OVERVIEW

The snapshot provides a comprehensive overview of the ongoing humanitarian crisis in Gaza as of 8 December 2023, including casualties, particularly among women and children.

Significant damage has been inflicted upon critical infrastructure and essential services, affecting people’s ability to maintain their dignity and basic living standards.

This snapshot highlights reported figures on the impact of hostilities on people in Gaza, where a major humanitarian crisis has unfolded.

REPORTED CASUALTIES (Cumulative) as of 8 December 2023

Palestinians*

- Over 17,487 reported fatalities
- ~5,153 women
- ~7,729 children
- 70% of reported fatalities
- Families with multiple fatalities: 1,550

Israelis**

- Over 1,200 reported fatalities
- Over 1,162 identified fatalities, including at least 33 children
- ~5,400 reported injuries
- 97 reported fatalities
- 138 hostages remain in Gaza (including soldiers and foreign nationals)

*Sources: Ministry of Health, Government Media Office

** According to Israeli media citing official sources

339 education facilities reportedly damaged
11 bakeries reportedly destroyed
26 hospitals and 56 health care centres
out of service
56 ambulances damaged
20 WASH facilities damaged
At least 3 churches and 104 mosques damaged

DAMAGE*

- 52,000+ destroyed housing units
- 253,000+ partially damaged housing units

- Over 60% of Gaza’s housing units reportedly destroyed or damaged
- 339 education facilities reportedly damaged
- 11 bakeries reportedly destroyed
- 26 hospitals and 56 health care centres
- out of service
- 56 ambulances damaged
- 20 WASH facilities damaged
- At least 3 churches and 104 mosques damaged

BASIC SERVICES AND LIVELIHOODS

- Lack of food in the north is of increasing concern
- The situation is catastrophic and WFP stocks inside Gaza are running out
- The last functioning mill in Gaza was destroyed on 15 November
- 4-6 hours average waiting time to receive half of normal bread portion

- Two pipelines coming from Israel supply about 1,100 cubic metres per hour for the south and Middle area.
- No Access to clean water in the northern governorates. Fuel shortage impacts: 60 water wells, 2 desalination plants, sewage stations and pumps, wastewater treatment.

EDUCATION

- 625K (100%) Students with no access to education
- Over 51% of Gaza’s education facilities have been hit

HUMANITARIAN OPERATION

- 132 UN staff killed:
  - UNRWA: 132
  - WHO: 1
- 32 Civil Defence killed while on duty
- 81 Journalists killed

MOVEMENT AND ACCESS

- The two crossings with Israel remain closed since 7 October.
- Rafah crossing with Egypt is partially open.
- Prohibition of sea access and restrictions near Israel’s perimeter fence.

500 trucks including fuel pre-crisis average per working day in 2023

3,159 trucks excluding fuel with humanitarian aid entered Gaza since 21 October.