



SoP nutrition working group meeting 23rd October

SoP was already facing concerning levels of malnutrition even before the recent conflict

	CHILDREN U5			CHILDREN 6-23 months	WOMEN
	Stunting	Wasting	Severely Wasted	Food poverty-ate less than five of the eight recommended food groups	Anemia
SoP	65,000	24,981	12,639	124,500 (1 in 2)	131,252 (1 in 3)
GAZA	30,000	7,685	4,045	56,000	49,316
WEST-BANK	35,000	17,296	8,594	68,50	82,936

- MICS 2019, Population figures- UNOCHA 2023 relief-web, WHO report 2019 (Anemia figures), Child Food Poverty: A Nutrition Crisis in Early Childhood, October 2022

People in need in Gaza and WB

Indicator	Gaza Strip	West Bank
Number of SAM children 0-59 mo in need of Inpatient Treatment	404	859
Number of SAM children 6-59 mo in need of Outpatient Treatment	3,640	7,735
Number of MAM children 6-59 mo in need	3,640	8,702
Number of children 6-23 mo in need of BFSP	101,117	123,958
Number of children 0-5 months in need of EBF support	33,706	41,319
Number of children 6-23 months in need of Dietary Diversity support (or Minimum Acceptable Diet for children 6-23 months if available)	101,117	123,958
Number of children 0-5 months in need of BMS support	33,706	41,319
Number of children 6-11 months in need of BMS support	33,706	41,319
Number of children 6-59 months in need of micronutrient supplements that contain adequate iron	303,351	371,875
Number of PW in need of micronutrient supplements that contain adequate iron	89,062	130,276
Number of PW in need of calcium supplements during pregnancy	89,062	130,276
Number of PW in need of multiple micronutrient supplements during pregnancy	89,062	130,276
Number of PLW in need of balanced energy protein supplements during pregnancy and breastfeeding	155,858	227,983
Number of children 6-59 months in need of Vitamin A supplementation	303,351	371,875
Number of children 6-59 months in need of Zinc supplementation	303,351	371,875
Number of children 12-59 months in need of deworming	269,646	330,555

Supplies need in Gaza and WB: (the needs for 3 months except for Wasting management supplies, matched the wasting burden)

Supply	Unit	Gaza Strip	West Bank
Biscuit high energy+protein CAR 100x100g	CAR	145,609	223,125
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LNS-SQ Lipid Nut. Suppl. Sml 20g/CAR-600	CAR	12,134	14,875
Multiple micronutrient pdr,sach./PAC-30	PAC	728,043	892,499
Micronutrient tabs, pregnancy/BOT-100	PAC	41,562	60,796
Iron 60mg + Folic ac. 400mcg tab/PAC-100	PAC	41,562	60,796
Retinol 100,000IU soft gel.caps/PAC-100	PAC	539	661
Retinol 200,000IU soft gel.caps/PAC-500	PAC	863	1,058
F-75 Therap.milk CAN 400g/CAR-24	CAR	40	86
F-100 Therap.milk CAN 400g/CAR-24	CAR	40	86
Therapeutic spread,sachet 92g/CAR-150	CAR	2,912	6,188
MAM 6-59 mo high risk in need RTUF	CAR	971	2,320
MUAC,Child 11.5 Red/PAC-50	PAC	24	30
MUAC,Adult,without colour code/PAC-50	PAC	12	18
Scale, electronic,mother/child, 150kgx100g	EA	24	30
Portable baby/child L-hgt mea.syst/SET-2	EA	24	37
Ready to Use Infant Formula (RUIF)	PAC	35,000	40,251

The crisis has disrupted access to essential prevention and curative nutrition services to about **337,057 children under 5 years and 155,858 PLWs** in Gaza. Given the suspension of services in Gaza, these children and women face an increased risk of malnutrition, disease and death

About **1.4 million internally displaced people (IDPs)** are estimated in Gaza, with nearly 580,000 sheltering in 150 UNRWA shelters. Overcrowding is a growing concern, as the average number of IDPs per shelter has reached more than 2.5 times their designated capacity”.





The Crisis effect on the underlying factors of malnutrition

In Gaza, about 60 percent of households were food insecure or vulnerable to food insecurity **before the October hostilities.**

- The food system in Gaza has been highly damaged by the war if not destroyed, and this needs to be reconstructed.
- Gaza Strip population vulnerable to food insecurity; as the food stock is almost finished and the food assistance is not covering all the needs,
- Food security sector estimates that 2M people are food insecure, this number can change to arrive to the total population in the coming days, if things remain the same.

The Crisis effect on the underlying factors of malnutrition



2.3M PEOPLE IN NEED OF WATER

WITH 6 LITERS PER PERSON PER DAY AVAILABLE FOR ALL USE (DOMESTIC AND DRINKING) VS 100 LITERS PER PERSON PER DAY RECOMMENDED BY WHO



55% WATER SUPPLY INFRASTRUCTURE REQUIRES REPAIR/REHABILITATION



1 DESALINATION PLANT OPERATING AT 5% CAPACITY
2 PLANTS NOT OPERATING DUE TO LACK OF FUEL OR ELECTRICITY



ALL 6 WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANTS ARE NON-OPERATIONAL DUE TO LACK OF FUEL AND ELECTRICITY



130,000 M3 UNTREATED WASTEWATER DAILY FLOWING TO MEDITERRANEAN
UNKNOWN VOLUME OF URBAN SEWAGE LEAKS

% OF REDUCTION IN THE WATER SUPPLY



206

School Buildings
(39% of total schools)
sustained damages.

IDPs (inside educational facilities)

566k
IDPs

148
UNRWA Schools

70k
IDPs

67
Public Schools

HEALTH SYSTEM STATUS & LOCAL HEALTH SYSTEM DISRUPTIONS

Key information on disruption of key health system components

ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE

DISRUPTION TO SUPPLY
CHAIN

DAMAGE TO HEALTH
FACILITIES

ATTACKS AGAINST
HEALTH



Six of the seven main hospitals in Gaza are at a breaking point and only partially functioning.²⁷⁸ (One hospital, Beit Hanoun closed due to damage.) At least 40% primary care facilities no longer functioning or repurposed for trauma response.

Chronic shortages (approx. 45% medications at zero stock before emergency) exacerbated by siege.²⁷⁹

According to WHO, 18 healthcare facilities and 20 ambulances were hit by airstrikes.²⁸⁰

WHO has documented 76 attacks on health care in the occupied Palestinian territory since 7 October. *More details are in the narrative below.*²⁸¹

HUMANITARIAN NEEDS

- Access to live saving nutrition interventions including prevention, early detection, and treatment of wasting.
- Need for the protection and promotion of infant and young child feeding including management of breast milk substitutes, through skilled counseling and psychosocial support
- Live saving nutrition supplies including RUTF, MNs supplementation for children and women (multiple micronutrients powder, High energy biscuit and iron/folate supplementation to PLW)

MAIN INTERVENTIONS

- IYCF-E: Provision of nutrition counselling and support to caregivers of infants and young children on feeding and care, including providing breast milk substitutes (BMS) to needy children as per international guidelines
- Micronutrient supplementation for children U5 (vitamin A, MNP, lipid-based supplements (LNS-SQ) as well as iron-folate supplementation to PLWs.
- Wasting management: early detection and treatment to children with wasting
- Linkages with Cash-Voucher assistance
- Nutrition assessments where possible

Priorities

Elevate the **nutrition related needs** against the sense that nutrition is not a real issue in SoP.

Reviewing **Pin** to be reflected in the Flash appeal for 3 months and 2024 HRP

Finalizing SoP **IYCF-E Joint statement**

Strengthen **nutrition coordination**, how best we maximized partners capacity and mobilize resources for nutrition

Developing & updating Nutrition WG **Partners mapping- 4Ws**

Follow up the procurement of **RUIF** and support the establishment of **BMS code monitoring** system

Finalizing/ disseminating Nutrition specific **advocacy paper** and working on other sectors coordinators to develop inter-cluster/sector infographic product/ advocacy paper

Follow up the **nutrition commodities pipeline** status, to ensure the timely delivery of nutrition supplies.

Registered NWG Partners!!

Partner name	
Ard El Insan (AEI)	Local NGO
Campaign for the Children of Palestine (CCP) Japan	International NGO
International Medical Corps (IMC)	International NGO
Japan International Volunteer Center (JVC)	International NGO
Juzoor	Local NGO
Medical Aid for Palestinians (MAP)	International NGO
Near East Council of Churches	Local NGO
Palestinian Medical Relief Society (PMRS)	Local NGO
Peace Winds Japan (PWJ)	International NGO
Save the Children International	International NGO
UNICEF	UN
UNRWA	UN
World Food Programme (WFP)	UN
World Health Organization	UN

Partners updates

- UNRWA supports 145 shelters with almost 400,000 population, which are very crowded. UNWA team is providing PHC services inside the shelters and food ration. There are displaced population within the host community which are also deprived from their basic needs; hence, urgent action is needed to address their multi-sectoral needs. UNRWA contracted a bakery to provide all people with bread with half price in south and middle area of Gaza
- Jouzoor: working on providing vouchers assistance through Paypal to enable them to get food from specific locations, the help line was activated, the team provides IYCF related messages, providing iron supplements for PLWs and children & providing medications for children with diarrhea
- UNICEF stated that out of the implementing partners, only Jouzoor was able to attend the meeting, unfortunately other 2 partners can't reach out to their sites due to security/ access constraints and staff capacities. UNICEF started the procurement process of curative & preventive nutrition supplies (RUTF, Therapeutic milk, MNs & SQLNS) in addition to the procurement of RUIF to address the need of non-breastfeed infants 0-6 months
- WFP shared that 20 MTs of high energy biscuits will be distributed in Gaza to reach all population, as well as supporting complementary feeding activities for children 6-23 months & PLWs
- ACF is exploring two potential options for intervention: CVA and the Provision of fresh food baskets to PLWs in Gaza as well as contributing in the provision of essential curative and preventive nutrition commodities through Egypt



We need to act immediately to prevent further deterioration of the nutritional status of the most vulnerable children and women