



United Nations Development Programme
Programme of Assistance to the Palestinian People

UNDP/PAPP in the Gaza Strip – At a Glance

About UNDP/PAPP

With over four decades of experience in addressing socioeconomic needs and strengthening the resilience of the Palestinian people across the Occupied Palestinian Territory (OPT), UNDP Programme of Assistance to the Palestinian People (PAPP) is guided by its unique mandate – derived from the UN General Assembly Resolution 33/147 of 20 December 1978, which called upon UNDP to “improve the economic and social conditions of the Palestinian people [...]”. To date, UNDP/PAPP has delivered more than \$1.7 billion in programming in support of this mandate. UNDP/PAPP’s quality delivery of impactful programming is grounded in a strong OPT-wide presence, having 213 personnel with multidisciplinary expertise – including a Gaza team consisting of 59 personnel, with 39 currently in the Gaza Strip. UNDP/PAPP’s support to the Palestinian people across the OPT builds on longstanding partnerships with the Palestinian Authority, service providers, civil society organizations, academia and the private sector, as well as close coordination and collaboration with other UN agencies and donor partners.

UNDP/PAPP’s Support to the Gaza Humanitarian Response

Since the onset of the war in October 2023, UNDP/PAPP has been working closely with UN, NGO, local and national partners to provide immediate support to the affected population in Gaza as part of the humanitarian response, through three priorities: 1) critical services and infrastructure, including access to clean water, solid waste management, dignified transitional shelter, and debris removal; 2) emergency employment and support to micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs); and 3) support to civil society organisations (CSOs) for multi-sectoral citizen services.


UNDP/PAPP’s programmatic interventions are designed to provide immediate support to the humanitarian response now, while contributing to and paving the way for early recovery as soon as it is possible. In addition to the on-the-ground implementation, UNDP/PAPP is contributing to the ongoing emergency response and to the longer-term planning through support to national relief, recovery and reconstruction planning, as well as undertaking assessments and generating knowledge to inform an immediate response and recovery planning that is evidenced based and reflective of the realities in Gaza.




Addressing needs and delivering results in Gaza

• Clean Water Supply:

In the first months of the war


 **7** mobile **solar-powered water desalination units** supplied and installed


10 additional desalination units with larger capacity are being prepared for supply and installation

 Aiming to support **+600,000** people with access to clean water


• Solid Waste Management:


Between January and end-September 2024

 approximately **160,000** tons of solid waste collected from South Governorates


 **+240,000** liters of fuel utilized and monitored through a robust mechanism

On 10 October 2024


 **15** steel waste containers were delivered

 **20** waste collection vehicles are enabled maintenance per month

As part of the UN's **Winterization Plan**

 **21** Temporary dumping Sites are located in flood-prone areas

UNDP/PAPP and UNICEF have identified




30,000 cubic meters need to be removed from **7** sites as top priority

1,000 cubic meters of waste already removed from Wadi Esalga

Emergency Employment and Support to MSMEs

Between October 2023 and mid-October 2024

 **2,864** people benefitted from **emergency employment opportunities** in critical services and key productive sectors

35% in healthcare;

31% in municipal services;

25% in small businesses;

9% in education

UNDP/PAPP is supporting the establishment of **Emergency Helpdesks for MSMEs**

1 MSMEs Emergency Helpdesk already set up and operational in the Middle Area


Approximately **1,900** MSMEs were provided support

2 additional Helpdesks to be established in other locations as soon as conditions allow

Support to Civil Society Organisations (CSOs)

6 CSOs – including women's CSOs provided with critical support

+5,000 people were supported with gender-responsive emergency legal aid

 Establishing **One-Stop Citizens Service Centers** to support access to various critical services

2 One-Stop Centers already established and operational

+17,745 people served up to end September

including higher education services, legal aid and psychosocial support

Establishing **Shared Workspaces for CSOs** (local and international organisations)

1 operational shared workspace in Deir El Balah

29 CSOs are utilizing the shared workspace on average per day

The Space was used for the delivery of training on the polio vaccination campaign

1 shared workspace opened in Gaza City


In August 2024

on 16 October 2024

Preparations for the Provision of Transitional Solutions for Dignified Shelter and Essential Services

UNDP is investing in a set of **prefabricated units** as “proof of concept”

144 prefabricated units are ready to be supplied to serve as urgent temporary healthcare facilities

 supplied with solar PV systems, and connected to water and wastewater networks

Preparations for Debris Management

UNDP and UNEP are investing own resources in piloting **emergency debris removal in critical areas**

 to support humanitarian movements and operations, coupled with recycling of debris for later use in infrastructure rehabilitation and reconstruction

One-UN Approach and Inter-agency Coordination for Gaza Humanitarian Response and Early Recovery Planning



- **Co-chair**, with the UN Resident Coordinator's Office and WFP, of the UN's Programme Management Team (PMT), as the main platform for UN Country Team's early recovery planning, with a key role in the development of the "UNCT/HCT Early Recovery Approach and Action Plan for Gaza".
- **Co-lead** of the Solid Waste Management Taskforce, together with the WASH Cluster
- **Co-lead** of the Debris Management Technical Working Group, together with UNEP
- Closely coordinating with humanitarian partners across the entire humanitarian coordination system, including through **active engagement** in Humanitarian Country Team (HCT) and National / Gaza Inter-Cluster Coordination Group (ICCG) meetings and in relevant Clusters and Working Groups, incl. Shelter; WASH; Health; Protection; Site Management Working Group.

Contributing to an Evidence- and Needs-based Response in Gaza

Published UNDP/PAPP Gaza Insights on:

- [Displaced Women](#)
- [Municipalities](#)
- [CSOs](#)
- [Private Sector and Pathways for Recovery](#)
- [Solid Waste Management](#)



Ongoing and/or Coming soon:

- Gaza Insights on University-based Innovation & Entrepreneurship, and Freelancing
- Joint UNDP-ILO labor market impact assessment
- Assessment of available lands for deployment of dignified transitional shelter solutions
- Assessment of partially damaged housing units and winterization needs in Khan Younis
- Feasibility study for a 'waste-to-energy' solutions
- Damage assessment for Khan Younis Wastewater Treatment Plant (KYWWTP)
- Ongoing technical engagement and support to UNEP-led environmental impact assessment, including for the "Preliminary Assessment of Environmental Impacts" published by UNEP in June 2024.
- Active participation in the WB-UN-EU interim Rapid Damage and Needs Assessment (RDNA) for Gaza and West Bank, through engagement as UN Focal Point in all relevant RDNA sectors - including Governance & Rule of Law, Municipal Services, Energy, and Commerce & Industry sectors.

Engagement with and Support to National Institutions

At the request of the Prime Minister, in May 2024 UNDP/PAPP established an **Engagement Facility** to support the government with **advisory capacities and technical expertise** to enhance national reforms, as well as relief, recovery and reconstruction planning. In addition to supporting relevant line ministries, UNDP/PAPP is providing technical and advisory support to the Minister of State for Relief Affairs and the Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation, as well as bolstering the capacities of the newly established **Gaza Reconstruction Team**.



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experts deployed to at least 7 different Ministries and public institutions



Supporting revitalization of the TOKTEN programme: online/digital platform ready for launch



Supporting the establishment and bolstering capacities of the Government Communications & Media Center



Digital solutions for enhancing government transparency, effectiveness and efficiency