

Gaza & West Bank



The ongoing conflict in Gaza has left nearly all of its 2.1 million residents in need of humanitarian assistance.

Violence and air strikes across the region have displaced more than 90% of the population and destroyed critical infrastructure.

International Medical Corps has operated in Gaza since 2008. Before the conflict escalated in October 2023, our work focused on emergency preparedness, coordination and delivery of primary and secondary healthcare, mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS), child protection (CP) and services to address violence against women and girls (VAWG).

In January 2024, we deployed our first field hospital in Gaza, near Rafah. As fighting intensified and shifted in the region,

we relocated operations several times before consolidating our operations in central Gaza, in Deir al-Balah, in June 2024. We have since opened a second field hospital nearby, in Al-Zawaida. Together, the two field hospitals offer some 250 beds and provide integrated health, nutrition, water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH), MHPSS, CP and VAWG services to as many as 2,000 civilians per day. We provide 24/7 trauma care and surgical operations, rehabilitation, emergency obstetric services, neonatal intensive care, inpatient care, nutrition services, clean water and advanced mental health services.

As a key provider of trauma care in Gaza, International Medical Corps plays a critical role during mass-casualty events, when patient volumes surge and surgeries often double, requiring significant pre- and post-operative resources to civilians in the region.



PRIMARY HEALTHCARE

Our field hospitals and local partners provide comprehensive primary healthcare services—including outpatient consultations, prevention and treatment of communicable and noncommunicable diseases, routine immunizations, child health, and maternal and reproductive health services—to displaced civilians across Gaza. Our hospitals match Level 4 primary health center standards, offering trauma and emergency care within primary services.

SECONDARY HEALTHCARE

The two field hospitals directly deliver secondary healthcare services. The Deir al-Balah facility primarily focuses on trauma care, providing emergency services, surgical interventions and comprehensive maternal and reproductive health services. It has an emergency room, four fully functioning operating theaters, a Level 2 intensive-care unit (ICU) and neonatal ICU, a laboratory, a pharmacy, a blood bank and a radiology department with basic X-ray imaging and ultrasound. The Al-Zawaida hospital primarily functions as a fully integrated outpatient clinic, offering primary healthcare, immunizations, mental health consultations and physiotherapy services, though during surge events it provides comprehensive inpatient services.

Working with local partners, we train health staff in patient safety, and infection prevention and control (IPC) practices. We also provide critical medical supplies and equipment to local partners and free medicine to vulnerable patients.

PHYSIOTHERAPY AND WOUND CARE

Both field hospitals offer wound care and physiotherapy for inpatients and outpatients, supporting recovery and mobility. We help regional partners deliver home-based physiotherapy and advanced wound-management care at the community level for patients with complex needs, such as severe trauma injuries, diabetic foot ulcers and amputations.

NUTRITION

We address the nutritional needs of vulnerable civilians through comprehensive, facility-based interventions targeting children under 5, pregnant and lactating women and others at risk of acute malnutrition.

We conduct regular screenings and offer clinical management of moderate and severe acute malnutrition within our health facilities. We treat severe cases in our stabilization centers and manage uncomplicated cases through our outpatient therapeutic program. To prevent malnutrition in high-risk groups, we implement a blanket supplementary feeding program onsite.

We also offer specialized nutrition care, including assessments and individualized therapeutic plans, for pediatric and adult inpatients. Our infant and young-child feeding services include assessments, counseling and access to a specialized mother-baby space. Additionally, we support recovery and well-being by providing ready-to-eat meals to inpatients.

WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE

We provide essential WASH services to health facilities and lifesaving support to civilians. Our technical experts lead the design, construction and maintenance of critical WASH infrastructure, which includes reliable water-supply systems with desalination and backup units; accessible sanitation facilities, including toilets, showers and handwashing stations; and comprehensive waste-management systems covering medical and general waste through segregation, safe disposal and incineration. We also provide onsite laundry services and environmental cleaning aligned with IPC standards.

We raise awareness of handwashing, safe waste storage and waterborne-disease prevention through hygiene-promotion activities. In emergencies, we deliver safe water to displaced communities through multiple distribution points—ensuring safe, dignified and continuous care in challenging environments.

MENTAL HEALTH AND PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT

Our MHPSS interventions strengthen social connectedness and promote positive coping strategies amid the ongoing conflict. We deliver comprehensive, multi-tiered MHPSS services aligned with the Inter-Agency Standing Committee (IASC) pyramid and the World Health Organization's Mental Health Gap Action Program. We provide MHPSS services through a multidisciplinary team of psychiatrists, psychologists and psychosocial workers who support those experiencing distress and mental, neurological and substance-use conditions.

Group sessions use such tools as Self-Help Plus and "Doing What Matters in Times of Stress," as well as peer-support activities to strengthen coping skills and build social connections. Community prevention and promotion activities include psychoeducation, stigma reduction, healing ceremonies and awareness sessions, in our hospitals and through outreach.

We help local healthcare workers, volunteers and partner organizations integrate MHPSS into existing systems, ensuring a full continuum of care across all four tiers of the IASC MHPSS pyramid.





CHILD PROTECTION

Since establishing our field hospitals, we have expanded our CP interventions to include structured and unstructured psychosocial activities in the child-friendly space. The CP team provides case management, counseling, psychological first aid (PFA), and parenting and awareness sessions to build resilience and strengthen coping.

Children in inpatient care receive daily psychosocial support, including during medical procedures. The team also supports unaccompanied and separated children through structured case management. Our comprehensive approach works to reduce CP risks and ensure a safe, supportive environment that upholds children's rights and dignity.

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS

Recognizing the needs of vulnerable women and girls in conflict-affected settings, we provide awareness sessions, PFA, individual support sessions and targeted interventions to educate the community on how to recognize, prevent and report VAWG. Through specialized case management, we connect survivors to medical care and psychosocial support.

We integrate MHPSS, CP and VAWG-related services with medical care to provide holistic assistance. Our Protection teams coordinate referrals internally and externally, and provide protection training for our staff and partners.

To further support women and girls, we operate women's and girls' safe spaces (WGSS), offering safe environments for information, social support and skills training. Our WGSS activities build resilience, promote well-being and reduce the risk of VAWG through survivor-centered programming.



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A pre-eminent first responder since 1984, International Medical Corps delivers emergency medical and related services to those affected by conflict, disaster and disease—no matter where they are or the conditions. We also train people in their communities, equipping them with the skills to recover, achieve self-reliance and become effective first responders themselves.

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