areas, another truck will arrive to middle area.
- Partners are requested to upload information on their planned and ongoing activities and fill in the prioritization tool for good/items to be entered to Gaza on [Gaza-response-tracker](#).

- **Targeting and prioritization of food assistance**

- **Targeting:**
 - UNRWA + WFP providing in UNRWA shelters (Anera is providing hot meals to UNRWA shelters)
 - NGOs provide public shelters and in communities.
 - UNRWA prioritizes wheat flour/bread.
- **Coordination in Gaza:**
 - Coordination is done through the Joint Humanitarian Operation Centre (JHOC) and some Clusters established in Gaza.

- **Food assistance in IDP shelters rapid mapping.**

- A questionnaire will be conducted in IDP Shelters for food assistance service mapping.
- This questionnaire will be conducted by partners to collect the required data.

Attendees:

No.	Name	Organization
1.	Akiko Yoshida	PARCIC
2.	Alfred Nurja	Mercy Corps
3.	Ame Stormer	WCK
4.	Corrie Sissons	CRS
5.	Ibrahim Taha	BLDA
6.	Josina	MECA
7.	Kazem Hemeida	HI
8.	Mohammad Adwan	SIF
9.	Nicolo Giancarli	PUI
10.	Samir Raad	Mercy Corps
11.	Sarah Botton	ACTED
12.	Yara	PARCIC
13.	Feda Al-Husseini	Oxfam
14.	Martina Iannizzotto	WFP
15.	Ayman Shuaibi	UPA
16.	Sobhi Swailem	WFP
17.	Haneen Taweel	WFP
18.	Anas Musallam	FSS
19.	Stefania Di Giuseppe	FSS
20.	Hosni Barakat	FSS

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