**Shotlist/Info:**

**WFP News Video: New Hunger Data From Gaza Shows Continued Famine Risk Amid Ongoing Fighting and Restricted Aid Operations**

**Shot: 15-17Oct2024/29Sep2024**

**Gaza, Jerusalem**

**TRT: 5:17**

**:00-:18**

**GV’s Kahn Younis**

The city of Kahn Younis had a population of more than 200,000 before the conflict started last year. Khan Younis has been reduced to rubble. Streets and buildings have been destroyed. There is no infrastructure. Most families face displacement and hunger.

**Khan Younis**

**Shot: 29Sep24**

**:18-:32**

**Nutrition testing at clinic**

New IPC data indicates the risk of Famine persists across the whole Gaza Strip. Given the recent surge in hostilities, there are growing concerns that this worst-case scenario may materialize. The population classified in IPC Phase 5 (Catastrophe) is expected to double in the coming months. Between November 2024 and April 2025, almost 2 million people, more than 90 percent of the population, are classified in IPC Phase 3 (Crisis) or above.

The red in the band means the child is severely malnourished and needs to be hospitalized.

**Deir Al Balah**

**Shot: 15Oct24**

**:32-:47**

**SOT:Siham Zayid with her severely malnourished daughter Jana (Arabic):**

“When I look at her I think I might lose her because there is no medical care here these days. We gone through it all. I hope God will heal her.”

**Deir Al Balah**

**Shot: 15Oct24**

**:47-:54**

**WFP distribution of special theraputic foods to treat malnutrition**

**Deir Al Balah**

**Shot: 15Oct24**

**:54-1:17**

**WFP Hotmeals distribution**

After two weeks without any food getting into northern Gaza, trucks carrying wheat flour accessed the area through the West Erez crossing. In southern and central Gaza, the situation is at breaking point. There are no food distributions, and bakeries are running out of wheat flour. Some hot meal kitchens are still able to provide around 350,000 meals a day in some of the southern areas of Gaza.

**Deir Al Balah**

**Shot: 16Oct24**

**1:17-1:52**

**SOT: Antoine Renard, WFP Country Director(English):**

“Any improvements in food security we see are a result of the amount of humanitarian aid and commercial flows entering Gaza. With local food systems destroyed and farms damaged, people are completely dependent on supplies coming through the border. For real progress, this flow of aid must be steady and reliable. Nearly 2 million people in Gaza still face the risk of famine and that risk will persist unless all border crossings remain open and aid continues to reach those in need.”

**Jerusalem**

**Shot:17Oct24**

**1:52-1:59**

**GV’s Kahn Younis**

**Khan Younis**

**Shot: 29Sep24**

**1:59-2:11**

**Exterior Azab family home**

Suliman and Nour Azab, along with their four children, have been displaced more than three times. On several occasions they slept on the streets in the rain. With no place left to turn, they decided to return to their collapsing home in Khan Younis.

**Khan Younis**

**Shot: 29Sep24**

**2:11-2:17**

**Nour Azab hanging laundry**

**Khan Younis**

**Shot: 29Sep24**

**2:17-2:31**

**Suliman Azab with his youngest child looking out on what remains of his neighborhood**

Suliman worked at an ice cream factory until it was bombed in the early days of the

war, eliminating his sole source of income.

**Khan Younis**

**Shot: 29Sep24**

**2:31-2:37**

**SOT Suliman Azab(Arabic):**

**“**The hardest thing is feeling alone. I feel like no one is helping me. I feel alone and lost in life.”

**Khan Younis**

**Shot: 29Sep24**

**2:37-2:44**

**Suliman Azab looking out on what remains of his neighborhood**

**Khan Younis**

**Shot: 29Sep24**

**2:44-3:16**

**SOT Suliman Azab(Arabic):**

“We were forced to live in tents with no food or water. We didn’t know how to manage. I have five children, three boys, and two girls. We had a child during the war. It was a big struggle, especially in terms of milk and other necessities that were unavailable. After the soldiers withdrew from our area, we returned to our house, but we were shocked. The house was in a terrible condition and on the verge of collapse. Still, we decided to stay in it.”

**Khan Younis**

**Shot: 29Sep24**

**3:16-3:26**

**Nour Azab washing her son’s face and brushing his hair**

**Khan Younis**

**Shot: 29Sep24**

**3:26-3:54**

**SOT Nour Azab(Arabic):**

“My biggest fear is when my child says, "Mama, I’m hungry," and there’s no food. I have a baby, too, and I don’t even have diapers for him. It’s pure suffering. Winter is coming, and I don’t know how I’ll manage. I’m not just afraid of the war, I’m terrified for my children. I live for them, and I want them to feel safe. When there’s bombing nearby, I want them to feel that their mother is there for them.”

**Khan Younis**

**Shot: 29Sep24**

**3:54-4:28**

**Azab family bringing food from WFP supported community kitchen to their home and eat their dinner**

**Khan Younis**

**Shot: 29Sep24**

**4:28-4:42**

**SOT Nour Azab(Arabic):**

“Sometimes, when there’s no food, I just sit and cry. When my child tells me they’re hungry, and I can’t give them anything, it breaks me. What am I supposed to do? I give them dry bread. What elese can I do?”

**Khan Younis**

**Shot: 29Sep24**

**4:42-4:47**

**Nour Azab watering plants on balcony**

**Khan Younis**

**Shot: 29Sep24**

**4:47-5:05**

**SOT Nour Azab(Arabic):**

“I just want the war to stop. I pray for it every day. I want to be strong for my family.”

**Khan Younis**

**Shot: 29Sep24**

**5:05—5:17**

**Nour Azab watering plants on balcony**

**Khan Younis**

**Shot: 29Sep24**

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**WFP News Release**

17 October 2024

**NEW GAZA FOOD SECURITY ASSESSMENT SEES FAMINE RISK PERSISTING AMID ONGOING FIGHTING AND RESTRICTED AID OPERATIONS**

**JERUSALEM –** The risk of famine will persist throughout Gaza this winter unless fighting stops and more humanitarian aid reaches families, according to a new food security assessment by experts from 16 UN agencies and NGOs. Twelve months of fighting have decimated livelihoods, drastically reduced food production and severely restricted both commercial and humanitarian supply lines, the report said.

The Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC) snapshot – released today – projects that over the coming months 1.95 million people in Gaza (91 percent of the population) will face acute food insecurity (IPC Phase 3 or worse). The IPC, which uses global, scientific standards to evaluate food insecurity levels, also said that 345,000 people would face Catastrophic levels of hunger (IPC Phase 5), and 876,000 people (41 percent) Emergency levels of hunger (IPC Phase 4).

The report found a marginal reduction in the severity of food insecurity in September-October 2024 compared to the last report issued in June. This was largely attributed to an uptick in humanitarian assistance in North Gaza, Gaza City, Deir al-Balah and Khan Younis governorates between May and August 2024.

This slight improvement will be short-lived, the report warned, due to the ongoing fighting and the sharp reduction of humanitarian and commercial flows since September. This is expected to push most of the population back into severe food insecurity and worsening levels of acute malnutrition during the coming winter.

“No humanitarian food supplies entered northern Gaza in the first two weeks of October, and only a few trucks reached the south and central areas, meaning the situation is likely far worse than what the assessment picked up when data was collected in September,” said Arif Husain, WFP’s Chief Economist. “Commercial supplies are down, there is large-scale displacement, infrastructure is decimated, agriculture has collapsed and people have no money. All this is reflected in the IPC’s projection that the situation will get worse from November onwards.”

Due to a shortage of food supplies, in September, WFP was only able to support half of the families it planned to reach, and with reduced rations. In October, WFP has been unable to conduct any food parcel distributions and supplies for its hot meal kitchens and bread production are running dangerously low.

The IPC report highlights that northern and central Gaza governorates, along with Rafah in the south, face a risk of famine between November 2024 and April 2025 if fighting continues and humanitarian and commercial supply lines remain severely restricted. The ongoing conflict in northern Gaza and Deir al-Balah suggests that the worst-case scenario is plausible, the report warned.

WFP has consistently called for crossing points to be open, bureaucratic impediments to be removed, and law and order to be restored around the crucial Kerem Shalom crossing point in Gaza’s south. It has also called for a halt to fighting to enable WFP and humanitarian agencies to respond adequately to the crisis.

“The small progress we have seen is a signal that the flow of humanitarian and commercial cargo into Gaza was working. But we are now in a very difficult situation. Without safe and sustained access, WFP cannot deliver lifesaving humanitarian assistance at the required scale,” Husain said.

For photos, click [here](https://multimedia.wfp.org/Share/68bd85768l35x00t7056fnvltjeppmm0?FR_=1&W=1142&H=574).

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