

### ALL GAZAN POPULATION IS VULNERABLE TO FOOD INSECURITY



Based on recent field observations, essential food items are vanishing from retail shelves, leading to acute shortages. People are turning to destructive coping mechanisms to manage these shortages. This crisis has forced a transition to unconventional dietary choices and significant deviations from normal eating patterns.

#### NORTHERN GAZA

- As of 8 November, **no bakeries are operational**, and the supply of wheat flour has been stopped. A complete absence of wheat in the market has been reported.
- **Food availability is an alarming concern. People do not have access to food anymore.** This dire situation emphasises the **urgent need for humanitarian assistance and intervention.** Basic food supplies have been depleted, leaving the vulnerable population without access to essential nourishment.
- **Women**, especially those **pregnant or lactating**, struggle to find food, putting their families at risk. Their ability to nourish themselves and their children is severely compromised, endangering their health and well-being.
- **Humanitarian operations are becoming difficult in the area. Access to the region has been almost cut off.**

#### SOUTHERN GAZA

- Based on partners' market monitoring, **stocks of essential food** commodities are **no longer available in shops.** Some bakeries areas work intermittently due to the lack of fuel and wheat.
- Empty shelves signal the depletion of supplies like wheat flour, dairy products, eggs, and mineral water within the last two days.
- Many people have reported that they endure **queues lasting over 5 hours** to obtain bread. Women face additional challenges as they must leave their children and often return **empty-handed** after these long waits



#### FOOD PRODUCTION OUTLOOK

- The **poultry** and **cattle** sectors are on the brink of collapse due to a severe shortage of **fodder**, endangering the livelihoods of 17,000 households (equivalent to 85,000 individuals) and the availability of essential protein sources such as meat, eggs, yoghurt, and cheese.
- Despite attempts to use alternative power sources like solar panels, farmers face restricted access to their farms, leading to limited vegetable production.
- Solar panels, crucial for various agricultural and food-related activities (including bakeries, wells, broilers, and layers), are frequent targets, with numerous incidents reported across the Strip.
- The Ministry of Agriculture (MoA) reported the deaths of thousands of poultry, while sheep and cattle breeders resort to reduced feeding with a lack of animal health support, exacerbating the challenges faced by the livestock sector.

#### MARKET OUTLOOK

- Food and beverage prices surged by 10%, with fresh vegetable prices spiking by 32%, potato prices rising by 30%, and fresh fruit prices increasing by 27% during this period.
- Owing to a significant decline in purchasing power and the disruption of the food value chain, prices of crucial agricultural commodities have experienced fluctuations.
- As reported by **PCBS**, **the consumer price index in the Gaza Strip saw a substantial 12% rise** in October 2023 compared to September 2023.
- Palestinian families' purchasing power in the Gaza Strip decreased by 11% during the war, relative to September.



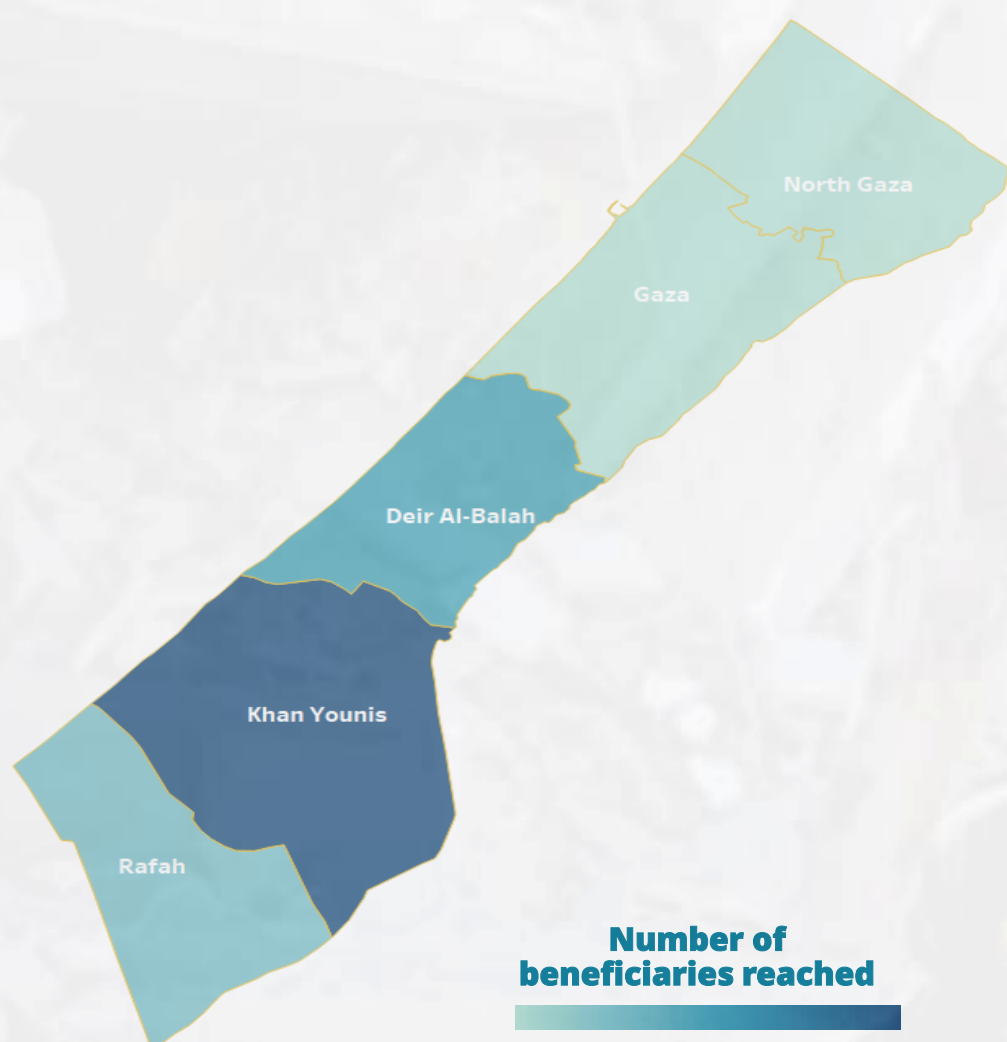
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## Update #4

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### FOOD SECURITY SECTOR PARTNERS RESPONSE

#### Mapping the Response



Food Assistance: People reached until now **2M**

Livelihood Support: People reached until now **0M**

#### Funding Mobilized

Through Flash Appeal



Outside the Flash Appeal **\$5.8M**

#### Partners

**14 Partners** are operating at the moment in the Gaza Strip

- ACF
- ACTED
- ANERA
- Beit Lahia Development
- DCA
- FAO
- Islamic Relief Palestine
- Mercy Corps
- OXFAM Novib
- PARC
- PUI
- Save the Children
- Secure Islamique France
- UNRWA
- WFP

Partners continued to provide emergency food assistance to IDPs in shelters and host-families. Cash-based transfers through electronic vouchers is also provided.

### HUMANITARIAN AID DELIVERY AS OF 9 November



**289** out of **756** trucks that entered so far through Rafah crossing contained food. Before the war, around **150** food trucks were entering Gaza daily.



The food entered accounts for **7.5%** of the population's required daily minimum caloric intake.



**0%** of survival fodder ensuring livestock sustenance and contributes to **food security** entered so far

