



Emergency Fact Sheet: Post-Ceasefire Humanitarian Situation in Gaza

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The Israeli occupation's 470-day campaign of genocide on the Gaza Strip has resulted in unprecedented destruction of infrastructure and a severe humanitarian crisis that continues to threaten the lives of more than two million Palestinians. During this period, the Israeli occupation attacked Gaza from all fronts – air, land, and sea – and dropped more than 100,000 tons of [explosives, killing](#) over [61,700](#) Palestinians, mostly women and children, and wounding more than 120,000. Medical professionals [estimate](#) the true number of direct and indirect deaths in the hundreds of thousands. In addition, more than 10,000 bodies remain trapped under the rubble, and at least 2,840 individuals have been completely incinerated, according to the [Palestinian Civil Defense Agency](#).

Despite the signing of a [ceasefire agreement](#) on January 19, 2025, which included a [humanitarian protocol](#) meant to facilitate the entry of aid and initiate reconstruction efforts, the Israeli occupation has systematically obstructed its implementation. This obstruction is not incidental but rather a deliberate strategy to forcibly displace Palestinians in the Gaza Strip as part of the [Israeli settler colonial policy of ethnic cleansing](#) – a policy explicitly endorsed by United States president Donald Trump, who has openly advocated for the expulsion of Gaza's population.

This fact sheet provides a comprehensive analysis of the current humanitarian situation in Gaza, with a specific focus on the catastrophic conditions in North Gaza. It highlights the stark gap between international commitments and actual implementation, examines the barriers to aid delivery, and presents urgent recommendations for international actors to pressure the Israeli occupation to abide by its obligations and cease its blockade of necessary humanitarian aid to Gaza.

The Catastrophic Humanitarian Situation in Gaza

Food and Nutrition: OCHA reports that 91% (1.95 million) of Gaza's population faces high levels of acute food security, including 345,000 people facing catastrophic levels and 876,000 facing emergency levels. Due to the lack of food access and availability, the Nutrition Cluster reports that over 96% of children aged 6-23 months and women are not meeting their nutrient requirements. Over 60,000 children are estimated to require treatment for acute malnutrition in 2025, and 290,000 children under five and 150,000 pregnant and breastfeeding women require feeding and micronutrient supplements. The UN Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO) reports that, as of the end of 2024, 75% of all [cropland](#) in the Gaza Strip has been damaged, with



North Gaza experiencing the highest proportion of cropland damage at 84.1% and the Khan Younis governorate having the largest area of damaged cropland (2,879 ha). This 75% of damaged cropland [includes](#) 79.5% of orchards and trees, 73.1% of field crops, and 64.3% of vegetables. The Israeli assaults damaged a total of 67.7% (1,531) of [agricultural wells](#) across the Gaza Strip, with the Gaza governorate having the largest number (511 damaged, 83.9%) and the North Gaza governorate having the second largest number (466 damaged, 75.9%). The most [damaged agricultural infrastructures](#) were home barns (645), broiler farms (625), and sheep farms (502), with the Khan Younis governorate experiencing the largest number of damaged agricultural infrastructures (1,552 damaged). In addition, the food security sector reports that 72% of Gaza's fishing fleet was destroyed. Further, 56.5% of [greenhouses](#) have been damaged, and many greenhouses were converted into shelters and for other emergency uses.

Housing: The Israeli occupation forces has [systematically targeted critical infrastructure](#), with UNOSAT [reporting](#) that 69% of all structures are destroyed or damaged (as of 1 December 2024). This includes 436,000 of housing units (92%) either destroyed (160,000) or severely/partially damaged (276,000), according to UN OCHA. Due to the severity of the occupation's destruction, there are approximately 1,875,000 Palestinians in need of emergency shelter and essential household items. Further, there are at least 945,000 people in need of winterization support. While the ceasefire's humanitarian protocol mandates the provision of 60,000 mobile housing units and 200,000 tents to the Gaza Strip, the Israeli occupation has not allowed the necessary goods to enter. The [Gaza Government Media Office](#) reports that, three weeks after the agreement was signed, only 10% of the required tents have entered Gaza, with just 1,500 of them reaching North Gaza, where more than 550,000 Palestinians have returned. Not a single mobile housing unit has been allowed in the Strip.

Water and Sanitation: OCHA's Water and Sanitation Cluster [reports](#) that, between January 25-31, there was 97,167 m³ of water produced and supplied on average per day. This is less than a quarter of water supply prior to the genocide and is subject to around 70% rate of water losses through damaged networks. At least 62% (1.4 million) of people receive fewer than the recommended six liters per person per day for drinking and cooking, and around 47% receive less than the minimum recommended 15 liters per person per day for drinking, cooking, and basic hygiene. There are at least 1 million people at risk of sanitation-related threats, including rodents and pests, solid waste, sewage, and human waste. The destruction of [330,000 meters](#) of water pipelines had left complete cutoff of drinking water for more than 80% of North Gaza's population where the Israeli occupation destroyed [75% of the water wells](#). Additionally, [655,000 meters of sewage networks](#) have been either destroyed or severely damaged, causing raw sewage floods in residential areas, exacerbating the spread of disease. The Israeli occupation's continued ban on



waste disposal has led to thousands of tons of garbage in the streets of Gaza, exposing the population to a surge in infectious diseases and environmental contamination. UNDP estimates indicate that more than [1,400 tons of waste are generated daily in Gaza Strip, yet no waste management systems remain functional due to the blockade](#). To mitigate this catastrophe, fuel is urgently needed to restore water and sanitation services. However, out of the 550 fuel trucks mandated by the humanitarian protocol, [197 fuel trucks have entered Gaza, and merely 50 have reached North Gaza. None of these supplies have been allocated to the civil defense, municipalities, or electricity companies, rendering them unable to begin repairs.](#)

Infrastructure and Energy: More than 2.8 million meters of roads and streets have been destroyed across the Gaza Strip, isolating entire communities and severely obstructing humanitarian aid delivery. The destruction of [3,700 kilometers](#) of power grids has also hindered access and resulted in a total blackout in North Gaza, and thus far no fuel has reached either North Gaza or the Gaza Municipalities. The energy crisis is further exacerbated by the Israeli occupation's continued refusal to allow the entry of heavy equipment and machinery needed to clear more than [50 million](#) tons of rubble. This obstruction prevents not only reconstruction efforts but also the retrieval of bodies buried beneath the debris.

Healthcare System: At the one-year mark of the genocide, a total of 34 hospitals have been destroyed and rendered non-operational. As of [February 2, 2025](#), there are 18 partially functional hospitals in the Gaza Strip (1 in North Gaza, 10 in Gaza city, 3 in Deir al Balah, 4 in Khan Younis), and 11 functional field hospital, including 6 fully and 5 partially (4 in Deir al Balah, 5 in Khan Younis, and 2 in Rafah). There are no functioning field hospitals in North Gaza. Moreover, the Israeli occupation continues to block the entry of medical equipment and prevent the reconstruction of healthcare facilities, leaving tens of thousands of wounded individuals at risk of death due to the lack of basic medical care. The [OCHA](#) Health Cluster reports that 12,000-14,000 patients need medical evacuation abroad. According to Dr. Muneer Al Bursh, Gaza's health director, [40% of kidney patients](#) have died due to the inability to access dialysis sessions, while pregnant women face life-threatening complications due to the unavailability of essential maternal healthcare services. He also reported that a list of 400 children under the age of six had been submitted for evacuation but was repeatedly rejected by the Israeli occupation, citing "security reasons." This inaction has led to at least 100 children dying in recent months due to the occupation's refusal to allow their evacuation, despite their eligibility to cross. The United Nations Human Rights Office (OHCHR) [published a report](#) documenting the Israeli occupation's systematic targeting of hospitals and medical facilities in the Gaza Strip, illustrating how the occupation pushed the healthcare system "to the brink of total collapse."



Education: For the second consecutive academic year, more than [800,000 students](#) have been deprived of their right to education. At least 88% of school buildings require either full reconstruction or major rehabilitation, and around [500 schools and universities have been destroyed](#). Many others have been repurposed as temporary shelters for displaced families, lacking even the most basic living conditions. The Ministry of Education reports that, as of 28 January 2025, the occupation killed 12,441 students and 519 education staff, with over 19,819 students and 2,702 teachers injured.

U.S. Active Participation in the Ethnic Cleansing of Gaza

The United States has played a direct and pivotal role in enabling Israel's genocidal campaign against Palestinians in Gaza. Through unconditional military, financial, and diplomatic support, the U.S. has not only facilitated the Israeli occupation's total destruction of Gaza's infrastructure but has also actively endorsed policies that seek to erase Palestinians from their own land. This complicity has reached an alarming new level with U.S. President Donald Trump's recent statements, in which he openly called for the permanent displacement of Palestinians from Gaza and denied their right to return, reinforcing an agenda of ethnic cleansing.

On February 5, 2025, Trump [declared](#) that the United States would take over Gaza's administration, endorsing a complete restructuring of the territory that excludes its native Palestinian population. Days later, he [explicitly stated](#) that Palestinians in Gaza "will not be allowed to return" after the war, confirming his support for the permanent displacement of over 2.3 million people. These statements align with long-standing Israeli policies that seek to expel Palestinians and repopulate Gaza with Israeli settlers, effectively eliminating Palestinian sovereignty over the Strip.

Trump's comments have not been made in isolation – they reflect a broader U.S. policy that has provided the Israeli occupation with the means to carry out large-scale ethnic cleansing. The U.S. has funneled [over \\$20 billion](#) in military aid to the Israeli occupation since October 2023, supplying bombs, missiles, and weapons that have decimated entire Palestinian communities. It has also consistently shielded the Israeli occupation from accountability, using its veto power at the United Nations to block resolutions calling for a ceasefire and the provision of urgent humanitarian aid. By doing so, the U.S. has actively prolonged and escalated the suffering of Palestinians, ensuring that the Israeli genocidal campaign proceeds unchecked.

These actions make clear that the U.S. is not simply a bystander but a direct participant in the ethnic cleansing of Gaza. The explicit policy of denying Palestinians their right to return mirrors



past and ongoing atrocities against Palestinians, reinforcing a cycle of forced displacement – or the ongoing Nakba – that has defined the Israeli settler-colonial project. If left unchallenged, the U.S. and Israeli occupation’s plans for Gaza will culminate in the total erasure of Palestinian presence from the territory, permanently severing Palestinians from their land and homes.

The international community must recognize that this is not just a humanitarian crisis. This is active, ongoing ethnic cleansing. Immediate and concrete action is required to stop the U.S. and Israeli plans for Gaza, including the imposition of an arms embargo, sanctions, and legal action to hold those responsible accountable for war crimes. The right of return for all Palestinians, including those from Gaza, must be upheld as a fundamental, non-negotiable principle under international law.

Urgent International Recommendations and Demands

The time for statements alone has passed. Immediate and concrete action is needed to stop Israel’s genocidal campaign and hold all complicit parties accountable. To mitigate the worsening humanitarian catastrophe in Gaza and counter the ongoing Israeli strategy of ethnic cleansing, the following urgent actions must be taken.

Governments:

- **End All Military and Diplomatic Support to the Israeli occupation:** Immediately halt all arms sales, military aid, and security cooperation with the Israeli occupation, including the suspension of all weapons transfers. Governments must impose comprehensive arms embargoes and sanctions against the Israeli occupation and any companies profiting from its war crimes.
- **Sanctions for War Crimes and Genocide:** Governments must impose targeted economic and diplomatic sanctions on the Israeli occupation, including asset freezes, trade restrictions, and visa bans on Israeli officials responsible for the ethnic cleansing of Gaza.
- **Immediate and Unrestricted Opening of Crossings:** Governments must pressure the Israeli occupation to immediately and unconditionally open all border crossings to facilitate the flow of humanitarian aid, medical supplies, fuel, and essential relief materials. The continued closure of crossings, particularly Kerem Shalom, constitutes a war crime and must be met with decisive international action, including sanctions.
- **Support and Enforce the ICJ and ICC Legal Proceedings:** Governments must actively support the International Court of Justice (ICJ) proceedings on genocide in Gaza and ensure enforcement of any provisional measures. They must also fully back the International



Criminal Court's (ICC) investigations and issue arrest warrants for Israeli officials responsible for war crimes.

- **Condemn and Reject Trump's Plan for the Forced Displacement of Palestinians:** Governments must issue clear public statements rejecting Trump's ethnic cleansing agenda and take diplomatic action to prevent any state from recognizing or facilitating the displacement of Palestinians from Gaza.
- **Leverage UN Mechanisms for Immediate Protection Measures:** Governments must demand emergency measures through the UN Security Council and General Assembly to ensure unimpeded humanitarian access and international monitoring mechanisms.

International Institutions:

- **Cease All Funding and Financial Support to the Israeli War Machine:** International financial institutions, including the World Bank and IMF, must immediately cease any financial transactions, loans, or investments that directly or indirectly support the Israeli occupation and settler-colonial expansion.
- **Blacklist Companies Complicit in the Israeli Occupation:** The UN and global financial regulators must expand and enforce the UN database of businesses profiting from the Israeli occupation and settler expansion, including those involved in Gaza's destruction.
- **Redirect Aid Toward Palestinian-Led Reconstruction Efforts:** International institutions must ensure that all humanitarian and reconstruction aid is directed to Palestinian organizations and local governance structures, not Israeli-controlled mechanisms or foreign-imposed administrations.
- **Hold the U.S. Accountable for Enabling Genocide:** Global entities must investigate and take action against the U.S. for its financial and military role in the ethnic cleansing of Gaza, including imposing financial restrictions on arms deals that facilitate war crimes.

Civil Society:

- **Expand Boycotts, Divestment, and Sanctions (BDS) Campaigns:** Intensify boycott and divestment efforts targeting all corporations, institutions, and governments complicit in the Israeli genocide in Gaza. This includes pressure on universities, pension funds, and corporations to divest from Israeli settler colonialism.
- **Mobilize Against U.S. and Israeli Colonial Plans for Gaza:** Organize mass protests, advocacy campaigns, and legal action against any U.S.-led attempts to impose foreign governance over Gaza or prevent Palestinians' right to return.



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- **Pressure Media and Cultural Institutions to End Israeli Propaganda:** Demand accountability from mainstream media outlets that whitewash Israeli war crimes and genocide while amplifying Palestinian voices in global discourse.
 - **Directly Support Palestinian Farmers, Fishers, and Agricultural Workers:** Ensure direct financial and material support to Palestinian food producers, preventing Israeli weaponization of hunger and supporting Palestinian food sovereignty.