

Gaza Humanitarian Crisis Update

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Introduction

In the past 48 hours, Israel has started to make significant changes to facilitate the delivery of humanitarian aid to Gazan civilians and address the severe conditions facing many in Gaza. While reports of mass starvation proliferate, an allegation Israel denies, distressing images of starving children have propelled both international and Israeli concerns.

The Israeli government has announced several concrete actions to build upon the aid already entering Gaza, including humanitarian pauses in fighting, opening humanitarian aid corridors, airdrops of food palettes by Israel, the UAE and Jordan, and other steps. Israel has reiterated that sufficient food aid is present in Gaza, but much of it has not been delivered due to Hamas interference and a lack of cooperation by UN agencies. Israel hopes that these new steps will allow needed aid to reach Gazans with the cooperation of the UN and international organizations, without allowing Hamas to commandeer aid packages for their own benefit.

Key Talking Points

- Israel has stated repeatedly that it does not have a policy of deliberate starvation and has been working both to facilitate the entry of humanitarian aid into Gaza and its distribution to Gazans in need in ways that does not empower nor enrich Hamas. The current crisis stems from Hamas's attempts to steal, circumvent, or profit off aid and the difficult operating circumstances in a war zone that require deep cooperation with aid groups on the ground.
- Even as we recognize the often hostile and unreliable media environment, the credible reports of increasing food insecurity and their effects on families and children must be addressed.
- We welcome the significant and concrete steps Israel has announced in the last 48 hours to address the growing humanitarian crisis in Gaza as a part of the effort to protect Gazan civilians, while ensuring aid is neither stolen by Hamas nor used for Hamas's benefit. We call on the international community and aid organizations to work with Israel to ensure that this aid crisis is quickly resolved.
- It is also critical to remember that for nearly 22 months, Hamas has had the power to end the war and improve the conditions of its people by simply releasing the remaining hostages and laying down its arms, but has repeatedly refused to.
- As Israel expands its efforts to ensure a greater flow of humanitarian aid, the United Nations and international organizations should fulfill their responsibilities and work closely with Israel and the Gaza Humanitarian Fund (GHF), a joint U.S.-Israeli initiative, to ensure the delivery and distribution of humanitarian aid to Gazans in need.
- We appreciate the close collaboration of Israel and the United States to address the humanitarian needs of Gazans and to provide security for Israel.

Israeli Steps to Facilitate Aid to Gazans

- **Humanitarian Pauses:** Humanitarian pauses will take place from 10 a.m. till 8 p.m. in areas where the IDF is currently not operating with ground troops. The pauses do not constitute a full cease-fire, but are intended to enable the safe passage of civilians through areas that are not active combat zones and where population centers are located. See IDF statement [here](#).
- **Humanitarian corridors:** Designated humanitarian corridors will be established to enable the safe movement of UN convoys delivering food and medicine to the population. See IDF statement [here](#).
- **Airdrops:** Israel has announced IDF-led food [airdrops](#) and is working to facilitate additional airdrops from other countries, including Jordan and Emirati partners, which [began](#) on July 27, 2025.
- **Aid Offloading Operations:** Israel has directed the planning of IDF-led aid offloading (protection) operations to facilitate further assistance delivery.
- **Engagement with the United Nations:** Israel is increasing communication and coordination with the UN, so that they can be immediately informed of the details of the planned humanitarian pauses and that the expectation for a significant increase in both the entry of aid trucks and the effective distribution of assistance be clearly communicated, and full cooperation requested.
- **Establishing a power line to a desalination plant:** This step is expected to supply approximately 20,000 cubic meters of water per day, up from the 2,000 cubic meters supplied until now, to serve about 900,000 residents in Gaza.

Jewish Federations Webinar

- [Jewish Federations Webinar recording on the humanitarian situation in Gaza](#), July 25, 2025.

Key Statements by Israeli Officials

- [Israeli President Isaac Herzog](#): “I welcome the series of humanitarian measures... including the humanitarian pauses. This is a moral, operational, political, and communicative necessity. This is how we distinguish ourselves from those who seek our destruction. Let it be clear – the responsibility for the situation of the residents of the Gaza Strip lies with the Hamas terrorist organization – it is the one that initiated a brutal massacre and refuses proposals for a ceasefire and the release of the hostages from the hell of captivity.” (July 26, 2025).
- [Israeli Ambassador to the U.S. Yechiel Leiter](#): “Beginning tomorrow, Sunday, July 27, the IDF will unilaterally open additional humanitarian corridors for the purpose of expanding humanitarian aid distribution to the non-combatant population of Gaza. This effort will be accompanied by the parachuting of aid to particularly troubled Hamas dominated areas.” (July 26, 2025).
- [COGAT announcement of additional steps being taken to address the humanitarian situation in Gaza](#): “In accordance with directives from the political echelon and following a situational assessment held this evening, the IDF has begun a series of actions aimed at improving the humanitarian response in the Gaza Strip, and to refute the false claim of deliberate starvation in the Gaza Strip.” (July 26, 2025).
- [COGAT announcement on new airdrops in Gaza](#): “Over the past few hours, 28 aid packages, containing food for the residents of both the southern and northern Gaza Strip, were airdropped.” (July 27, 2025).

- [COGAT announcement on humanitarian pauses in Gaza](#): “a local tactical pause in military activity will take place for humanitarian purposes from [10:00](#) to [20:00](#), starting today (Sunday)...This decision was coordinated with the [@UN](#) and international organizations following discussions regarding the matter. Designated secure routes will also be in place permanently from [06:00](#) to [23:00](#) to enable the safe passage of UN and humanitarian aid organization convoys delivering and distributing food and medicine to the population across the Gaza Strip.” (July 27, 2025).

Additional Resources

- [IDF announces 10-hour Gaza 'humanitarian pauses' amid mounting famine concerns](#), *Times of Israel*, July 27, 2025.
- [Israel Says It Has Paused Some Military Activity in Gaza as Anger Grows Over Hunger](#), *New York Times*, July 27, 2025.
- [Jordan and UAE begin aid drops into starving Gaza after Israel pauses attacks](#), *The Independent* (via Newsbreak), July 27, 2025.
- [A red line: Gaza starvation, int'l legitimacy force Israel's hand in aid policy - analysis](#), Herb Keinon, *Jerusalem Post*, July 27, 2025.
- [Red Cross perspective on food insecurity in Gaza](#), British Red Cross, Updated July 24, 2025.