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The ongoing bombardments across the Gaza Strip have caused widespread devastation, killing and injuring thousands while leaving the population in desperate need of food, water, electricity and essential healthcare services. The conflict has obliterated critical infrastructure, displaced more than 1.9 million Palestinians—approximately 86% of Gaza's pre-war population—and disrupted access to basic services such as healthcare, electricity and essential supplies. In addition, the conflict has severely damaged water and sanitation systems, exacerbating the risk of dehydration, malnutrition and the spread of preventable diseases.

The humanitarian crisis has only worsened due to the continued violence and stringent access restrictions, which have significantly hindered the inflow of lifesaving aid into Gaza. As a result, families have been left to face the overwhelming challenges of surviving without access to basic needs while facing the ongoing threats of conflict. The situation continues to deteriorate rapidly, with no end in sight to the violence and suffering.<sup>1</sup>

## International Medical Corps Response

In response to the widespread devastation and escalating needs, International Medical Corps currently operates two field hospitals in central Gaza—one in Deir Al Balah and one in Al Zawaida—offering a combined total capacity of more than 250 beds, including 20 in the Emergency Room and 170 in the surgical department. These hospitals play a crucial role in delivering lifesaving medical care to civilians in need.

Our **Deir Al Balah Hospital** specializes in surgical trauma care, offering a broad range of services to address both immediate and long-term healthcare needs. Services include trauma surgery, physical rehabilitation, emergency obstetric and newborn care, nutrition, mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS), child protection (CP), gender-based violence (GBV) prevention and support, and water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) services. Our **Al Zawaida Hospital**, which initially focused on outpatient care, has expanded to provide inpatient services, including post-operative care, sexual and reproductive health, pediatrics, orthopedics, surgical consultations, pulmonology/cardiology and psychiatric services. This site also serves as a multi-sectoral hub and includes child-

## FAST FACTS

- The ongoing conflict in Gaza has displaced 1.9 million Palestinians, equal to about 86% of Gaza's pre-war population.
- At least 44,786 Palestinians have been killed and more than 106,188 have been injured in Gaza since the conflict began in October 2023, according to OCHA.
- Damaged water and sanitation systems have increased the risk of dehydration, malnutrition and the spread of preventable diseases.

## OUR FOOTPRINT

- International Medical Corps operates two field hospitals in central Gaza—in Deir Al Balah and Al Zawaida—with more than 250 beds, offering emergency and surgical care, along with such multi-sectoral services as child protection, GBV support, and mental health services.

## OUR RESPONSE

- Since January, our field hospitals have provided care to more than 383,800 civilians, including an average of 33,000 outpatient consultations per month.
- We have performed more than 9,400 surgeries, including major surgeries like cesarean sections and thoracotomies, and delivered 3,888 babies.
- International Medical Corps has screened 111,000 people for malnutrition, treated 2,767 for acute malnutrition, distributed micronutrient supplements to 36,000 people, and conducted infant-feeding awareness sessions for 22,000 people.
- We also have reached more than 28,000 women and girls with GBV support and protection services.

<sup>1</sup> <https://reliefweb.int/report/occupied-palestinian-territory/project-hope-humanitarian-crisis-gaza-report-11-december-05-2024>

friendly spaces for CP programs, a women and girls' safe space (WGSS) for GBV services and dedicated areas for MHPSS and nutrition counseling.

Since the opening of our first field hospital near Rafah in January, International Medical Corps has delivered comprehensive healthcare services to more than 383,800 civilians in Gaza. On average, the team has been providing some 33,000 outpatient consultations per month. Most consultations—more than 183,000—have been for communicable diseases, including upper respiratory infections, skin diseases and acute watery diarrhea. In addition, a significant portion of consultations have focused on the management of non-communicable diseases, particularly chronic conditions such as hypertension, diabetes, asthma and cardiovascular diseases. These efforts have played a crucial role in addressing both the immediate and ongoing healthcare needs of the affected population.

Our teams have performed more than 9,400 surgeries, with one-third categorized as major or moderate procedures, such as cesarean sections, thoracotomies and laparotomies. Orthopedic surgeries account for about half of all surgical interventions. International Medical Corps has facilitated the delivery of 3,848 babies, with approximately 20% of them born via cesarean section. The number of deliveries in our field hospital has been steadily increasing since August due to several factors, including insecurity. These surgical and obstetric services have been essential in saving lives and providing critical care to vulnerable civilians.

International Medical Corps has also made significant strides in nutrition support. Through our “Find and Treat” campaign, we have screened more than 111,000 people for malnutrition, admitting 2,767 for treatment of moderate and severe acute malnutrition. Additionally, we have distributed micronutrient supplementation to 36,177 people and conducted infant and young-child feeding (IYCF) awareness sessions for 22,449. Though the “Find and Treat” campaign has been temporarily suspended, the team is continuing to provide screening at both field hospitals, and providing treatment and support to identified cases. Moving forward, International Medical Corps—in collaboration with UNICEF—will begin providing immunizations for children ages 0–5 years at the Al Zawaida field hospital.

International Medical Corps provides protection services—including CP, MHPSS and GBV—at both field hospitals. More than 20,000 children and caregivers have participated in our CP programs, which comprise structured psychosocial and skills-building programs, non-structured activities, structured sessions for parents, individual counseling and case management. International Medical Corps also provides individual and group psychosocial support via psychosocial workers and psychologists, so far reaching more than 10,400 people with these MHPSS services. International Medical Corps has an established WGSS where women and girls participate in group empowerment sessions, yoga, life skills training and other socialization activities. International Medical Corps also has a team of GBV case managers who provide comprehensive case management and referrals for GBV survivors. More than 28,100 women and girls have accessed GBV services, including group sessions, WGSS and case management services. Our teams have also trained 116 people in GBV response or risk mitigation in acute emergencies.

Our WASH teams have provided vital services, ensuring that more than 250,400 people have had access to safe drinking water and that more than 152,200 have had sanitation facilities. These services are critical to preventing the spread of waterborne diseases and improving overall living conditions for displaced and vulnerable communities in Gaza.

In addition to our operations in Gaza, International Medical Corps has partnered with local organizations in the West Bank to enhance MHPSS capacity. Through training programs, we have reached 680 people with MHPSS topics, including psychological first aid, self-care, and detection and referral. Through our partnerships, we have provided 3,990 health consultations, responded to 4,270 helpline calls, provided GBV and psychosocial support (PSS) awareness-raising sessions for 893 women and delivered PSS activities to 5,096 people.

International Medical Corps' multi-faceted response in Gaza and the West Bank continues to address the immediate healthcare and protection needs of those affected by the conflict, while laying the foundation for long-term recovery and resilience in the region.



*On November 20, International Medical Corps' CP team celebrated World Children's Day with special events featuring traditional folk dances, sports performances and a marionette show.*