



Surgeons perform a procedure in the operating theater at the International Medical Corps field hospital in Deir Al Balah.

It has been nearly 19 months since the start of the conflict in Gaza. Ongoing intense attacks from air, land and sea across much of the region have resulted in civilian casualties, mass displacement and the destruction of civilian infrastructure. Nearly 90% of Gaza's 2.3 million people have been displaced, with central Gaza and Khan Younis sheltering approximately 1.9 million Palestinians. More than 52,600 Palestinians have been killed and almost 119,000 injured.¹

International Medical Corps Response

International Medical Corps is delivering critical, lifesaving services across Gaza through our field hospitals in Deir Al Balah and Al Zawaida. Despite ongoing mass displacement, closed borders and escalating hostilities, we have maintained 24/7 trauma care, emergency obstetric services and inpatient capacity while providing surgical operations, neonatal intensive care and outpatient consultations. Through integrated programming in health, mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS), nutrition, services related to violence against women and girls, child protection, and water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH), we have reached more than 441,420 civilians since January 2024. Our field hospitals have remained key referral hubs for central and southern Gaza, with operations continuously adjusted to respond to shifting humanitarian needs.

We continue to operate core services in Deir Al Balah while remaining ready to scale up both bed capacity and staffing at our Deir Al Balah and Al Zawaida sites. We currently have 80 inpatient beds, with the flexibility to expand to 200 as needed. We also maintain four operating theaters, two of which are currently active.

Though we have paused plans to establish a second field hospital in northern Gaza due to ongoing violence, we continue to explore alternative options to provide health services through partnerships with the Ministry of Health and local actors operating in Gaza City.

FAST FACTS

- As of April 30, approximately **1.9** million people—about **90%** of Gaza's population—have been displaced from their homes due to ongoing hostilities, seeking shelter primarily in Al Mawasi and central Gaza.
- As a result of the conflict, more than **56,600** Palestinians have been killed in Gaza, and almost **119,000** injured.

OUR FOOTPRINT

- International Medical Corps has worked in Gaza since 2008.
- Leveraging our experience providing health, protection, disaster risk-reduction, and water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) services across Gaza, we have rapidly expanded health, protection, nutrition and WASH activities in response to the crisis.

OUR RESPONSE

- Since the opening of the Rafah field hospital in January 2024, followed by Deir Al Balah in April and Al Zawaida in June 2024, International Medical Corps and partners have provided more than **416,366** outpatient consultations to civilians.
- As of April 30, we had performed **12,371** surgeries at the Deir Al Balah hospital.
- We are providing inpatient and emergency services 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and providing essential outpatient services during daylight hours.

¹ <https://reliefweb.int/report/occupied-palestinian-territory/reported-impact-snapshot-gaza-strip-7-may-2025-1500>

In response to the shifts in the conflict in late April, Khan Younis has witnessed a substantial influx of displaced people, which has further overcrowded central Gaza and overwhelmed the already-fragile health system. With only three field hospitals operating in Khan Younis as of April 20 to serve an estimated population exceeding 590,000, International Medical Corps is working to establish a new field health facility in the area. The facility will offer essential daytime primary healthcare services, including outpatient consultations, laboratory diagnostics and chronic disease management, targeting both displaced and host communities. It will also include a 24-hour trauma stabilization point with a capacity of 16 beds to manage trauma cases, and provide emergency stabilization prior to referral to specialized hospitals, including International Medical Corps-supported facilities.

This expansion reflects our commitment to delivering flexible, needs-based health interventions and bridging critical service gaps amid continued conflict and limited access to care across Gaza.

Health. Our field hospital located in Deir Al Balah offers critical emergency and surgical services, while our field hospital in Al Zawaida functions as a comprehensive outpatient department. At Deir Al Balah, the emergency room—equipped with 12 beds, four of which are designated for critical cases—manages an average of 100 to 120 patients daily. A significant portion of these are high-acuity cases, with 9% categorized as red, 46% as yellow and 45% as green triage. The inpatient department, which has 22 beds for females and 35 for males, admits an average of 26 patients daily, many of whom require surgical care in either general or orthopedic surgery.

As of April 30, surgeons at the Deir Al Balah hospital have provided 12,371 operations in two fully functional operating theatres around the clock, conducting approximately 26 surgeries per day, including 2,618 major, 5,464 moderate and 4,289 minor procedures. Our Level 2 ICU is equipped with six beds and supports the surgical services, having admitted almost 12,500 patients so far. In addition, we provide full maternity care 24/7, encompassing pre-labor, labor and post-labor wards. The maternity unit has so far handled 5,579 deliveries, of which 1,171 were cesarean sections. The hospital also includes physiotherapy, X-ray and a primary laboratory ensure a holistic approach to patient care.

The Al Zawaida field hospital offers a wide range of outpatient services, serving approximately 500 patients daily. Clinics include general medicine, pediatrics, orthopedics, general surgery, ENT, cardiology, pulmonology, nutrition, vaccination, physiotherapy, and maternal and newborn health, as well as X-ray, lab and wound-dressing services. Despite the overwhelming challenges and the difficult conditions, International Medical Corps remains committed to delivering healthcare with dignity, compassion, equity and a patient-centered approach to civilians during this critical time.

Child Protection. Since January 2024, we have provided comprehensive and effective response to the needs of 26,528 children and caregivers (14,925 females and 11,603 males) affected by the conflict. Our response focused on delivering a range of psychosocial services, including psychological first aid (PFA) for 14,847 children, case management for 401 children from the most vulnerable groups and individual counseling sessions for 415 children suffering from trauma symptoms.

We also have carried out non-structured activities in child-friendly spaces, benefiting 10,318 children who had the opportunity to participate in recreational and expressive activities that have helped with emotional release and enhanced their sense of safety. We also have conducted awareness sessions that have benefitted 11,958 caregivers, covering child protection topics and the psychological indicators associated with exposure to trauma.

The team has handled a variety of cases, including children suffering from psychosocial distress, health issues, disabilities and physical injuries, as well as cases of family separation, child labor, physical abuse, mental health problems, unaccompanied minors and survivors of sexual violence or exploitation.

These interventions have enhanced the psychosocial well-being of children and their families, and helped build a safer and more supportive environment that facilitates recovery and the restoration of a sense of stability.

MHPSS. Since January 2024, the MHPSS team has provided comprehensive services tailored to the need of Gazan civilians, reaching 12,344 civilians as of April 30.

During April 2025, the MHPSS team in the Deir Al Balah field hospital delivered 890 individual services, including PFA for 92 people, 221 mental health case-management (MHCM) sessions, 512 mental health consultations, and MHPSS prevention and promotion activities that reached 65 people.



A staff member engages with a child who is a patient at International Medical Corps' field hospital in Deir Al Balah.

Recent clinical reviews showed that 49% of our MHCM beneficiaries met full criteria for anxiety disorders—mainly acute post-traumatic stress disorder and generalized anxiety disorder—while 27% were in the acute stage of major depressive disorder, with several exhibiting suicidal ideation or recent attempts.

The escalation in bombardments, lack of food and water, and more than two months of aid restrictions have severely worsened psychological distress among civilians. Fear, anxiety and emotional exhaustion are widespread. In response, the MHPSS team is expanding its services to our Al Zawaida field hospital to meet growing needs.

Violence Against Women and Girls. In response to the urgent needs of vulnerable civilians in Gaza, particularly women and girls, we continue to implement both prevention and response activities across multiple locations. As of April 30, International Medical Corps had provided awareness sessions to 35,288 people in Deir Al Balah and Al Zawaida. These sessions focused on the consequences of violence against women and girls, available services and the importance of community support in facilitating survivors' access to care from International Medical Corps and other actors.

In a key development, our Women's and Girls' Safe Space (WGSS) in Al Zawaida field hospital has been successfully reopened, and case management services are now available at both field hospitals, ensuring consistent case management support on-site. The team continues to receive new cases daily, in addition to following up with existing survivors, ensuring that all consenting individuals are provided with appropriate care and referrals.

International Medical Corps provides PFA sessions inside and outside the field hospitals and continues to offer full case management support, referring some cases for extra services when needed. The team uses an integrated approach by offering services both in health facilities and in WGSS, which helps to improve access and impact. International Medical Corps also is active in coordination and referral systems to make sure survivors can receive complete support. Internal referrals between International Medical Corps teams like nutrition, WASH, mental health, child protection and health have helped to strengthen collaboration. This survivor-centered approach shows International Medical Corps' strong commitment to protecting and supporting women and girls at risk of violence.

Nutrition. As of April 30, International Medical Corps' nutrition team had screened 91,098 children under 5 and 32,416 pregnant and lactating women for malnutrition, providing them with essential nutritional support through our integrated nutrition program. We distributed micronutrient supplementation to 45,395 children under 5 and pregnant and lactating women, reached 30,451 people with educational sessions about infant and young child feeding practices, and provided 368 children with ready-to-use infant formula.

International Medical Corps Nutrition team identified and treated 3,296 cases of moderate acute malnutrition and 594 cases of severe acute malnutrition among children under 5, and admitted 125 children to stabilization centers for inpatient care.

WASH. International Medical Corps continued providing comprehensive WASH services, including water supply, sanitation, hygiene promotion, distribution of hygiene kits and waste management. The service included supplying enough potable water—an average of 18,500 liters daily—for patient care, sanitation and infection control, along with regular water-quality monitoring.

Sanitation services included 41 units with a regular cleaning and disinfection schedule, equipped with handwashing stations. The team managed an average of 80 kg of medical waste per day, following proper collection, segregation and disposal procedures. We also continued hygiene-promotion sessions continued in the field hospitals, focusing on improving hand hygiene practices. Finally, International Medical Corps continued to deliver and distribute 200,000 liters of safe drinking water daily to conflict-affected communities and displaced people located in central and southern Gaza, including Al Nuseirat, Deir Al Balah and Khan Younis.



A staff member provides specialized mental health and psychosocial support services for a patient at our field hospital in Deir Al Balah.



Premature baby Wateen was admitted to our field hospital in Deir Al Balah at 33 weeks with respiratory distress and low birth weight. We provided neonatal intensive care, physiotherapy, nutritional support and daily follow-up until her discharge 53 days later.