

GAZA ESCALATION (OCT 2023)

All the mentioned figures are an estimated one and may changed

Update #2: 19th October 2023

CIVILIAN RESIDENTIAL HOUSES DESTRUCTION:

Since Saturday, October 7th, the Gaza Strip has been subjected to severe and sustained Israeli bombardment. As reported by the Ministry of Public Works and Housing, 90% of the targets comprised of residential housing units (HUs). Among these, 8,840 HUs were destroyed, 5,434 HUs endured severe damage, rendering them uninhabitable, and 83,750 HUs suffered varying degrees of minor to moderate damage. In total, 98,024 HUs have been destroyed and damaged, accounting for approximately 25% of residential housing units in Gaza.

Notably, these figures exclude the destruction of entire communities, such as Beit Hanoun and Shujaieh, which are now inaccessible mounds of rubble, this widespread damage exacerbates already existing humanitarian needs and widens gaps from prior escalations.

Shelter Cluster is concerned about the impact of the conflict on residential properties, the damage and destruction that has had grave impact on the civilian population. The right to adequate housing must be maintained, and keeping civilians free from violence and able to access humanitarian.

Shelter Damage Assessment: *last update: 14th October at 23:00*

Governorate	Totally Destroyed	Severe Damaged	Partial Damaged	Destroyed Residential buildings
North Gaza	3,586	2,301	30,000	1,093
Gaza	4,345	2,325	37,012	730
Middle	344	354	6,375	104
Khan Yunis	290	234	7,250	121
Rafah	275	220	3,113	137
Total	8,840	3,743	83,750	2,185

Internally Displaced People (IDPs)

Approximately one million individuals are now internally displaced, with about 580,000 seeking refuge in schools and designated emergency shelters, and an estimated 420,000 IDPs in urban displacement ,open spaces, parks, and streets. In accordance with Israeli evacuation orders, there is a mass forcible transfer underway of IDPs migrating from the northern to southern Gaza Strip.

Urgent Responses:

- Distribution of Bedding set (mattresses and blankets): 500,000 Blanket and mattress for 700,000 IDPs.
- Distribution at least 200,000 hygiene kits for IDPs families.
- Distribution of dignity kits including cloths for children for 100,000 IDPs families.
- Provision of waterproof PVC tarpaulin sheets (density not less than 450g/m2) to cover the yards in the collective centers. Quantity: 15,000 m2. In addition to 25,000m rope.
- Transparent plastic sheets, 0.3mm thickness, quantity : 800,000m2
- Adhesive tape 50mmx 70m , quantity , 50,000 roll.

Responses up to date:

- Distribution of 20,000 NFIs in Rafah, Gaza and Khan Younis including bedding sets, dignity kits.
- Distribution of 820 hygiene kits to displaced families.

Key Messages:

- Humanitarian aid must be allowed to enter Gaza, and the international community needs to work urgently to establish a ceasefire and humanitarian corridor.
- Safeguarding and ensuring the right to live in safety and dignity for all citizens is of utmost importance. To that end, the Humanitarian Shelter Cluster urgently calls for the immediate cessation of the bombardment of homes and designated emergency shelters.
- Secure the funds to cover the urgent Shelter/NFIs needs to protect the IDPs during the upcoming winter session.