

UNDER-CAPACITY AND OUT OF TIME

1,000 DAYS OF LIMITED AID ACCESS AND
HUMANITARIAN DISASTER IN GAZA



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“THE WAR HASN'T JUST DESTROYED BUILDINGS; THE WAR IS DESTROYING THE FUTURE OF AN ENTIRE GENERATION.”

AFH field team member,
Palestine

For the past 1,000 days, the humanitarian system in Gaza has been forced to operate amid the destruction of the very infrastructure it depends on. Throughout Israel's military campaign, hospitals have been bombed and rendered inoperable, schools have become displacement shelters instead of places of learning, and roads that once connected communities have become *de facto* frontlines.

In a crisis that has killed over 70,000 people, the basic conditions for civilian life have been steadily dismantled.

Against this backdrop, the amount of humanitarian assistance actually reaching people in Gaza has remained persistently and structurally below minimum survival levels.

Guidance from UN OCHA and the WHO indicates that even under a ceasefire scenario, around 600 trucks per day entering Gaza is considered a minimum target. This includes 350 commercial goods trucks, 150 UN and INGO supply trucks, and 100 Red Crescent or bilateral assistance trucks. This means that the 150-humanitarian truck benchmark should not be considered a target for recovery or normal life. It is the minimum level of humanitarian assistance required in this emergency.





12%

of the days that the “UN minimum target” for aid trucks was met

142

total days without any aid trucks at all

76

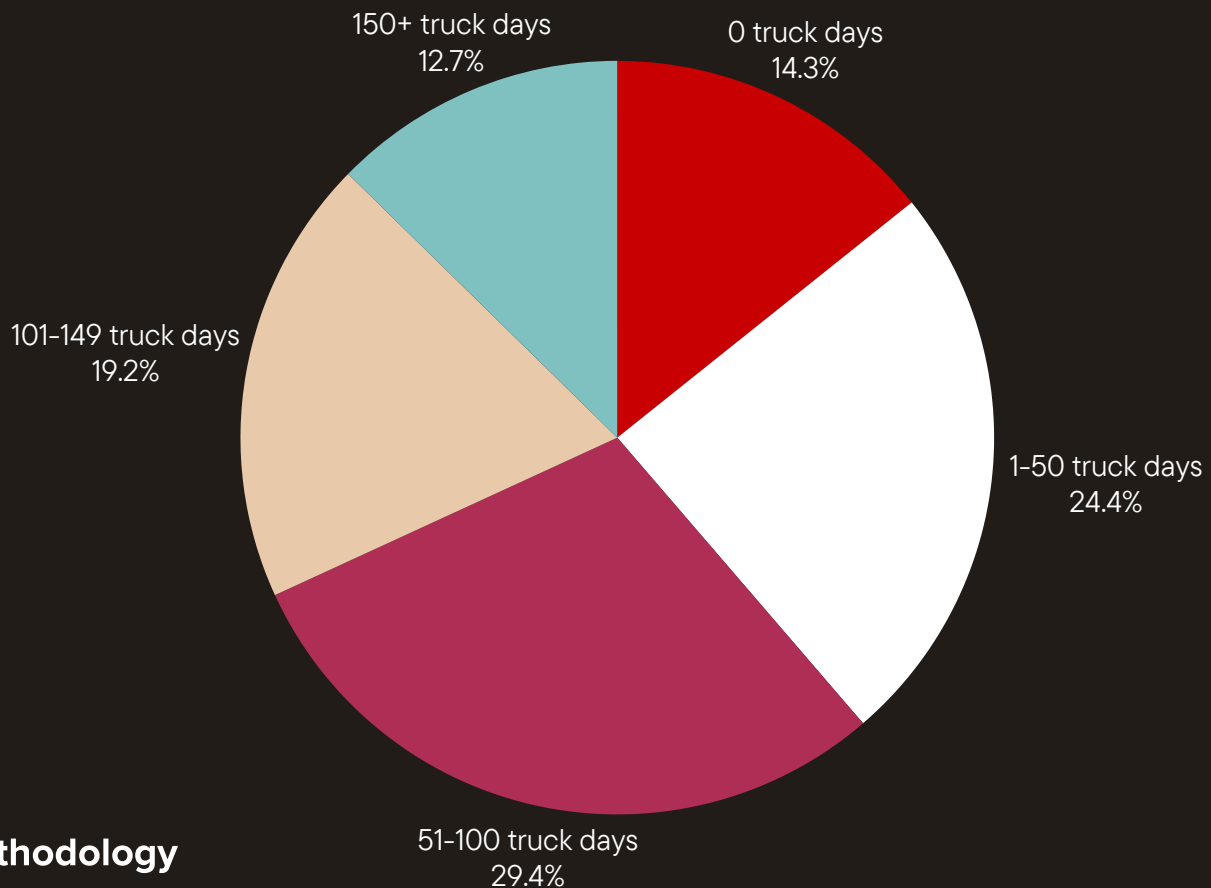
The average daily intake of trucks with the “UN minimum target” being 150

Action For Humanity has analyzed humanitarian truck movements into Gaza over days (8 October 2023–3 July 2026), using UN OCHA reporting and the UN 2720 Mechanism (a UN-established system that coordinates, verifies, tracks and facilitates the clearance of humanitarian aid shipments into Gaza to improve transparency, prioritization, and delivery to civilians) data. At the time of analysis, and due to the frequency with which data is released, publicly available records covered 995 of those 1,000 days, ending with the update on 28 June 2026.

Across this period, an average of 76 humanitarian aid trucks entered Gaza each day. This is around half of the minimum humanitarian benchmark of 150. On 87% of days (869), aid volumes fell below this threshold. There were more days in which no aid entered Gaza than days in which the minimum threshold was met.

It is important to note that these figures measure trucks once they have entered Gaza, not whether aid ultimately reached families. Delays, damaged infrastructure, movement restrictions and operational constraints mean the amount of assistance reaching civilians is often significantly lower than entry figures alone suggest.

Humanitarian aid trucks recorded as entered into Gaza



Methodology

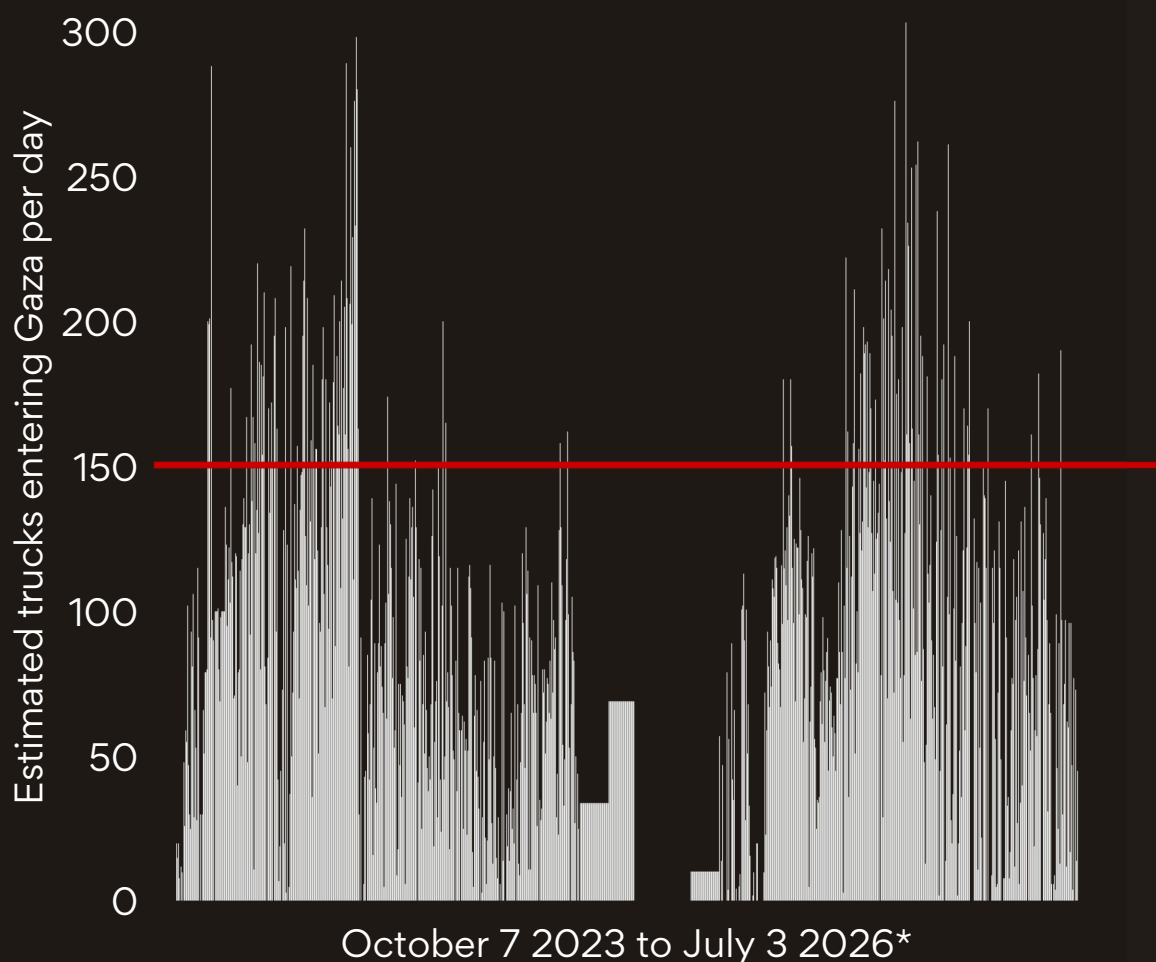
Action For Humanity analyzed available data on humanitarian aid truck movements into Gaza over the first 1,000* days of the conflict (8 October 2023-3 July 2026). The analysis draws on publicly available data from the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) Gaza Crossings Dashboard, the UN 2720 Mechanism Monthly Overviews and the UN 2720 Tracking Portal. Where necessary to establish aid movements during the early stages of the conflict, reporting from Reuters, UNICEF and Human Rights Watch was used to establish initial aid movements.

The dataset records humanitarian aid trucks reported as collected within Gaza after crossing the border. It excludes fuel tankers, commercial goods trucks, Red Crescent and bilateral assistance trucks, and other non-humanitarian vehicle movements as these categories were not reported consistently across the full 1,000-day period.

Daily truck figures were available for the majority of the 1,000-day period. Where only monthly totals were publicly available (January, February and May 2026), a daily average was calculated by dividing the reported monthly total by the number of days in the reporting.

*Truck movement data are subject to retrospective updates by reporting agencies, and figures for the final days of the period may be revised after publication. At the time of publication, publicly available data covered the first 995 days of the 1,000-day period (ending 3 July 2026). The analysis will be updated once data for the remaining days become available. The analysis reflects data as of 2 July 2026.

It is important to note that humanitarian truck movements are an imperfect measure of humanitarian access. 'Trucks' do not capture the quantity or type of assistance carried, whether supplies reach civilians after crossing into Gaza, or the functioning of markets and essential services. However, truck movements remain the principal operational indicator used by the UN and humanitarian agencies to monitor humanitarian access into Gaza and are therefore the most consistent measure available over time. They should not be interpreted as a measure of the goods required to sustain a population, but as an indicator of emergency access under crisis conditions.



“INSTEAD OF OUR CHILDREN HOLDING PENS, BOOKS, AND NOTEBOOKS, THEY ARE NOW HOLDING WATER AND JERRYCANS AND RUNNING AFTER AID TRUCKS”

AFH field team member,
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A System Under Sustained Pressure

At least 1.6 million people (77 percent of the population) are facing high levels of acute food insecurity, with Gaza Governorate experiencing a five-month famine from August 2025. Water production in Gaza has fallen dramatically to about 40% of pre-October 2023 levels, leaving only about 6 litres per person per day. This is not only far below the WHO's recommended minimum of 15 litres per person per day, but also below the absolute survival threshold of 7.5 litres per person per day used in emergency planning.

Nearly one million people live in tents, while another 52,000 households live in overcrowded shelters and thousands are forced to sleep outdoors. This month, an estimated 850,000 people lack basic emergency shelter materials. The health system has been severely degraded, with only around 2,000 hospital beds remaining operational compared to 3,500 before the conflict, and fewer than half of hospitals functioning even partially.

Taken together, these conditions do not represent separate humanitarian sectors in crisis, but a single system under sustained breakdown, where the inability to deliver sufficient aid consistently translates directly into mass deprivation across every essential need.

“WHEN WE TALK ABOUT A THOUSAND DAYS OF WAR, WE ARE TALKING ABOUT A CRISIS OF THIRST AND CONTAMINATION AND ALL OF THIS IS MERCILESS.”

AFH field team member,
Palestine





**“THE WORD ‘HOME’
HAS VANISHED FROM
THE VOCABULARY OF
MOST FAMILIES IN THE
GAZA STRIP”**

AFH field team member,
Palestine

Under international humanitarian law, humanitarian access is a legal and operational prerequisite for civilian protection. Yet the persistent restriction of aid flows, combined with widespread infrastructure destruction, has left humanitarian actors unable to meet even minimum survival needs at scale.

What is urgently needed is for the Israeli government to immediately remove restrictions that prevent humanitarian aid from reaching civilians at the scale required, alongside a sustained increase in humanitarian assistance from donors and the wider international community. Together, these steps must prioritize consistent entry of aid at scale, safe and reliable distribution inside Gaza, and the restoration of conditions that allow civilians to access food, water, medicine and shelter through functioning systems rather than emergency relief alone.



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