**Situation Overview**

While the gradual withdrawal of the Israeli army which started on Saturday continued yesterday (4 August), numerous incidents of heavy shelling and fighting have taken place, resulting in additional civilian casualties and damage to homes and civilian infrastructure. Between 10:00 and 17:00, the Israeli military declared a unilateral humanitarian pause to take place across the Gaza Strip, except for certain areas in the eastern part of Rafah governorate and east of Gaza city (Ash Shuja’iyeh).

Since the launch of the Israeli military operation, hundreds of homes have reportedly been directly targeted by Israeli airstrike, and it is estimated that nearly 1,000 houses have been totally destroyed or severely damaged in this manner, causing civilian casualties, including multiple members of the same family.

Gaza’s medical services and facilities remain on the verge of collapse, with hospitals and clinics overwhelmed. Hospitals are struggling to transfer more patients to medical facilities outside of Gaza, both for life-saving treatment and to reduce the pressure on hospitals and free up beds for new casualties.

**Damaged structures**

- 141 schools damaged
- 10,690 housing units destroyed or severely damaged
- 5,435 housing units sustained damage but are still inhabitable
- 5 hospitals have shut down (at least) health facilities damaged

**Family-specific Fatalities**

As of 4 August 8:00 am, at least 122 families have lost three or more family members in the same incident, for a total of 652 civilian fatalities.

652 Family members (50% of total civilian fatalities)