

# Executive Summary

## Humanitarian Situation in Gaza

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### Overview

Gaza continues to face a severe humanitarian crisis, as Israel and private American contractors deny allegations of targeted shootings at aid distribution sites. While Hamas reports mass starvation and images of hungry Gazans proliferate, Israeli sources refute the existence of famine, pointing to extensive aid efforts. Israel says it is delivering sufficient aid, but that the United Nations and other groups are not distributing it. The UN says over 1,000 people have died trying to access humanitarian aid, a figure Israel disputes. Israel also points to Hamas and other militant groups as culprits. The crisis is attributed to the aftermath of Hamas's October 2023 attack and its diversion of resources away from civilian needs.

### Crisis Origins

- The emergency follows Hamas's October 2023 assault on Israel.
- Israeli operations targeting terror infrastructure led to widespread displacement.
- Hamas has embedded military operations in civilian areas and repeatedly and over many years, misappropriated resources provided for the people of Gaza to advance its terrorist activities.

### Recent Violence at Aid Distribution Sites

- In June 2025, Hamas militants ambushed a convoy in Rafah, killing 8 local staff contracted by private US aid suppliers, and injuring/kidnapping others; two American workers were also injured by Hamas grenade attacks.
- In early June 2025, dozens of Palestinians were killed—shot or crushed—while approaching aid hubs set up by the US and Israel; some eyewitnesses blamed Israeli fire, while hospitals reported around 80 casualties.
- **Both the IDF and American contractors** denied targeting civilians; the IDF said it fired warning shots and only at armed individuals, while American contractors claimed only nonlethal measures (e.g., pepper spray) were used.
- At least 20 people died in a stampede in July 2025; American contractors blamed Hamas-affiliated elements for inciting panic, while Hamas accused American

contractors' guards and Israeli troops of using force—allegations denied by both the American contractors and the IDF.

## Aid Delivery and Logistics

- Aid reaches Gaza via:
  - Private U.S.-contracted distribution centers.
  - UN and international aid channels.
- Over 4,500 trucks delivered aid in the past two months (average of 71/day).
- Israel cites delays due to internal Gaza distribution bottlenecks—not a shortage of incoming aid.

## Gaza Humanitarian Foundation (GHF) Distribution Hubs

- Established in May 2025 as an alternative to traditional UN-led channels, which Israel said Hamas exploited to steal and sell aid, providing it a financial lifeline.
- Operates secured sites in southern and central Gaza, distributing ~2 million meals daily.
- GHF has been criticized for its operations, with major humanitarian groups denouncing it and refusing to cooperate with it; As of this week, GHF plans to begin the community distribution of food through local individuals and organizations in the coming days.
- Structured to prevent Hamas interference and ensure monitored handouts.
  - Over **75 million meals** delivered to date.

## Humanitarian Aid Statistics (Since Oct. 7, 2023)

Aid Category	Delivery Volume
Total Aid Trucks	24,700+
Food	337,900 tons
Shelter Equipment	53,400 tons (3,738 trucks)
Medical Supplies	21,730 tons
Water	13+ million gallons
Meals via GHF	75+ million
Hospitals	10 (850 beds, 50K+ treated)

## Israeli Position

- Israel says it considers aid facilitation a top priority.
- The IDF has expanded border crossings and is coordinating delivery efforts.
- Israel blames Hamas for sabotaging humanitarian channels and exploiting suffering for political leverage.

The New York Times: [No, Israel Is Not Committing Genocide in Gaza](#)