

1.4 million

INTERNALLY DISPLACED IN GAZA

21,118

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74 trucks

CROSSED THE RAFAH BORDER INTO GAZA

Appeal Status

TOTAL NUMBER OF PEOPLE TARGETED: 733,500



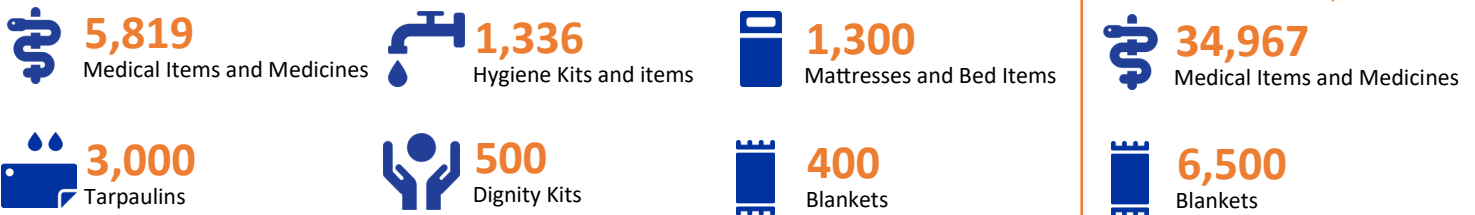
RECEIVED: \$ 2.67 M

REQUESTED: \$69.13 M



IOM delivering medical items to the Egyptian Red Crescent (ERC) © IOM 2023

ITEMS PROCURED AND DELIVERED TO PARTNERS — SEE RESPONSE SECTION BELOW



SITUATION OVERVIEW

On 7 October 2023, Palestinian armed groups in Gaza launched “Operation Al-Aqsa Flood” against Israel, injuring, killing, and capturing many Israeli forces and civilians. In response, the Israeli authorities declared a state of war and began a campaign of heavy bombardments on Gaza – resulting in the injuries and deaths of thousands of Palestinians, out of which more than 68 per cent are women and children.

Over 1.4 million people fled their homes in Gaza since violence erupted on 7 October and hundreds of thousands of civilians have little-to-no access to basic commodities including food, water, electricity and fuel. In addition, the deteriorating security situation in the West Bank and border areas between Israel and Lebanon has led to the internal displacement of about 21,118 persons mainly from Southern Lebanon.

The International Organization for Migration (IOM) reiterates the UN calls for an immediate end to the escalating violence and for a

humanitarian ceasefire to avert an even greater catastrophe. Humanitarian access is critical to allow delivery of aid to the most vulnerable and seriously affected populations, as well as a safe passage for third-country nationals trapped in Gaza.

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 territories and neighboring 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.

**YOU CAN HELP
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IOM RESPONSE

As of 26 October IOM has received requests from governments to help 997 Third Country Nationals (TCNs), including women and children, return to their countries of origin.

In Lebanon, the security situation remains unpredictable. The number of casualties in cross border intermittent armed clashes has risen to 62 including four Lebanese civilians, among which was a journalist. As of 26 October, a total of 21,118 IDPs have been identified by [DTM](#), this is an approximate increase of 1,472 IDPs (+7,49%) IDPs since the previous report ([Round 6](#)). IOM Lebanon's DTM Mobility Snapshot is produced jointly with the Lebanese Red Cross (LRC) and the Disaster Risk Management (DRM) Unit. IOM continues its preparedness and response efforts in coordination with the government and partners to respond to the ongoing internal displacement. As co-lead of the Collective Site Coordination Sector, IOM is supporting inter-sector contingency planning to ensure alignment of planning assumptions across sectors. IOM continues close coordination with partners, and aims to expand coverage in terms of health, and other multi-sectoral support including Protection, cash assistance and NFIs. Prepositioning of health items for the Ministry of Public Health, as well as core relief items for emergency shelter and WASH is ongoing. Coordination meetings with partners and government actors continue, including the Ministry of Social Affairs Emergency Cell to discuss the management of shelters and how IOM can support with training and assessment tools. IOM also met with the Disaster Risk Reduction Unit in Tyre to discuss preparedness mechanisms in place and how IOM can best support. On 25 and 26 October, IOM conducted a two-day training on the protection of migrants in countries in crisis (MICIC) for consular staff in Beirut. The training was attended by consular staff

from embassies and consulates of Bangladesh, Ethiopia, Ghana, Madagascar, Nigeria, the Philippines and Sudan in Lebanon. The training aimed to provide measures and tools to support embassies, consulates, and other relevant country of origin actors, to roll out support to migrants to help bridge some of the barriers faced by migrants in Lebanon, and reduce their vulnerabilities, through improved access to resources and information to support migrants.

In Jordan, IOM is closely coordinating with the Jordanian Royal Medical services (under the Armed Forces currently operating a hospital inside Gaza), as well as with the Jordanian Hashemite Charity Organizations, to identify areas in need to support the humanitarian and health response. IOM plans to support by responding to most urgent needs through the procurement and donation of key items to support their on-going operations in Gaza.

In Egypt, IOM has handed over 8,005 non-food items and 3,000 tarps to the Egyptian Red Crescent (ERC) for onward distribution to UNRWA and the Palestinian Red Crescent. An additional 1,750 units of medicine have been added to the pipeline for distribution. IOM continues to liaise and coordinate daily with UN partners and ERC the planned response, procurement and logistical arrangements and the potential scale up of the response as the number of trucks allowed through the border may increase. On Tuesday the 24 October, IOM Egypt gathered 25 representatives from 14 countries to present IOM's response capacity in supporting the movement of Third Country Nationals from Gaza into Egypt for onwards transportation to their respective country of origin.



IOM, the Disaster Risk Reduction Unit of the Union of Municipalities, and SHEILD in Tyre, Southern Lebanon working on local preparedness mechanisms © IOM 2023