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Displaced Palestinians fleeing Gaza City from Israeli attacks, September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Photo by Omar Ashtawy\ apaimages

## SITUATION UPDATE

Over the past weeks, Israeli forces have continued to carry out heavy bombardment from the air, land and sea across the Gaza Strip. In the last three days, Israel has begun implementing measures to establish permanent control over Gaza City, through actions that clearly aim to forcibly displace its Palestinian population. At present, Israel has ordered evacuations from 82% of Gaza, while the remaining civilian infrastructure has been heavily targeted. This forced displacement is severing the last vital connections for residents.

Access to basic services and aid is worsening sharply, especially for children and women. About **250,000 people have been recorded fleeing toward south**, struggling for survival, many on foot or paying enormous transportation costs.

There is no safe place in Gaza, and the most vulnerable categories of the population are paying the highest cost. Gaza is devastated, UN data report that approximately 77% of road networks are destroyed and approximately **78% of buildings are destroyed** or damaged.

The IPC officially confirmed **famine in Gaza** Governorate on August, with over half a million people in catastrophic conditions characterized by starvation, and over 1 million facing at least crisis-level food insecurity.

Reports indicate **hundreds of malnutrition-related deaths** in the last months, including many children. Women, especially those pregnant or breastfeeding, and young children are most at risk as malnutrition rises from farmland destruction, livestock loss, and disrupted aid flows.

Total current toll is **at least 65,000 casualties (including nearly 20,000 children) and 163,000 injuries**. However, other reports claim that figures are much higher. **Basic WASH services have collapsed**, leaving most people without safe drinking water or sanitation and triggering outbreaks of waterborne disease, particularly among children under five.

**The education system has been nearly paralyzed**, affecting more than 658,000 students who lost in-person formal education. 91.8% of school buildings in Gaza (518 out of 564) will need to undergo either full reconstruction or major rehabilitation work to be functional again (Education Cluster). The loss of schools also removes safe spaces for girls, increases dropout risk, and limits access to hygiene and protection support.

## KEY DATA

1,800	CHILDREN SUPPORTED WITH PSS AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES
430	FAMILIES SUPPORTED WITH HYGIENE KITS
62,295	PEOPLE PROVIDED WITH WATER, INCLUDING 29,285 CHILDREN
728	WOMEN SUPPORTED WITH DIGNITY KITS
1,472	FAMILIES SUPPORTED WITH BABY DIAPERS
143	FAMILIES SUPPORTED WITH DISABILITY KITS
2,016	FAMILIES SUPPORTED WITH SANITARY PADS
3,991	INDIVIDUALS ATTENDED HYGIENE PROMOTION SESSIONS

*“The journey of roughly 15 km from Gaza City to Deir al Balah, which should be a short distance, now takes hours due to overwhelming crowds and scarce transport on the main coastal road. Even with the organization's support, staff and their families endured long, uncertain trips, with many people forced to travel on foot and facing high prices and limited space upon arrival.”*

## WEWORLD INTERVENTION

WeWorld has supported over 500,000 people in Gaza since October 2023, through WASH, Food Security and Shelter assistance, and is scaling-up a major Education response since July 2025.

Current operations are located in the Governorates of Gaza, Deir El Balah and Khan Younis. In the last month WeWorld **delivered 12,265 m<sup>3</sup> of drinking water** to 122 sites, recently reduced to 56, across Khan Younis, Deir El Balah and Gaza City, reaching about 62,295 IDPs.

**A total of 128 hygiene promotion** sessions were delivered in 42 sites, reaching approximately 3,991 IDPs on menstrual health and infectious diseases. **Core relief items were distributed** covering urgent needs for children, women, elderly and people with disability. Distributions include: baby diapers, disability kits, hygiene kits, jerrycans, soap bars, dignity kits, sanitary pads, reaching 21,000 people.

Sanitation for IDPs is provided through the **constructing of 1,000 latrines**, the **WASH upgrade of five health facilities**, and the continuation of **environmental cleaning** in one hospital and 28 IDP sites.

As for our education response, WeWorld implemented summer camps in 12 Temporary Learning Spaces, providing more than **1,800 children with psychosocial support and recreational activities**. Were delivered 192 hygiene promotion sessions on Menstrual Hygiene Management, and 1,600 caregivers will join psychoeducation workshops to reinforce learning and wellbeing at home. Additionally, teachers and psychologists in Gaza received specialized training in socio-emotional learning and psychosocial support, enhancing their capacity to mitigate the effects of violence and disrupted schooling on children.

WeWorld's current operational capacity in Gaza consists in two offices and two warehouses, and 100 front line responders (20 staff and 80 community-based volunteers). The staff has been evacuated from Gaza City in the recent days, and 2 facilities have been temporarily closed. In addition, the emergency response is coordinated by a team and a support office in Amman, Jordan.

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