

# WFP SITUATION REPORT ON THE CRISIS IN GAZA

WFP Situation Report N. 25

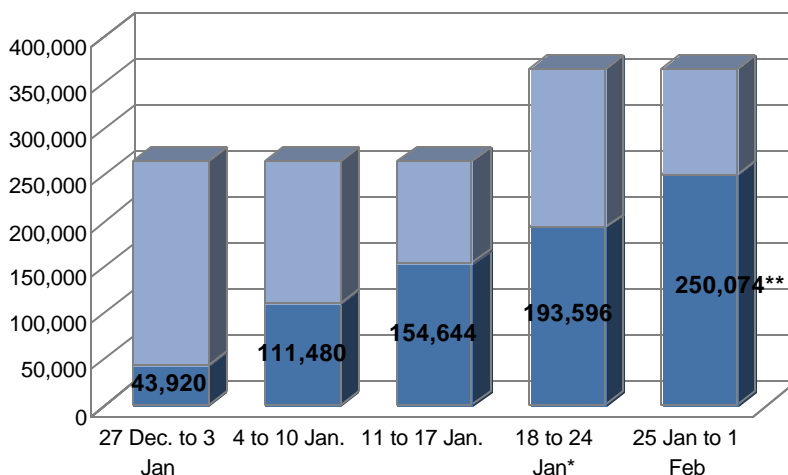
30 January - 2 February 2009

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## Security

Ceasefires declared by Israel and Hama's militants and allied groups in Gaza have been in effect since 18 January 2009. Yesterday, following ten mortar shells fired against Israel, IAF warplanes pounded several smuggling tunnels under the Gaza-Egypt border in Rafah; another aircraft struck a cluster of caravans that were used by Hamas police at the main Salah Ed-Din road in the central Gaza Strip. A Palestinian was killed and three were wounded following the Israeli air strikes.

Estimated cumulative number of beneficiaries reached (regular caseload)



\* WFP's caseload increased from 265,000 to 365,000

\*\* This number now includes the 30,000 schoolchildren

## WFP's Operations & Logistics

Since the air strikes started, WFP has been able to deliver more than 5,000 mt of food into Gaza as of 2 February. In addition, WFP delivered 30 mt of meals ready-to-eat (MREs) on behalf of WHO, to be distributed to hospitals, as well as nearly 600 mt of wheat flour as a loan to UNWRA. WFP warehouses are currently storing approximately 4,277 mt of WFP food commodities, as of 1 February.

Karni warehouse was cleared by possible presence of UXO and now WFP has access to 100 percent of its stock. The staff is finalizing the physical count together with the cooperating partners, in order to identify the losses and damages caused by the war. The number of beneficiaries reached by WFP with a two-month ration (from the regular caseload) since 27 Dec now stands at 220,000. In addition,

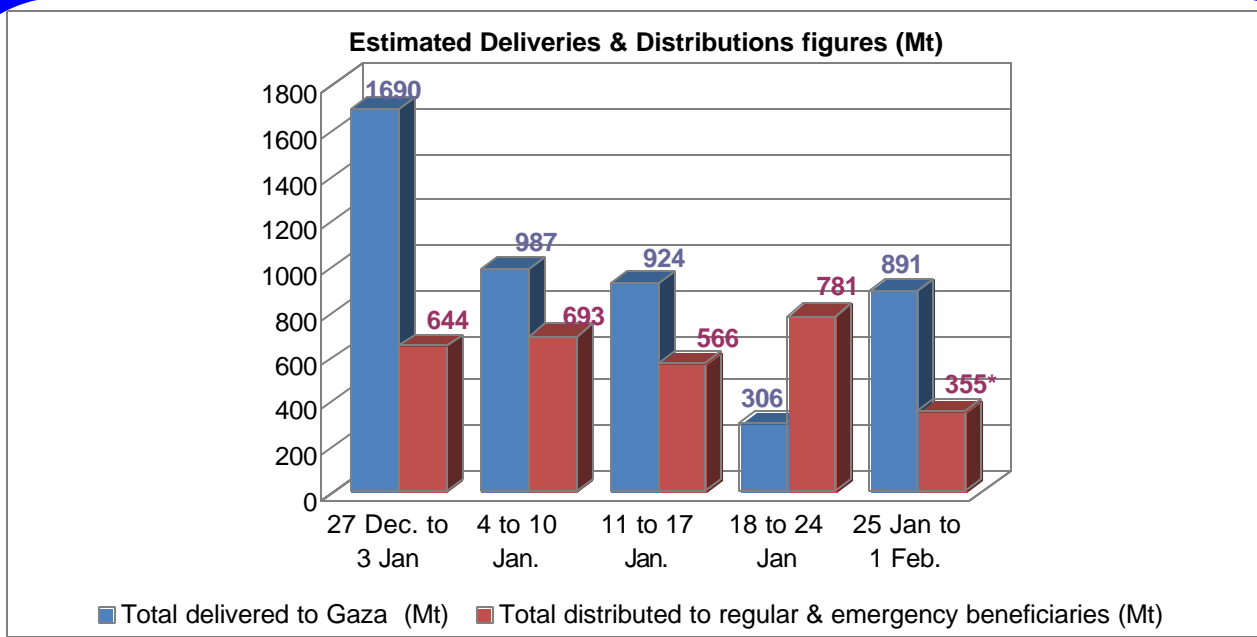
following the reopening of schools in Gaza, WFP started its School Feeding programme targeting 30,000 school children in 48 schools in Gaza; they will be receiving rations covering 100 percent of their daily food needs. Rations will initially include High Energy Biscuits (HEBs), milk and canned meat - as well as date bars, until access to cooking gas is made available to the Gazans.

### WFP Emergency Operation in Gaza

Current caseload in Gaza	365,000
Estimate of beneficiaries reached since 27 Dec (regular caseload)	> 250,000
Estimates of beneficiaries reached since 27 Dec (emergency distributions)	> 154,000
Total MT dispatched into Gaza since 27 Dec	5,015
Total MT distributed since 27 Dec	3,117
Current Stock in Gaza	4,227

### Highlights:

- WFP Deputy Chief Operations, Mr. Ramiro Lopez da Silva, visited oPI last week;
- The Emergency Food Security Assessment (EFSA), conducted in collaboration with FAO, is ongoing in Gaza;
- The Palestinian Center Bureau for Statistics (PCBS) will conduct a comprehensive assessment on the impact of the conflict.



\* No one-off emergency distributions took place last week

An additional 154,000 Palestinians have been reached through: 1) emergency bread distributions in Beit Hanoun and Beit Lahiya (northern Gaza), 2) ready to eat food to 6,000 patients in 13 hospitals, 3) Date bars and HEB distributions. In order to respond to the current situation and mitigate the effects of the crisis, WFP now provides a full ration to its beneficiaries and has increase the

previous ration (1,400 kcal/day) to 2,100 Kcal/day for at least three months. Since its establishment, the WFP-led logistics cluster has provided facilitation and coordination with the Coordination Office for Government Activities in the Territories (COGAT) to 18 humanitarian organizations for a total of about 46 trucks moved since 25 January. An Emergency Food Security Assessment

(EFSA) conducted in collaboration with FAO, is ongoing inside Gaza. The preliminary results will be available next week. The Palestinian Centre Bureau of Statistic (PCBS) is also planning to conduct a comprehensive assessment to measure the impact of the conflict on the socio-economic conditions of Palestinian families in Gaza. WFP, UNICEF, FAO, UNRWA, UNFPA

and PA Ministries met today to discuss the indicators and ToRs of the assessment. Yesterday, WFP distributed 26 mt to 410 families in Gaza city, in collaboration with MoSA and CHF, while delivered 227 mt into Gaza. Today, WFP distributed a total of 80 mt to 708 families in Gaza city, in collaboration with MoSA and CHF, and delivered 220 mt into Gaza.



## Staffing

19 WFP staff inside Gaza are safe.

Mr. Ramiro Lopez Da Silva, WFP Deputy Chief Operations visited oPt last week and met with partners and Israeli and Palestinian government officials.

The Senior Emergency Coordinator and the Senior Emergency Advisor assigned to the Gaza Office have arrived in Gaza last

week.

A Security Officer and a Reporting Officer entered Gaza yesterday and will provide support to the Staff in Gaza.

The Assessment Officer entered Gaza yesterday and will be there to participate to the ongoing EFSA until Wednesday.

## Funding

Funding requirements for WFP's Gaza operation are currently US\$ 82.3 million including US\$ 78.9 for the EMOP and US\$ 3.4 million for the Special Operation. This does not include the funds (still being calculated) required in 2009 for WFP's activities in the West Bank under the existing PRRO.

Contributions for the EMOP received thus far are US\$11.6 million and come from European Commission, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, Saudi Arabia, Slovakia, CERF.

UK confirmed the contribution of US\$ 1.4 million to the Special Operation.

### WFP Financial Requirements for 2009

Emergency Operation (Gaza) US\$ 78,900,000

Protracted Relief and Recovery Operation (West Bank) US\$ 50,000

Special Operation—Logistic Cluster US\$ 3,344,884

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