

REGIONAL HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE TO THE CRISIS IN OCCUPIED PALESTINIAN TERRITORY

SITUATION REPORT #24

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1.7 million

INTERNALLY DISPLACED IN GAZA
As of 2 May—Source: UNRWA

93,040

INTERNALLY DISPLACED IN LEBANON As of 2 May





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HIGHLIGHTS

- Senior WFP officials have <u>warned</u> that there is reasonable evidence to suggest that all three famine thresholds—food insecurity, malnutrition, mortality—could be passed in Gaza within the next six weeks, with some people already dying of hunger.
- Israel's Prime Minister, Mr. Benjamin Netanyahu, <u>vowed</u> on 30 April that the military would launch a ground offensive on Gaza's far-southern Rafah city "with or without" a truce deal being negotiated with Hamas. In response, Martin Griffiths, Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator <u>stated</u> that a ground operation in Rafah will be "nothing short of a tragedy beyond words".
- UN Secretary General, António Guterres, issued an appeal on 22 April to "actively support" UNRWA, as it is a "lifeline for Palestine refugees in the region", adding that he accepted the findings and recommendations of an independent probe into the organization, amid serious unconfirmed allegations on its neutrality. During the launch of the report, Ms. Colonna highlighted that the "set of rules and the mechanisms and procedures in place at UNRWA are the most elaborate within the UN system".
- On 18 April, the Security Council rejected the <u>request</u> of granting Palestine full membership at the UN, after the US vetoed the petition.

SITUATION OVERVIEW

The ongoing large-scale conflict in Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territory that began on 7 October 2023, has led to an unprecedented humanitarian catastrophe in Gaza. As of 2 May, UNRWA estimates that some 75 per cent of Gaza's population (1.7 million out of 2.3 million people) are displaced, with more than half of whom are children. Most are living in makeshift structures, tents, or out in the open. Access to basic services remains severely limited to non-existent — the lack of food, water, fuel, basic items and poor hygiene further exacerbate people's living conditions, amplifying protection and mental health risks, as well as the risks associated to the spread of disease. Nonetheless, there has been a positive development regarding the amount of aid coming into Gaza.

According to $\underline{\text{UNRWA}}$, the month of April saw the highest volume of humanitarian and commercial supplies since the opening of land routes into the Gaza Strip on 21 October 2023. From 1 – 27 April, 5,132 trucks (190 trucks per day) entered via Kerem Shalom and

Rafah land crossings into the Gaza Strip, which is already higher than the entirety of March where 4,993 trucks entered (161 trucks per day). Yet, with more than 1.7 million people affected, the number is still significantly below the minimum number of trucks that are needed to alleviate the dire situation in Gaza, and provide sufficient aid for the population, which is <u>indicated</u> to be at least 500 to 600 trucks per day, according to the UN.

IOM is urgently appealing for USD 69 million to support its response to the rising critical humanitarian needs of hundreds of thousands of civilians in the Occupied Palestinian Territory and neighbouring countries affected by the ongoing hostilities. Your support is critical in our mission to deliver emergency aid to displaced families in Gaza and in surrounding countries impacted by the crisis and hostilities.



IOM RESPONSE

LEBANON

93,040 IDPs have been recorded as of 2 May

10,168 individuals reached with multi-sectoral humanitarian assistance

As of 2 May 2024, IOM Lebanon's Displacement Tracking Matrix (DTM) has recorded 93,040 internally displaced persons (IDPs), showing a slight increase of 419 since 18 April 2024. Most of these IDPs are in five districts out of a total of 23 districts hosting IDPs — specifically, Sour, Nabatieh, Baabda, Bent Jbeil, and Saida. The displacement covers 431 locations (villages or neighborhoods) across 355 cadasters throughout Lebanon, spanning 23 districts in eight governorates. Notably, 60 per cent of the total IDPs are located in three districts — Saida, Sour, and El Nabatieh — likely because these districts are close to where the majority of IDPs are displaced from. 84 per cent of IDPs are currently living with host families, while 12 per cent are renting their shelters. Around two per cent are housed in collective shelters, and another two per cent have relocated to their secondary residences. The number of collective shelters for people displaced by the conflict stands at 18.

IOM continues to support the Lebanese Government to strengthen emergency preparedness and response capacities in the country as Site Coordination lead for the South response. IOM continues to support the Lebanese Government to strengthen emergency preparedness and response capacities in the country as Site Coordination lead for the response on the south.

IOM, through its implementing partner SHEILD, continues to respond to the emergency in southern Lebanon by assessing and planning the distribution of core relief items to IDPs. In addition, IOM and SHEILD continue to implement protection activities including Psychosocial Support sessions, recreational activities, and case management to IDPs and host communities in Sour and Nabatieh.

JORDAN

A total of 128 tents have started to arrive in Amman

In Jordan, the mission is supporting in the procurement and transportation of the first 128 tents that have started to arrive in Amman, with the remaining cargo due in the upcoming days. These are part of the first shipment that will be handed over to UNRWA through Kerem Shalom crossing point, as part of IOM's Common Pipeline program in Gaza. In addition, the three Garmin communication devices for the UNRWA loanees have arrived in Amman. These devices will be handed over to the three senior technical advisors who are based in Gaza.

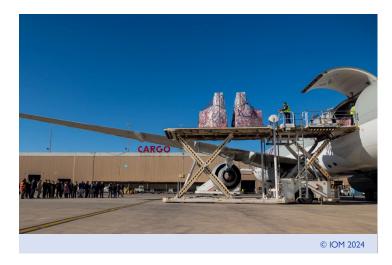
EGYPT

741 Third Country Nationals and family members supported

A total of 209 trucks have crossed to Gaza, out of the 246 total sent

Since November 2023, IOM Egypt has supported 741 Third Country Nationals (TCNs), family members, and evacuees with various types of assistance including accommodation, land transport, air transport, protection assistance, and/or medical assistance (including medical referrals and fit-to-travel checks) at the request of their respective Embassies.

Moreover, since the start of the response, IOM has loaded 246 trucks of aid with materials from IOM's Global Stocks and local procurement, as well as from donations from the Norwegian Refugee Council and Oxfam. A total of 209 of those trucks have reached and been distributed in Gaza.





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*The DTM Mobility Snapshot is produced jointly with the Lebanese Red Cross (LRC) and the government's Disaster Risk Management (DRM) Unit and is the leading source of displacement data for Lebanon.

