

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

Date and Venue	November 29, 2023, at 10:00-11:00 am Remotely through Zoom
Facilitator (speakers)	Martina Iannizzotto
Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Situational and operational updates ▪ Partners' update ▪ Food assistance in IDP Shelters rapid 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.

• **Situational and operational updates**

- Food security is deteriorated; very limited capacity functioning of bakeries, prices have increased, and stocks are depleted.
- There is a threat of hunger and starvation.
- A humanitarian pause took place since 24th of November.
- *Displacement*: nearly 1.1 million IDPs are registered in 156 UNRWA facilities across Gaza, of whom about 86 per cent (946,000) are registered in 99 UNRWA shelters in the south. Another 191,000 IDPs are estimated to be staying in 124 public schools and hospitals, as well as in other venues such as wedding halls, offices, and community centers. The rest are hosted by families.
- An interactive tool for mapping IDPs was developed by OCHA and can be accessed through this link: [IDPs mapping](#).
- According to the tool, IDPs in UNRWA shelters by governorate are as follows:
 - **Rafah**: 0.42 M (23%)
 - **Middle**: 0.33 M (18%)
 - **Khan Younis**: 0.20 M (11%)
 - **North Gaza**: 0.11 M (6%)
 - **Gaza**: 0.05 M (3%)

• Partners update

- UNRWA is ready to distribute flour to refugees and non-refugees in Middle and Southern governorates with quantities based on family size. The distribution is started in the Rafah area for the largest families.
- UN agencies and the Palestine Red Crescent Society distributed tons of ready-to-eat food to four UNRWA shelters in Jabalia camp.
- Ready-to-eat food distributed at UNRWA shelters in Jabalia on November 26 included about 7.6 metric tons of high-energy biscuits provided by WFP, covering the minimal daily food intake for 23,616 people for one day.
- About 500 metric tons of wheat flour were distributed to 54,000 people in the south, alongside 155,000 cans of ready-to-eat food.
- Since November 25, one WFP bakery has resumed operations on an ad-hoc basis, allowing the provision of bread to about 90,000 people in UN shelters in the south.
- WFP reached 121,000 people in shelters and host communities with bread, food parcels, and e-vouchers since the pause.
- Limited quantities of cooking gas are allowed but not sufficient. There is a shortage of essential ingredients needed for baking, such as wheat flour, yeast, salt, and sugar.
- Partners are requested to upload information on their planned and ongoing activities on [Tracking FSS partners' interventions excel sheet](#).
- Partners planning to send food into Gaza are requested to fill in the [Humanitarian Aid Prioritization Tool for Gaza excel sheet](#).
- The sheets will be **updated** to include both trackers in one document.
- Discussion was open for partners to share their ongoing activities and challenges on the ground:
 - PUI:
 - (1) In October 2023, PUI reached 2250 individuals in the middle area.
 - (2) Two days ago, baskets were distributed to 3000 individuals in Khan Younis and Middle area for IDPs in informal shelters and for cancer patients in Al Salam hospital and their families.
 - (3) Pipeline: 1000 food parcel are expected to arrive in the upcoming week
 - SIF:

SIF allocated 500,000 Euro fund; 50% was directly transferred to UNRWA, while the other 50% is assigned for other local partners and NGOs. Among these partners, 100,000 have been allocated and will be assessed to utilize the remaining amount.
 - Oxfam:
 - (1) In Gaza, Oxfam recently signed a contract with two partners:
 - a. PARC: to provide fresh vegetable parcel in Rafah to reach 4750 household for 1 week (27 USD per parcel).
 - b. ESDC: to provide food baskets for households through local farmers and cooperatives.

These parcels include tomato, eggplant, and cucumbers, which could be changed according to the availability of vegetables).
 - (2) In the West Bank: Oxfam is providing hot meals to Gazan workers starting from November until the end of December in Ramallah and Jericho. Workers are provided with 3 meals daily; the total number of individuals reached changes daily depending on the context.
 - PARC:

- (1) Today, 251 E-Voucher will be distributed through the emergency response by the FSS through pal pay goi
- (2) Today, 231 E-Voucher will be distributed through the DKH (250 Nis per household)
- (3) 4750 parcels of fresh vegetables and fruit will be distributed- funded by Oxfam. Each parcel is 100 shekels and will be distributed in Rafah. Also, 1225 parcels of fresh vegetable and fruit will be distributed in Khan Younis, Rafah, and Middle area.

- IHH

IHH still distributing 5000 daily cooked meals, 500 daily bread bundles, and 40 tanks of water per day. Until this date, IHH distributed 90,00 cooked meals, 3500 bread bundles, 7000 parcels, 760 water tanks (8000 liters each). IHH is planning to distribute RTEs to 30,000 families in UN and Non-UN shelters in different locations.

- ACTED

ACTED will distribute RTE rations to 600 households in blanket distribution in non-UN shelters by the end of this week. Within the next two months, ACTED will distribute 4008 RTE rations, support 350 households with E-vouchers once markets are operational, and distribute hot meals through a partner.

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

- FAWG recommended to conduct rapid mapping of food assistance IDP Shelters for food assistance service mapping.
- This mapping through survey will be conducted by partners to collect the required data.

Attendees:

No.	Name	Organization
1.	Sarah B.	ACTED
2.	Tamador Akel	PARC
3.	Hazem Almahoun	PUI
4.	Miki Yoshida	UNRWA
5.	Mathilde Vaultier	WFP
6.	Faruk Ozturk	IHH
7.	Ibrahim Taha	BLDA
8.	Mohamed Adwan	SIF
9.	Feda Al-Husseini	Oxfam
10.	Martina Iannizzotto	WFP
11.	Ayman Shuaibi	UPA
12.	Sobhi Swailem	WFP
13.	Haneen Taweel	WFP
14.	Stefania DI GIUSEPPE	FSS
15.	Hosni Barakat	FSS

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