

## SITUATION UPDATE



*A mother with her triplets who were safely born at the International Medical Corps field hospital in Deir al Balah in June.*

The war in Gaza has had profound impacts, both within the territory and across the region. Inside Gaza, the conflict has caused widespread destruction, overwhelmed the healthcare system and led to a humanitarian crisis characterized by severe food shortages, limited access to clean water and almost 2 million people displaced from their homes at some point. The risk of regional spillover from the conflict remains high, with potentially devastating consequences.

Regionally, the war has already caused a surge in displaced people seeking refuge in neighboring countries like Lebanon, straining resources and escalating tensions within these nations. The closure of international shipping lanes has disrupted supply chains, hindering the delivery of vital humanitarian aid and essential goods, notably in Yemen, where 18 million people—about half the population—already are in need of assistance. Moreover, increased military activity and clashes are contributing to a climate of instability that complicates efforts to provide assistance to vulnerable populations throughout the region.

## International Medical Corps Regional Response

In 2023, International Medical Corps served more than 5 million people directly across the Middle East. In response to the war in Gaza, International Medical Corps has rapidly scaled up operations across Gaza and the West Bank, Lebanon, Syria and Yemen, providing a holistic, integrated and coordinated regional response.

### Gaza and the West Bank

International Medical Corps has operated in Gaza since 2008, focusing on health, child protection, gender-based violence (GBV) prevention and response, mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) and emergency preparedness. In January 2024, International Medical Corps deployed a 160-bed field hospital near Rafah in southern Gaza, which was later relocated to Al Mawasi. In May, International Medical Corps established a second 50-bed field hospital near Deir al Balah and moved the Al Mawasi operations there in June. The facility, which has been designated as the primary referral hospital in the region, provides surgical care for trauma, physical rehabilitation, comprehensive emergency obstetric and newborn care, advanced mental health services and more. It includes an emergency room, a Level 1 intensive-care unit, three operating theaters, a fully stocked pharmacy, X-ray and ultrasound machines, a laboratory and blood transfusion services.

### FAST FACTS

- The conflict in Gaza has profoundly affected the stability, security and humanitarian context across the region.

### OUR FOOTPRINT

- International Medical Corps delivers essential and lifesaving healthcare along with integrated humanitarian assistance across the Middle East, focusing on health, MHPSS, nutrition, protection and WASH programming.
- Last year, International Medical Corps' services within the region reached more than 5 million people.

### OUR RESPONSE

- In Gaza and the West Bank, Lebanon, Syria and Yemen, International Medical Corps has activated contingency plans to ensure service continuity and to support rapid expansion of programming.
- International Medical Corps currently has two fully functional field hospitals in Gaza that have served nearly 200,000 people since January.

In mid-July, as the number of mass casualty events surged and an influx of internally displaced persons (IDPs) from southern Gaza increased, International Medical Corps deployed a new hospital in the Al Zawaida area. This facility primarily focuses on outpatient services, offering primary healthcare, triage, first aid, stabilization and treatment for minor trauma. International Medical Corps operates both inpatient and emergency services around the clock, while essential outpatient services are available during daylight hours. The two hospitals, which together have more than 250 beds, also integrate nutrition, MHPSS, child protection, GBV, and water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) services, ensuring streamlined referrals for comprehensive care.

In addition to operating the field hospitals, International Medical Corps collaborates with two local organizations to deliver primary healthcare, wound care and physiotherapy services. Our team in Gaza now comprises 900 staff members and more than 1,000 volunteers. Since January, our hospitals have treated more than 195,663 people, performing 2,295 major and moderate surgeries and facilitating 2,536 births, including 529 caesarean sections. The hospitals have dispensed about 1,000 prescriptions daily, screened 70,767 people for malnutrition, and provided micronutrients to 29,505 people.

Additionally, International Medical Corps has supported 6,952 people with mental health services, reached 20,667 people with GBV prevention initiatives, and provided support to 17,104 children and caregivers. We have provided safe drinking water to 176,676 people and improved sanitation access for 86,964. Finally, in coordination with the World Health Organization, International Medical Corps vaccinated 8,776 children against polio at the Al-Zawaida hospital and through partner-run mobile medical units.

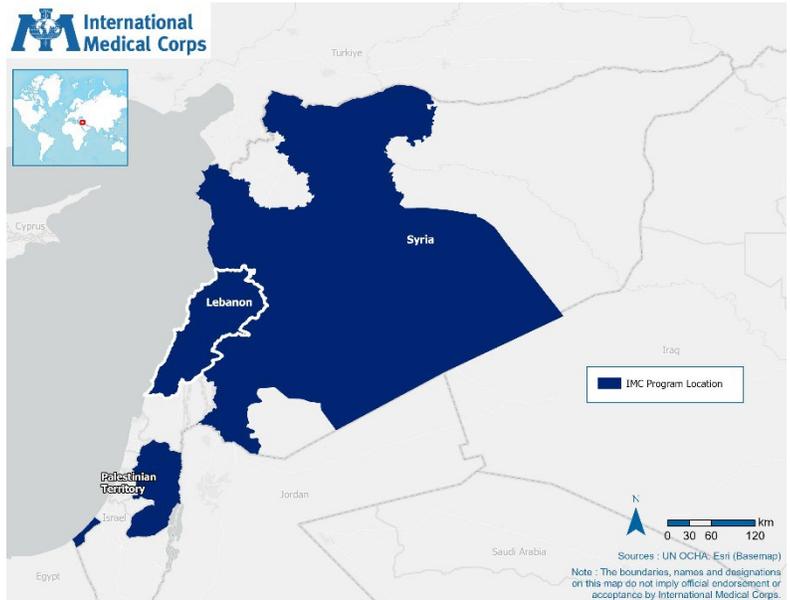
In the West Bank, International Medical Corps has focused on providing mental health and protection services, particularly for children and vulnerable groups, through partnerships with local organizations whose efforts include training healthcare workers and facilitating access to emergency and ongoing care. International Medical Corps has so far trained about 200 people in MHPSS as part of our capacity-building interventions. Additionally, through our partners, International Medical Corps has conducted 2,101 health consultations in Taybeh, provided GBV awareness sessions for 120 women and delivered psychosocial support to 3,429 people.

## Lebanon

In Lebanon, International Medical Corps has operated since 2006, supporting more than 50 healthcare facilities across Akkar, Beirut, Bekaa, Mount Lebanon, the South and Greater Tripoli. In 2023, International Medical Corps reached more than half a million people, working closely with the Ministry of Public Health to implement Lebanon's Primary Health Strategy. Our efforts prioritize universal health coverage, patient-centered care and equitable service delivery while advancing the integration of MHPSS into primary healthcare.

As conflict spread in the region last fall, International Medical Corps activated emergency response teams to ensure continuity of care for displaced populations, addressing their urgent needs through primary healthcare satellite units (PSUs) and outreach activities. In southern Lebanon, International Medical Corps focuses on maintaining care in 11 primary healthcare centers (PHCCs) and establishing PSUs to support IDPs. We also have integrated MHPSS services into the PSUs, and supply significant quantities of psychotropic medications to alleviate national shortages. Additionally, our GBV team is implementing a range of activities, including awareness sessions, GBV disclosure training for frontline staff, case management services and the distribution of dignity kits.

Since activating our emergency response, we have provided comprehensive health, and sexual and reproductive health, services to IDPs in seven temporary shelters, delivering 2,949 medical consultations. International Medical Corps has waived patient fees for 3,252 IDPs across Lebanon and conducted 1,862 health awareness-raising activities. We have distributed 431 kits with non-food items, carried out 549 psychological first aid (PFA) consultations and implemented PFA training for 272 participants from 80 organizations. International Medical Corps has also organized 350 GBV awareness sessions and conducted 45 GBV consultations. As part of our emergency response, we have donated medical supplies to three hospitals, prepositioned essential medical supplies and medications in PHCCs for both acute and chronic conditions, and we continue to provide consultations, medications, awareness sessions and referrals to nearby PHCCs through our PSUs.



## Syria

Since 2008, International Medical Corps has established a strong operational presence across eight Syrian governorates: Aleppo, Damascus, Dara'a, Hama, Homs, Latakia, Rural Damascus and Tartous. With this extensive footprint, International Medical Corps provides critical health, nutrition, MHPSS, child protection, GBV and WASH services to vulnerable populations.

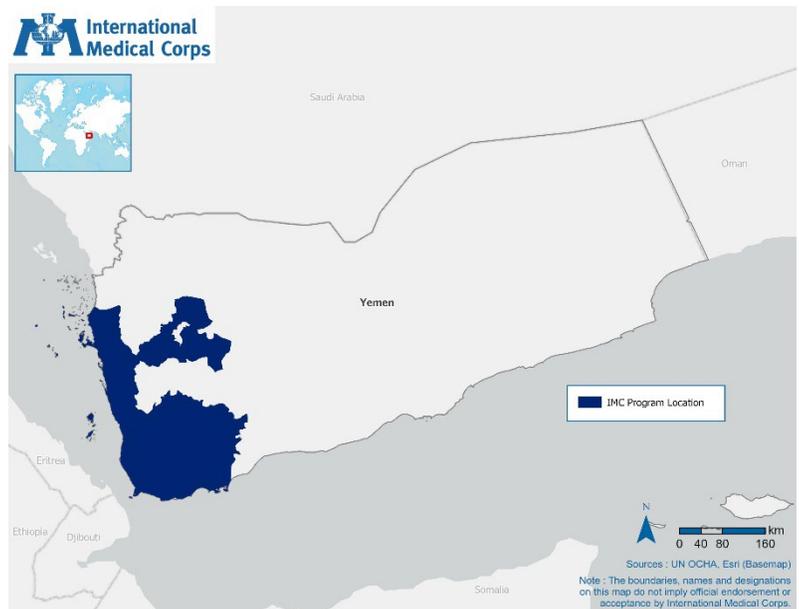
International Medical Corps delivers a range of health and nutrition services, including primary and secondary care, pediatric care, sexual and reproductive health and nutritional screenings. In MHPSS and protection, we offer case management, vocational skills training and psychosocial support, utilizing both International Medical Corps and public health facilities, women's and girls' safe spaces, family centers and community hubs. Our mobile medical teams also ensure that services reach people in hard-to-reach areas. From January to June 2024, we have provided 187,088 health consultations, supported 11,017 people with MHPSS services, provided nutrition services to 13,138 people, reached 6,971 people with protection services, and helped 4,591 people with WASH services.

The war in Gaza has had an immediate impact on southern Syria, particularly in Damascus, which has experienced airstrikes and rocket attacks. This current instability has prompted International Medical Corps to initiate contingency plans, and to identify potentially affected areas, necessary services and funding requirements to ensure the continuity of existing operations while developing new activities to address the most pressing needs.

## Yemen

International Medical Corps' humanitarian work in Yemen started in 2012 and currently focuses on providing integrated health, WASH, nutrition, MHPSS, child protection and GBV services to a population of approximately 700,000 across seven governorates: Aden, Al Dhale'e, Hodeidah, Ibb, Lahj, Sana'a and Taiz, covering both north and south Yemen.

International Medical Corps' health and nutrition services include primary healthcare, sexual and reproductive health, referrals for secondary care and nutritional screenings, with a focus on children under 5 and on pregnant and lactating women. Food assistance, community outreach through mobile medical units and education via volunteers are also key components. International Medical Corps delivers integrated WASH services, such as water system repairs at supported health facilities, distribution of hygiene kits and water trucking when necessary. Protection and MHPSS services are embedded within supported facilities, offering case management, women's and girls' safe spaces, and counseling services. Across all sectors, International Medical Corps works closely with healthcare staff to strengthen skills and processes, ensuring high-quality services and the sustainability of interventions. From January to June 2024, the Yemen team has reached 354,522 people (two-thirds of them female), provided 2,842 vaccinations, conducted 161,074 health consultations, supported 2,149 people with MHPSS services, 71,535 people with nutrition and 82,812 people with WASH services.



The Gaza conflict has had a ripple effect in Yemen, notably through the disruption of international shipping lanes, which has delayed the delivery of critical medical and nutrition supplies. In response, our Yemen team has increased its procurement of buffer stock to prevent service interruptions, and is continuing to closely monitor the situation, implementing contingency plans to maintain ongoing operations and address emerging needs.