

# Food Security in the Gaza Strip

2023/2024 War On Gaza



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MA'AN Development Center

## Challenges Faced by Food Security Local Actors in Gaza

- Access to vulnerable populations, especially in North Gaza, is severely hindered by damaged infrastructure and restricted movement.
- Mobility restrictions due to destroyed roads and limited access, making timely delivery difficult.
- The security situation adds complexity, risking the safety of humanitarian workers near conflict zones. Local security risks and attacks on aid trucks further hamper efforts. The ongoing chaos poses significant risks to the process of transporting food aid from the crossing to the FSS actors warehouses. The teams continuously face attacks with firearms, knives, and stones from "organized gangs". This is a serious issue that greatly affects the smooth and secure supply of aid.
- The high number of Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) visiting distribution points adds strain.
- The local food supply chain is distracted. No regular plan or animal production because of direct targeting or the scarcity of production inputs and scarcity of water sources.

**Current Efforts by MA'AN  
Development Center  
Contributing to enhance  
Food Security in the Gaza  
Strip**

MA'AN Development Center has been actively involved in food security initiatives in Gaza. Through partnerships with organizations , MA'AN distributes food parcels and hot meals to vulnerable households. MA'AN also supports Community Led Initiatives through Group Cash Transfers.

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- **Food Parcels:** Since December 25th, the center has distributed approximately 110,000 food parcels in Rafah, Khan Younis, and Deir al-Balah, with most (around 108,000) provided through the World Food Programme.
  - Despite the large volume of aid distributed, the need in the communities we work in far exceeds what we can provide, constantly putting the center under pressure from displaced families.
  - With a working mechanism in place, the center cannot address every request from displaced families, exposing the team and the institution to continuous criticism or attacks from people.
  - Community representatives are burdened with addressing long lists of IDPs and their diverse needs, putting additional pressure on local resources.

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- **Hot Meals:** MA'AN provided 61,189 hot meals serving 121,251 individuals. The challenges include:
  - Almost zero access to the North and Gaza.
  - Mobility restrictions hinder meals delivery due to fuel shortages and security risks.
  - The high need is a remarkable challenge having a massive number of IDPs in tents lacking kitchenware, cooking gas, and raw materials.
  - The lack of availability or significant price increases for raw materials.
  - The lack of coordination for this service.

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# Protection Lens

A protection lens must be integral to all food security initiatives. We need to be addressing:

- Gender-Based Violence (GBV) Risks
- Child Protection and Protection of Persons with Disabilities (PWD)
- Conflict Sensitivity.
- Data Protection.



## Actions Needed and Steps Forward

- Enhanced Coordination.
- Infrastructure Repair.
- Innovative Delivery Methods.
- Community Engagement and active Participations
- Advocacy for Access.
- Advocacy and Legal Protection.

**Thank your active  
listening and for the  
fruitful discussion ahead!**