

SITUATION UPDATE



International Medical Corps' community screenings for malnutrition in Gaza have reached more than 70,000 children under 5.

The war in the Middle East has now continued for more than a year—culminating in unprecedented levels of death and devastation and widespread instability across the region. Approximately 1.9 million Gazans have been displaced, and access to essential services has been severely restricted.¹ The conflict has spread to surrounding countries, including Lebanon, Syria and Yemen, leading to the further loss of civilian lives, injuries and displacement.

International Medical Corps Response

In 2023, International Medical Corps provided direct services to more than 5 million people across the Middle East. In response to conflict across the region, International Medical Corps has rapidly scaled up operations across Gaza and the West Bank, Lebanon, Syria and Yemen, providing a holistic, integrated and coordinated response.

Gaza and the West Bank

The humanitarian situation in Gaza continues to worsen, with September seeing the lowest volume of commercial and humanitarian supplies entering the Strip since March of this year. Four new evacuation orders have displaced more than 70,000 people and affected dozens of humanitarian facilities, including the Indonesian Hospital, Kamal Adwan Hospital and Al Awda Hospital, further restricting humanitarian aid. Following the evacuation orders, International Medical Corps continued to adjust our response plan, to ensure the continuity of care despite new waves of displacement and additional strikes.

FAST FACTS

- In more than a year of conflict, at least 42,344 Palestinians have been killed and more than 99,000 Palestinians have been injured, according to OCHA.
- Hundreds of thousands of people and dozens of humanitarian facilities have been affected by expanded military operations and new evacuation orders in Gaza.
- In Lebanon, 2,483 deaths and 11,628 injuries have been reported due to the ongoing conflict.
- 341,849 Syrian nationals and 144,830 Lebanese citizens have been documented crossing into Syria.

OUR FOOTPRINT

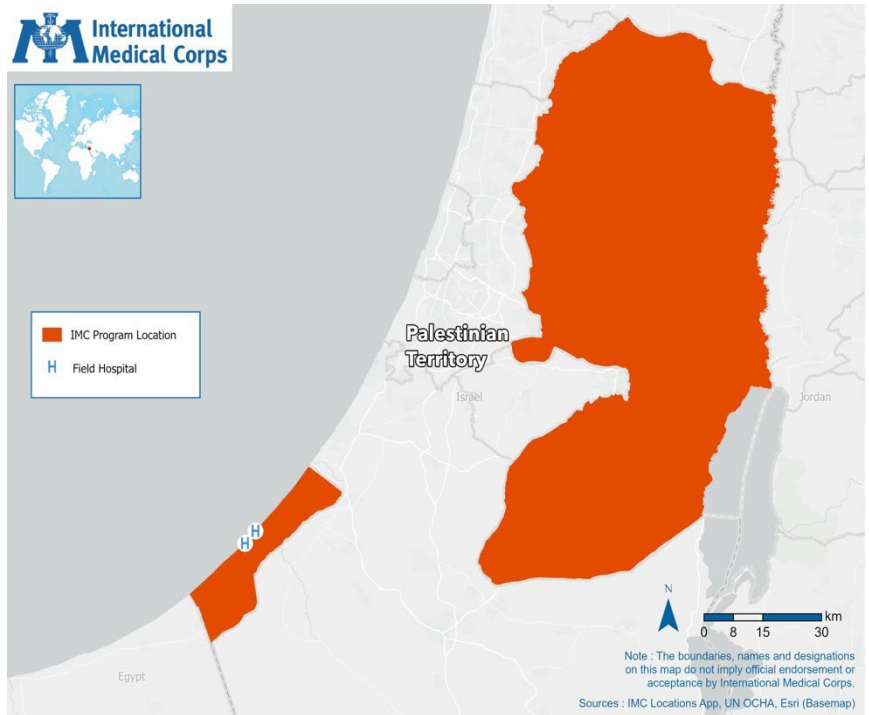
- In Gaza, International Medical Corps operates two field hospitals with nearly 1,000 staff in Deir Al Balah and Al Zawaida.
- In Lebanon, International Medical Corps' 288 national staff members support 53 primary healthcare centers (PHCCs) and has deployed 42 primary healthcare satellite units (PSUs).
- In Syria, our 237 staff members provide services through 10 mobile medical teams (MMTs) and two PHCCs.
- In Yemen, our 159 staff members serve communities in eight of the country's 23 governorates, working from four field offices.

OUR RESPONSE

- International Medical Corps has performed more than 7,000 surgeries and delivered more than 2,500 babies at our field hospitals in Gaza.
- The 42 PSUs we are operating in Lebanon have visited 123 shelters and delivered 5,245 consultations to internally displaced persons in the past month.
- In response to the influx of displaced persons in Syria, we have implemented health and MHPSS services in two shelters and have deployed a mobile medical clinic in Latakia.
- In Yemen, we have reached more than 354,000 people with essential services in the first six months of 2024.

¹ <https://www.usip.org/publications/2024/10/year-after-october-7-middle-east-crisis-has-no-end-sight>

International Medical Corps currently has two field hospitals located in central Gaza: one in Deir al Balah and one in Al Zawaida, which together can accommodate up to 250 beds. The Deir al Balah facility specializes in lifesaving surgical trauma care and offers a range of additional services, including physical rehabilitation, comprehensive emergency obstetric and newborn care, nutrition, mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS), child protection, gender-based violence (GBV) prevention and support, and water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) services. The Al Zawaida location, which initially focused on outpatient care, has recently expanded to include inpatient capacity for post-operative care, sexual and reproductive health (SRH), pediatrics, orthopedics, surgical consultations, pulmonology/cardiology and psychiatric services. The Al Zawaida site also acts as a hub for our multi-sectoral activities, with designated areas for our child-friendly spaces under child protection, a women and girls' safe space (WGSS) for providing GBV services, and individual and group counselling spaces for MHPSS and nutrition.



Since the opening of our first field hospital near Rafah in January, our teams have reached more than 218,000 people with comprehensive healthcare services. Our field hospitals are operating 24 hours per day, seven days per week. As one of the top trauma care providers in Gaza, we are seeing as many as 2,000 patients per day and regularly responding to mass casualty events. Patient numbers can spike dramatically during these events, with daily surgeries sometimes doubling—requiring extensive pre- and post-operative resources. Currently, our teams are performing an average of 45 surgeries per day. This number has been limited based on the availability of critical pharmaceuticals, supplies and equipment. To date, we have performed more than 7,000 surgeries, including 2,451 major and moderate surgeries, with a 98% success rate; provided services to more than 5,700 inpatients, with an average stay of approximately seven days; provided antenatal and postnatal care services to more than 7,900 women; and delivered more than 2,500 babies.

International Medical Corps' nutritional programs have screened more than 21,000 children under 5 within our facilities for malnutrition, and more than 70,000 children through community screenings. We have also provided hot meals to nearly 34,000 people, and identified and treated more than 1,000 cases of moderate acute malnutrition and 452 cases of severe acute malnutrition with ready-to-use therapeutic food and micronutrient supplementation. We also have delivered MHPSS services to more than 13,000 people, including individual mental health counseling sessions for more than 2,000 people and awareness-raising sessions—on topics such as stress management and coping with grief—for more than 4,000 people. Our child protection initiatives have included hosting more than 10,000 children in our child-friendly space—where children can socialize and access mental health resources—and providing psychological first aid (PFA) to nearly 6,500 children.

In the West Bank, International Medical Corps is providing MHPSS capacity-building activities and services for vulnerable populations through our partnerships with local organizations. So far, we have trained 284 people in MHPSS topics, including detection and referral, PFA and self-care. Through local partners, we have provided 3,594 health consultations, responded to 2,099



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helpline calls, provided GBV and psychosocial support (PSS) awareness-raising sessions for 427 women and delivered PSS activities to 3,622 people.

Lebanon

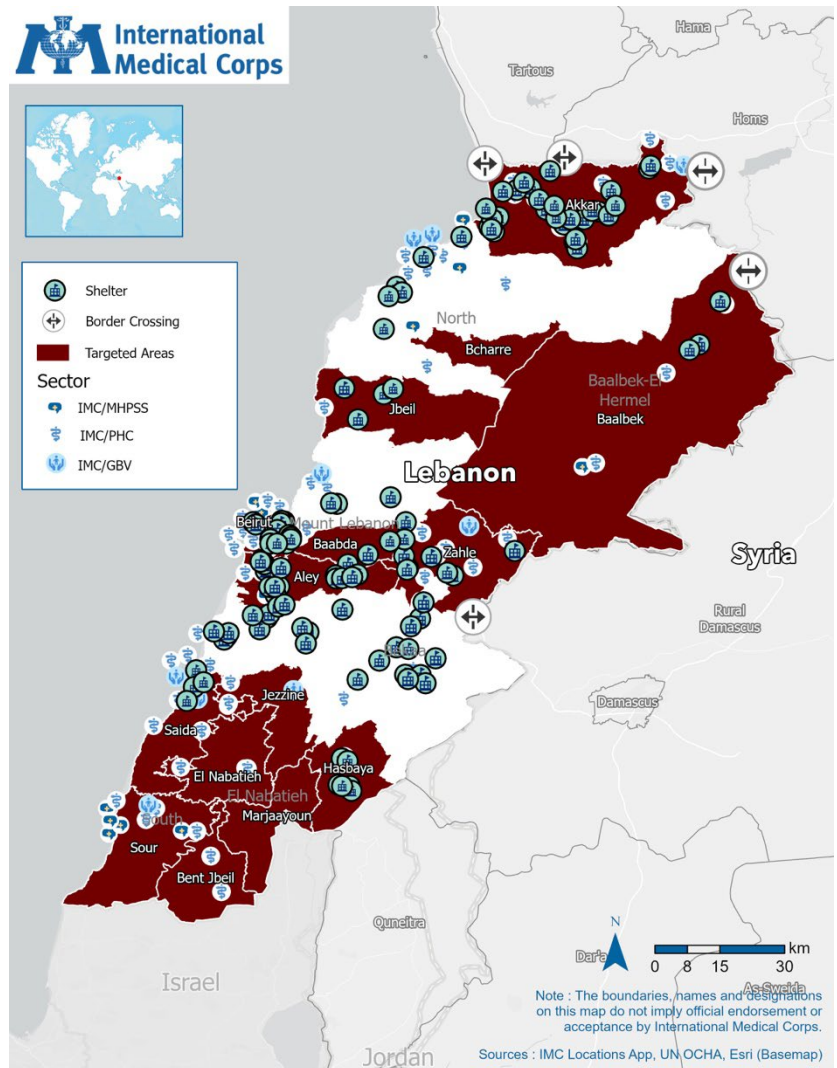
Lebanon's humanitarian crisis is rapidly worsening as airstrikes and displacement orders extend into additional regions, including densely populated areas, further damaging critical infrastructure and increasing civilian vulnerability. The number of casualties is increasing, with Lebanon's Ministry of Public Health (MoPH) reporting 2,483 deaths and 11,628 injuries due to conflict. Since October 8, 2023, there have been approximately 47 attacks on healthcare facilities, resulting in the deaths of 95 on-duty healthcare workers and 77 injuries. In response to the increasing community needs, 1,094 shelters have been established, with 901 of these shelters having reached their full capacity. 191,912 internally displaced persons (IDPs)—comprising 44,806 families—have been registered in these shelters.²

In response to the deteriorating situation and escalating needs in Lebanon, International Medical Corps has since September 23 conducted 51,280 consultations at the primary healthcare centers (PHCCs) we support, including 11,309 consultations provided to IDPs. International Medical Corps currently supports 53 facilities in Lebanon, 46 of which are currently operational. We also have donated medical supplies and equipment to 39 health facilities to bolster their operational capacity. We have extended our health services to shelters through 42 primary healthcare satellite units (PSUs), where we have delivered 7,666 consultations to IDPs, including 396 reproductive health consultations. We have provided 7,023 IDPs with essential acute and chronic medications following the PSU consultations. We have identified 176 suspected diseases with outbreak potential, and have referred these cases to the MoPH for further investigation. Furthermore, we have conducted awareness-raising sessions for 1,081 people across various communities, covering such topics as hygiene promotion, nutrition for pregnant and lactating women (PLW), and infant and young-child feeding (IYCF). We have facilitated the referral of 25 patients to hospitals for specialized services, helped 574 IDPs from shelters access services at our supported PHCCs and immunized 188 children. Out of the 179 shelters designated for our supported PHCCs, our PSUs have visited 145.

We have distributed 3,433 hygiene kits, which include family hygiene kits, menstrual hygiene kits and baby kits. We have provided guidance on IYCF to 852 caregivers of children aged 0–59 months, have screened 882 children under 5 and 172 PLWs for malnutrition, and distributed 222 micronutrient supplements to 74 children. We also have provided 11 IDPs residing in shelters with assistive devices tailored to special needs, including hearing aids and diapers.

International Medical Corps has begun providing coverage of secondary care services for patients referred from PHCCs and shelters, including such services as deliveries for normal and high-risk pregnancies, emergency care, and hospitalizations for children under 5 diagnosed with acute malnutrition or other acute conditions. We have financially supported emergency services for six patients and hospitalization for three children, in addition to covering the cost of delivery of one high-risk pregnancy.

Our case workers and social workers have facilitated GBV awareness sessions for 1,270 IDPs, conducted 52 GBV consultations and provided 105 non-GBV consultations. We have conducted 375 PFA sessions, delivered emergency

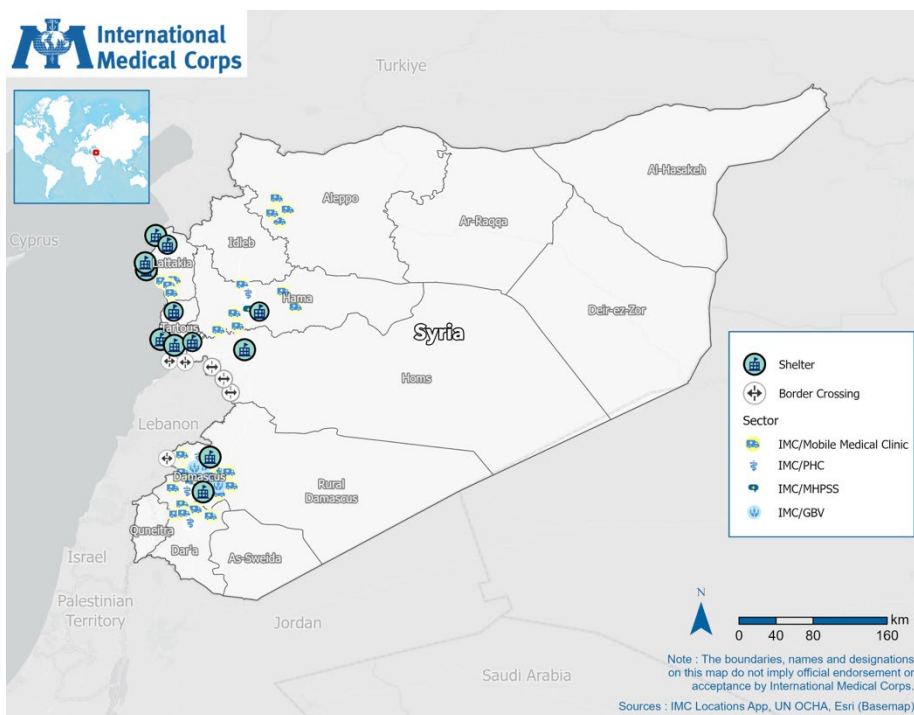


² <https://drmlc.com/portal/apps/sites/#/daily-situation-report>

cash assistance for three GBV survivors, linked 52 people to other services and distributed 122 dignity kits for women and girls among IDPs in the southern region. Outside of the collective shelters, we have supported the affected population and IDPs by providing remote services and welcoming IDPs into our WGSS. Through the WGSS, we have conducted 21 PFA sessions, GBV awareness sessions for 122 participants, 48 non-GBV consultations and three GBV consultations. As part of our MHPSS initiatives integrated into the PSUs, since the escalation of the crisis our mental health social workers and case managers have conducted 1,468 PFA consultations through PSU visits to 49 shelters. Our teams have referred 174 cases requiring specialized mental health consultations to case management teams based in PHCCs, with provisions for remote consultations when necessary. We also continue to facilitate MHPSS training sessions in collaboration with the National Mental Health Program, while supporting two training-of-trainers sessions focused on PFA, to meet the high demand among various frontline workers and organizations, emphasizing the safe identification and referral to MHPSS services.

Syria

In Syria—a country already left vulnerable by 14 years of conflict and crisis—humanitarian conditions are deteriorating, particularly for the more than 7 million people already displaced from their homes and the recent arrivals affected by the violence in Lebanon. Since the onset of this crisis, more than 486,000 people—341,849 of whom are Syrian nationals and 144,830 Lebanese citizens—have crossed into Syria. The impacts of economic difficulties, climate change, communicable disease outbreaks, reduced humanitarian funding and a lack of basic services have been compounded by the regional conflict.³ In response to growing needs, the number of hosting centers in Syria has seen a substantial rise, with more than 40 centers now established throughout Damascus, Rural Damascus, Hama, Homs, Latakia and Tartous. As of October 5, almost 2,000 vulnerable Lebanese families—about 10,000 individuals—are being housed in these centers, particularly in the Homs region. In rural Damascus, the Harjeley hosting center is currently accommodating 220 Lebanese families.



International Medical Corps provides a range of services in Syria, including primary and secondary care, pediatric care, MHPSS services, sexual and reproductive health, and nutritional screenings. To enhance the effectiveness of our response, we have deployed four out of our 12 mobile medical teams (MMTs) in Syria—one MMT has been deployed in Homs, one in Latakia, one in Damascus (Muhajireen and Mleha), and one in Rural Damascus (Sit Zainab)—to ensure sufficient service delivery in these areas. The MMT deployed to Sid Zainab is responding to a significant influx of 2,984 families (approximately 12,800 individuals), primarily consisting of Lebanese nationals. From October 7–21, we have reached more than 1,600 people with essential health services, conducting a total of 1,850 consultations to address their immediate healthcare needs, and 62 MHPSS consultations.

Yemen

The expansion of the conflict has reached Yemen, which has been struck by a number of airstrikes from military aircraft and warships.⁴ The effects of these attacks have been exacerbated by the decade-old civil war, widespread hunger, disease and poverty that have left more than 18 million Yemenis in need of humanitarian aid.

³ <https://reliefweb.int/report/syrian-arab-republic/whole-syrian-arab-republic-public-health-situation-analysis-phsa-14-october-2024>

⁴ <https://www.theguardian.com/world/video/2024/oct/04/smoke-rises-from-yemen-after-us-airstrikes-hit-houthi-targets-video>

International Medical Corps provides integrated health, WASH, nutrition, MHPSS, child protection and GBV services across seven governorates in north and south Yemen. In the first six months of 2024, we reached 354,522 people, two thirds of them women. We have provided vaccinations to 2,842 people, health consultations to 161,074 and MHPSS services for 2,149. We have supported 71,535 people through nutritional assistance and 82,812 people with WASH services, and helped manage 11,442 cases of acute watery diarrhea across supported health facilities since the outbreak was declared in October 2023.

Given the recent extension of the conflict into Yemen, we have updated our contingency plans and enhanced procurement of buffer stock to prevent service interruptions.

