



Israel's humanitarian efforts

Humanitarian situation: COGAT assessment as of March 15

A report is set to be released by international organizations presenting an image of hunger in the Gaza Strip. It is COGAT's assessment that the report does not represent the current situation in the Gaza Strip in regards to food security and availability. This is due to the fact that over the last few weeks, and during the time these reports were being compiled, a number of significant new initiatives were implemented that improved the humanitarian situation, particularly in northern Gaza. As these efforts and their impact are not reflected, the report does not accurately reflect the current situation on the ground and is outdated even before publication.

The following steps taken by Israel were positively noted on March 11 by [Mathew Miller, US spokesperson of the State Department](#), as well as in the [February 2024 OCHA report](#) and other international figures:

- **Food and aid trucks:** Since the beginning of the war, out of the over 16,000 trucks of humanitarian aid that have entered the Gaza Strip, over 9,500 were carrying more than 200,000 tons of food. Prior to the war, there were an average of 70 trucks carrying food entering Gaza daily. Thus far in March, the average number of food trucks entering Gaza daily is 126. Israel continues to increase the amount of food entering the Strip. For the last two weeks, the average has been 230 trucks a day.

It is important to note: Israel does not place a limit on the amount of aid that can enter the Gaza Strip.

- **Maritime route:** We've supported and coordinated the opening of the maritime route, set to deliver large amounts of aid inspected in Cyprus and

brought to Gaza by boat. The first boat is set to arrive on Friday, March 15.

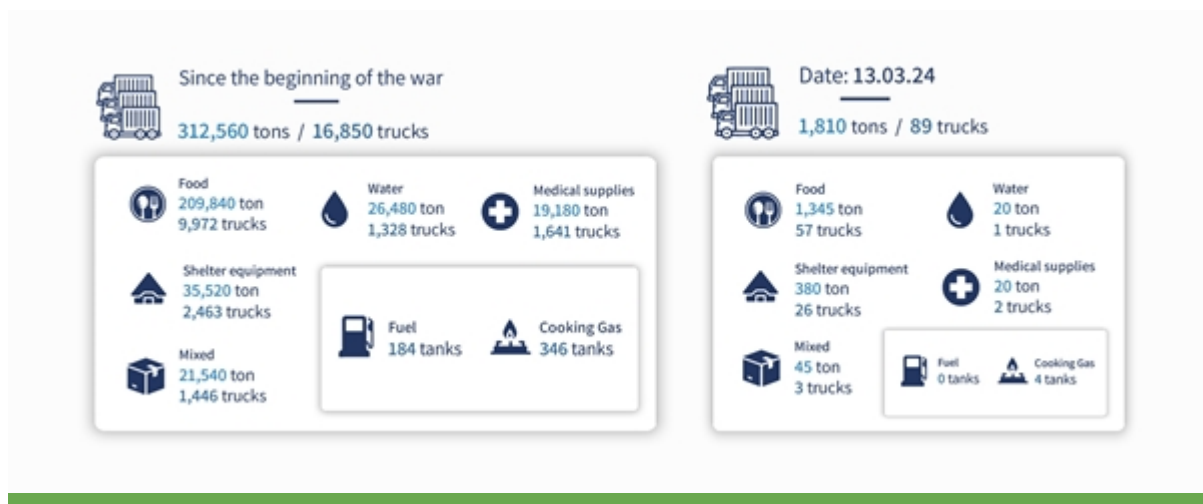
- **Airdrops:** over 30 airdrops of over 1250 packages of aid were airdropped in coordination with Jordan, USA, Egypt, UAE, France, Holland and Belgium, directly to the civilian population, mostly in northern Gaza.
- **Aid convoys to northern Gaza:** We coordinated aid trucks by the private sector to deliver aid to the north. We have facilitated over 150 aid trucks to the north over the last two weeks.
- **Opening additional crossings directly to the north:** On Tuesday evening, following directives from the Israeli government, six aid trucks entered the northern Gaza Strip via "Crossing 96" as part of an experimental initiative aimed at preventing Hamas from seizing control of the aid.
- **Jordanian route:** We've expanded the Jordanian route, allowing dozens of humanitarian aid trucks to be inspected at Allenby bridge and then enter via Kerem Shalom.
- **Bakeries:** Following our proactive facilitation, there are now 20 bakeries operating in central and southern Gaza. These bakeries provide over 2 million pita breads to the local population every day.

The steps mentioned above have created a significant change in food availability and stability on the ground. According to our assessment there is a stable food supply in the southern Gaza Strip, where evidently markets are bustling and conducted in an orderly manner, food prices are controlled and stocks are piled up in the aid agencies logistic warehouses. In northern Gaza, where 10%-15% of the Gaza population still remain, more and better distribution is necessary, which is why we are taking proactive measures to coordinate and facilitate aid to the north.

Israel will continue to expand our efforts to enable the entry of humanitarian aid into Gaza. We have placed no limit on the amount of aid that can enter.

It is in Hamas' interest to cause a humanitarian crisis. Israel, on the other hand, is doing everything it can to prevent one, and we are going to great lengths to

minimize the impact of this war on the civilian population. It is not an easy task but it is our policy.



How much food and water has entered the Gaza Strip? How much medical supplies? What are Israel’s medical humanitarian efforts? Check out COGAT’s website for the latest figures: bit.ly/3Ri64DJ.

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