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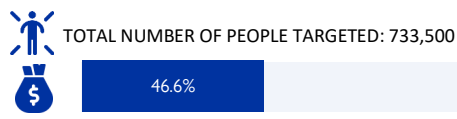
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As of 11 May—Source: UNRWA

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RECEIVED: \$ 32.2 M REQUESTED: \$69.13 M



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HIGHLIGHTS

- On 16 May, UN chief António Guterres [reiterated](#) his warning **against a full-scale assault on Rafah**, just as aid teams issued increasingly urgent appeals for **safe passage throughout Gaza**, to replenish dangerously low stocks of lifesaving supplies. Flanked by Philippe Lazzarini, head of UNRWA, Mr. Guterres also renewed his strong backing for the agency. It “remains the backbone of our operations in Gaza and a lifeline for Palestine refugees across the region. **It needs full support and funding**,” as WFP issued a new warning about **looming famine**.
- From 6 till 15 May, according to the UN, **nearly 600,000 people have been displaced from Rafah, including about 150,000 people in the last two days**. Another about 100,000 people have been displaced in northern Gaza, the UN estimates.
- On 13 May, a Nations Department of Safety and Security (DSS) staff member was **killed**, and another was injured when their **UN vehicle was struck** while en route to the European Gaza Hospital in Khan Younis. Following this event, the UN Secretary-General, António Guterres, released a statement to communicate his deep sadness to learn of the incident. The Secretary-General **condemned all attacks** on UN personnel and called for a full investigation. Since the onset of hostilities, at least 262 aid workers have been killed in Gaza, including 193 UN staff.
- Egypt announced that it would **intervene in support of South Africa's case against Israel** at the International Court of Justice, citing the growing scale of Israel's operations in Gaza and their impact on civilians. This announcement follows an **escalation of tensions** between Israel and Egypt regarding the growing occupation of the Gaza side of the Rafah border by Israeli military.

SITUATION OVERVIEW

The ongoing large-scale conflict in Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territory that began on 7 October 2023, has led to an unprecedented humanitarian catastrophe in Gaza. As of 11 May, UNRWA estimates that some 75 per cent of Gaza's population (1.7 million out of 2.3 million people) are displaced, with more than half of whom are children. Most are living in makeshift structures, tents, or out in the open. Access to basic services remains severely limited to non-existent — the lack of food, water, fuel, basic items and poor hygiene further exacerbate people's living conditions, amplifying protection and mental health risks, as well as the risks associated to the spread of disease.

Furthermore, access to critical health services continues to shrink as additional evacuation orders are issued and military operations intensify in areas where these services are found. On 14 May, Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) announced that it had withdrawn from the Indonesian Field Hospital after providing post-operative

care for injured patients at the facility since December 2023. According to the Health Cluster, as of 15 May, the Indonesian field Hospital in Rafah is now out of service and there are only eight functional field hospitals. These include a field hospital that has been newly established by the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) in coordination with the Palestinian Red Crescent Society (PRCS) to help address the “overwhelming” scale of medical needs in Rafah.

IOM is **urgently appealing** for USD 69 million to support its response to the rising critical humanitarian needs of hundreds of thousands of civilians in the Occupied Palestinian Territory and neighbouring countries affected by the ongoing hostilities. Your support is critical in our mission to deliver emergency aid to displaced families in Gaza and in surrounding countries impacted by the crisis and hostilities.

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IOM RESPONSE

LEBANON

93,881 IDPs have been recorded as of 16 May

10,168 individuals reached with multi-sectoral humanitarian assistance

As of 16 May 2024, IOM Lebanon's Displacement Tracking Matrix (DTM) has [recorded](#) 93,881 internally displaced persons (IDPs), showing a slight increase of 841 since 30 April 2024. Most of these IDPs are in five districts out of a total of 23 districts hosting IDPs — specifically, Sour, Nabatieh, Baabda, Bent Jbeil, and Saida. The displacement covers 426 locations (villages or neighborhoods) across 349 cadasters throughout Lebanon, spanning 23 districts in eight governorates. Notably, 78 per cent of the total IDPs are located in five districts – Saida, Sour, Baabda, El Nabatieh and Beirut – likely because these districts are close to where the majority of IDPs are displaced from. 83 per cent of IDPs are currently living with host families, while 13 per cent are renting their shelters. Around two per cent have relocated to their secondary residences, and another two per cent are housed in collective shelters. The number of collective shelters for people displaced by the conflict stands at 18.

IOM continues to support the Lebanese Government to strengthen emergency preparedness and response capacities in the country as Site Coordination lead for the response on the south. A Site Monitoring Form has been finalized and is being reviewed, following three rounds of testing conducted by the Site Coordination partner at the Lebanese German University Collective Site, near Tyre.

Due to lack of funding, IOM Lebanon has paused the partnership agreement with SHEILD since the start of May. As a result, IOM Lebanon can no longer provide protection services or core relief items to IDPs in the southern region until dedicated funding can be secured.

JORDAN

A total of 128 tents, 18,000 tarps and 50,000 ropes have arrived in Amman.

In Jordan, the mission has received part of the total emergency supplies procured in its warehouse in Amman. The total cargo is composed of 128 tents, 18,000 tarps and 50,000 ropes, and is part of the prepositioning efforts that the Organization is doing through its Common Pipeline program, prior being transported to Gaza. Once arrived in Rafah, these will be handed over to UNRWA for further distribution within Gaza.

EGYPT

741 Third Country Nationals and family members supported

A total of 205 trucks have crossed to Gaza, out of the 246 sent in

Since November 2023, IOM Egypt has supported 741 Third Country Nationals (TCNs), family members, and evacuees with various types of assistance including accommodation, land transport, air transport, protection assistance, and/or medical assistance (including medical referrals and fit-to-travel checks) at the request of their respective Embassies. No new TCNs have been supported during the reporting period.

Moreover, due to the closure of the border, no trucks have been able to cross the border into Gaza via Rafah and Kharem Shalom during the reporting period. The total number stands at 205 trucks that have entered Gaza since October 2023, out of the 246 that were sent transporting donated items by NRC and Oxfam.



Children from displaced families in south Lebanon at the German Lebanese University © IOM 2024

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*The DTM Mobility Snapshot is produced jointly with the Lebanese Red Cross (LRC) and the government's Disaster Risk Management (DRM) Unit and is the leading source of displacement data for Lebanon.