



PALESTINE
FOOD SECURITY
SECTOR

GAZA

Update #2

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2.3M VULNERABLE TO FOOD INSECURITY

1.5M DISPLACED PEOPLE



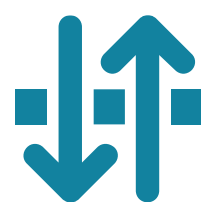
Food unavailability is more than just a crisis. It is a catastrophe. The continued cut-off of fuel, water and electricity directly affects the availability and accessibility to food, as well as the farmers' ability to maintain agriculture.



On average, shelters accommodate 2.6 times their capacity. The most crowded housing is 11 times its intended occupants. This exacerbates the challenge to provide adequate nutrition to those affected.

SITUATION UPDATE

- All **food stocks** are depleting rapidly. The most depleted are wheat flour and canned food, eggs, dairy products, and water.
- The **food supply chain** has been severely disrupted, leading to price distortions.
- Power outages** and unavailability of irrigation water have resulted in the disposal of perishable food, especially vegetables, culling of poultry and slaughtering of animals with erratic impact on availability and prices.
- Current **severe shortage** of fuel and water required to operate bakeries and mills is the main obstacle to meet local demand for fresh bread, making the transformation of wheat flour to bread significantly constrained.
- Complete closure** of food processors such as chicken slaughterhouses, shawarma shops, and frozen goods stores.
- From **field observation** in the Middle Area and Khan Younis, the main markets in camps and cities remain partially functional, despite irregular hours and depleting goods. Little to no info is available in the Northern part of the Gaza Strip.



In the last few days, emergency food supplies, mainly ready-to-eat food (canned tuna, date bars) entered Gaza through the Rafah crossing.

As of 26th of October



34 out of **76** trucks that entered so far through Rafah crossing contained food assistance



8% of the entire population's food daily needs so far entered Gaza



0% of required fodder needed to feed animals entered Gaza since the beginning of the war

RESPONSE TO DATE



- FSS partners have reached around **900,000 IDPs** in shelters. However, the requirements were not entirely met due to the magnitude of the crisis.
- FSS partners use different transfer modalities to reach the needed people, such as food in-kind and cash-based transfers (food vouchers).
- FSS partners monitor the availability and prices of food items and other commodities.
- Two FSS emergency meetings took place and the thematic working group on food assistance was reactivated