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Displaced Palestinians returning to the north after the announcement of the ceasefire, October 2025 ©Omar Ashtawy/APAimages

SITUATION UPDATE

Following the October 2025 ceasefire, the situation in Gaza remains extremely fragile and volatile. Despite the ceasefire, **hostilities and different forms of violence continue, along with massive population movements**: according to OCHA and the Palestinian Prime Minister's Office, hundreds of thousands of people have been newly displaced since the ceasefire, many attempting to return north to areas that remain largely uninhabitable. Several casualties are still reported despite the ceasefire declaration. **96% of households have been displaced at least once** since October 2023, and the average family has moved six times (UNICEF, Sept 2025). Most displaced families are living in makeshift or damaged shelters, with limited access to water, sanitation, and electricity.

While some markets have reopened, prices of key goods remain several times higher than some month ago. Availability of food, fuel, and hygiene items is still severely constrained, with certain categories such as infant supplies almost entirely unavailable. **55% of households ran out of food for their children** in the past week, and child malnutrition and food insecurity are deepening, with 18% of families reporting that children went an entire day without food (UNICEF).

Long-awaited **supplies are entering the Strip, but in limited and insufficient quantities**. Physical and bureaucratic impediments prevent from providing life saving assistance at scale in the Gaza Strip. Uncertainty about its durability, combined with unresolved access and coordination barriers, continues to increase instability and hinder the scale-up of life-saving assistance.

Over the past two years, **at least 67,000 people (including nearly 20,000 children) have been killed and 169,000 injured**. Nearly 42,000 Palestinians have suffered life-changing injuries in Gaza, of whom one in four are children and more than 5,000 amputations have been registered, according to the WHO. In addition, thousands are feared buried under the rubble.

Basic services have collapsed, leaving most people without access to essential services. According to OCHA, 89% of the WASH sector assets have been either destroyed or damaged, and 49% of people in Gaza access less than the minimum emergency standard of 6 liters of drinking water per day, for drinking and cooking. Nearly 91.8% of schools (518 out of 564) will require full reconstruction or major rehabilitation to be functional again, while 658,000 school-aged children and 87,000 tertiary students are left without access to formal learning spaces.

KEY FIGURES (16 Sep - 15 Oct)

18,054	PEOPLE PROVIDED WITH WATER, INCLUDING 8,232 CHILDREN
4,112	PEOPLE SUPPORTED WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF FAMILY LATRINES
464	FAMILIES SUPPORTED WITH HYGYENE KITS
1,295	WOMEN SUPPORTED WITH DIGNITY KITS
1,099	WOMEN SUPPORTED WITH SANITARY PADS
199	FAMILIES SUPPORTED WITH BABY DIAPERS
2,420	FAMILIES SUPPORTED WITH JERRYCANS
2,226	PEOPLE ATTENDING HYGIENE PROMOTION SESSIONS INCLUDING 1,589 CHILDREN
12	IDP CAMPS AND MEDICAL POINTS SUPPORTED WITH CLEANING KITS
2	HOSPITALS SUPPORTED WITH CLEANING SERVICES
17,252	PEOPLE IN IDP CAMPS SUPPORTED WITH SOLID WASTE COLLECTION
11,360	CHILDREN SUPPORTED WITH REMEDIAL CLASSES, SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL LEARNING, AND PSS

WEWORLD OPERATIONS AND CAPACITY TO SCALE-UP

Despite the highly volatile and dynamic environment, WeWorld is responding to the crisis, **consolidating current operations, and planning to scale-up**. It is maintaining flexible, multi-sectoral interventions, particularly in **Water, Hygiene and Sanitation**, as well as **Education**, to meet critical needs while preparing for a still highly uncertain future. New displacement sites are being identified to ensure that the most vulnerable and marginalized are reached by the humanitarian assistance.

Since November 2023, WeWorld has activated an integrated humanitarian response across the entire Gaza Strip, reaching **more than 500,000 people with life-saving interventions**. WeWorld operations between September and October 2025 have been mostly focused on the Governorates of Deir El Balah and Khan Younis, which are experiencing a new massive influx of IDPs.

Thanks to a dedicated team of over 200 individuals - including employees, contracted staff, and volunteers - operating through two main offices and two warehouses, WeWorld maintains a strong presence across the Strip. Despite having been forcibly displaced multiple times, the team remains widely and strategically distributed, ensuring comprehensive operational coverage across all governorates.

Following the ceasefire announcement, WeWorld has launched a scoping mission in newly accessible northern areas of the Gaza Strip to assess the most vulnerable locations. The mission aims to prioritize life-saving services for population groups currently relocating from the southern and central regions to the north.

Sustained donor support remains essential to prevent further deterioration of the humanitarian crisis and to lay the groundwork for recovery once conditions allow.

WeWorld has been present in Palestine for over thirty years, since 1992, working to find new solutions to a long-standing crisis with the goal of fostering development processes beyond the emergency phase and responding to evolving needs over time.

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