



Gaza

The conflict in Gaza has left nearly all of its 2.1 million residents in need of humanitarian assistance. Violence across the Gaza Strip have displaced more than 90% of the population and destroyed critical infrastructure, with more than 90% of hospitals suffering either partial or total damage.

International Medical Corps has operated in Gaza since 2008, focusing on emergency preparedness, coordination and delivery of primary and secondary healthcare, mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS), child protection (CP), nutrition, and water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) services, as well as services to address violence against women and girls (VAWG).

International Medical Corps deployed its first field hospital in Rafah in January 2024, in response to the conflict there. As fighting intensified, we relocated several times before consolidating our operations in central Gaza in June 2024. Today, we run three field hospitals in Gaza, in the central and northern regions, along with two multi-purpose centers in the north and south where we provide extended primary healthcare, MHPSS, CP, VAWG and WASH services.



Our maternity departments work on approximately **150 maternal and newborn health cases**—many of them high-risk—every day.

We provide 24/7 trauma care, surgeries, outpatient consultations, rehabilitation support, emergency obstetric services, neonatal intensive care, routine immunizations, inpatient care, and disease prevention and treatment support.

As a leading provider of trauma care, we play a critical role during mass-casualty events, when patient volumes surge and surgical needs often double, placing significant demands on pre- and post-operative care services. We provide rehabilitation services, including physical therapy, wound care, MHPSS and nutrition support.

Primary Healthcare

Our field hospitals and multi-purpose centers together provide comprehensive primary healthcare services—including outpatient consultations, disease prevention and treatment, routine immunizations, and maternal and newborn healthcare—to displaced populations across Gaza. The hospitals are classified as Level 4 primary healthcare centers.

Secondary Healthcare

Our field hospitals directly provide secondary healthcare services. Our hospital in central Gaza focuses primarily on internal medicine and on comprehensive maternal and newborn health services. It has an emergency room, an operating theater and a neonatal intensive-care unit (NICU), supported by a laboratory, a pharmacy, a blood bank and a radiology department.



Nutrition

We provide integrated nutrition services through 10 sites at the community and facility levels. These services include malnutrition screening, outpatient therapeutic programs, targeted supplementary-feeding programs, blanket supplementary-feeding programs, infant and young-child feeding (IYCF) programs and a stabilization center.

Regular screening enables early identification and treatment of acute malnutrition. We provide clinical nutrition support to pediatric and adult inpatients through assessments, therapeutic nutrition plans, counseling and monitoring. Our IYCF programming includes counseling, support groups, cooking demonstrations and mother-baby spaces that promote safe infant-feeding practices. We also provide therapeutic and ready-to-eat meals to inpatients.



Mental Health and Psychosocial Support

Our MHPSS work strengthens social connections and promotes positive coping strategies through comprehensive, multi-tiered MHPSS services aligned with the Inter-Agency Standing Committee (IASC) pyramid and the World Health Organization's Mental Health Gap Action Programme. We provide MHPSS services through a multidisciplinary team of psychiatrists, psychologists and psychosocial workers who support those experiencing distress, as well as mental, neurological and substance-use conditions.

We use tools such as Self-Help Plus as well as peer-support activities in group sessions to strengthen coping skills and build social connections. In our hospitals and through outreach, our community prevention and promotion activities include psychoeducation, stigma reduction, healing ceremonies and awareness sessions. We help local healthcare workers, volunteers and partner organizations integrate MHPSS into existing systems.

We have established the first inpatient center for mental health—called the Acute Psychiatric Stabilization Unit—in central Gaza to provide specialized psychiatric care and mental health services to people experiencing psychological distress.



Water, Sanitation and Hygiene

Our technical experts lead the design, construction and maintenance of critical WASH infrastructure, including reliable water-supply systems with desalination and backup units; accessible sanitation facilities, such as toilets, showers and handwashing stations; and comprehensive waste-management systems that cover medical and general waste through segregation and safe disposal, following strict infection-prevention and control standards.

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

Child Protection

Since establishing our field hospitals, we have expanded our CP interventions to include structured and unstructured psychosocial activities in our 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. Our team also supports unaccompanied and separated children by providing structured case management. Our comprehensive approach helps 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 women and girls at risk of violence in conflict-affected settings, we provide information sessions, PFA, individual support sessions and targeted interventions to educate the community on how to recognize, prevent and report VAWG. We connect survivors to medical care and psychosocial support through specialized case management.

To provide holistic assistance, we integrate all protection services with medical care. Our 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 (WGSSs) that offer safe environments for information-sharing, 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, no matter what the conditions. We also train people in their communities, providing them with the skills they need to recover, chart their own path to self-reliance and become effective first responders themselves.

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