

REGIONAL RESPONSE TO THE CRISIS IN OCCUPIED PALESTINIAN TERRITORY

SITUATION REPORT #5 02 NOVEMBER 2023

1.4 million

INTERNALLY DISPLACED IN GAZA (as of 01 November)

25,708

INTERNALLY DISPLACED IN LEBANON (as of 01 November)

227 trucks

CROSSED THE RAFAH BORDER INTO GAZA (as of 02 November)

Appeal Status



TOTAL NUMBER OF PEOPLE TARGETED: 733,500





RECEIVED: \$ 2.67 M REQUESTED: \$69.13 M



IOM and SHEILD delivering NFI items to IDPs in Southern Lebanon © IOM 2023

ITEMS PROCURED AND DELIVERED TO PARTNERS— SEE RESPONSE SECTION BELOW



5,819

Medical Items and Medicines



Hygiene Kits and Items



Mattresses and Bed Items



Blankets

Pipeline Items 110.927

Medical Items and Medicines







SITUATION OVERVIEW

On 7 October 2023, Palestinian armed groups in Gaza launched "Operation Al-Aqsa Flood", 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 65 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 25,708 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 Territory 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.





CONTACTS

IOM RESPONSE

As of 02 November, IOM has received requests from governments to help 2,199 Third Country Nationals (TCNs), including women and children, return to their countries of origin. IOM is supporting upon the request of the Embassies with land transportation, accommodation and evacuation of their citizens from the Rafah border, thanks to the support, and in close coordination with the Government of Egypt and Egyptian Red Crescent (ERC).

In Lebanon, daily clashes have continued along the southern border with Israel. The affected target area has been slowly, but steadily expanding. As of 1 November, 25,708 internally displaced persons (IDPs) have been identified by the IOM Displacement Tracking Matrix (DTM)* across 215 cadasters. This figure represents an 11% decrease from the number reported last week, which can be attributed to the fluid nature of the mobility dynamic in Lebanon.

In support of the Government of Lebanon's National Response Plan, IOM continues its preparedness and response efforts to respond to the ongoing internal displacement and is expanding coverage of health and other multi-sectoral support, including protection and non-food items. Medicines recently procured by IOM have arrived in Lebanon and will be delivered for pre-positioning to the Ministry of Public Health next week. In coordination with the National Tuberculosis (TB) and AIDS control programs, IOM is also supporting the development of contingency plans to ensure continuity of TB and HIV services. As lead agency of the Collective Site Coordination sector, IOM is working on the development of a capacity mapping form for the designated emergency shelters, following engagement with the Lebanon Humanitarian INGO Forum (LHIF) and Lebanon Humanitarian and Development NGOs Forum (LHDF). Efforts are also underway to develop a form to map the availability, conditions and capacity of informal shelter and sites that have been used previously.

IOM finalized a partnership with SHEILD, a local partner, who will support a joint emergency and protection response in the south, in coordination with relevant sectors and DRR/DRM. To support this partnership, IOM is providing training for SHEILD's protection staff this week, that will focus on key areas of the joint intervention, specifically case management, individual psychosocial support as well

as community-based psychosocial support and psychosocial first aid. IOM also continues to support its existing partners to support their contingency planning and identify emerging needs.

In response to an increasing number of displaced individuals in Nabatieh Governorate, the DRM and the Governor of Nabatieh identified priority needs among the most affected – many families are residing in non-furnished houses and need immediate support with core relief items. As part of an initial response, IOM, together with SHEILD, provided 125 blankets, 125 pillows, and 125 mattresses to 125 IDPs in Nabatieh on 1 November 2023. Another distribution is planned for 2 November 2023 which will cover additional IDPs in the affected municipalities.

In Jordan, IOM continues to coordinate closely with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Resident Coordinator's office on response and preparedness efforts in Gaza and the West Bank.

IOM is in the process of procuring critical relief items for donation to Jordan's Royal Medical Services (RMS), who runs a field hospital in Gaza and intends to deploy additional field teams of medical staff to scale-up operations when possible. The items will include one generator and 1,100 medical equipment and supplies. Delivery is expected in the coming week, depending on the pipeline into Gaza.

In Egypt, IOM has donated 8,005 non-food items and 3,000 tarps to the ERC for onward distribution to UNRWA and the Palestinian Red Crescent. In addition to the items already in the pipeline, IOM has begun procuring and additional 35,016 medicines which will be handed over to ERC and 37,000 medications to be handed over to the Ambulance Authority under the Ministry of Health and Population to support medical evacuations. Other prepositioning efforts also include the procurement of water, non-food items (totaling 38,960 items), such as hygiene kits, jerry cans, and blankets, donated by the ECHO European Humanitarian Response Capacity (EHRC) for onward in-kind donation and distribution through ERC.

IOM Egypt also continues to coordinate with OCHA via the Inter-Agency Humanitarian Coordination structure on capacity building, training and other support that can be provided to ERC.



Preparations for the donation of medical items and medicines—IOM Egypt © IOM 2023

*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.

