



Nutrition Working group-State of Palestine

Gaza Strip

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SITUATION

337K

155K

Half a million of children under 5 and pregnant lactating women are in need of immediate lifesaving preventive and curative nutrition interventions.

7,685
Children under 5 are **wasted**

30K Children under 5 are **stunted**

4,045
Children under 5 are **severely wasted**

49K Women aged 15-49 are **anemic**

PEOPLE IN NEED

Children in Gaza are facing a humanitarian catastrophe. The nutrition situation is dire, as infants, young children, pregnant and breastfeeding women face extreme shock, stress and deteriorating access to food, essential life-saving services and positive feeding practices.

4,045

100%

SAM children 6-59 mo in need of Inpatient & Outpatient Treatment

3,640

100%

MAM children 6-59 mo in need of Treatment

101,117

100%

Children 6-23 months in need of Small Quantity Lipid-based Nutrient Supplements (SQ-LNS)

202,234

100%

Children 24-59 months in need of micronutrient supplements (MNPs)

155,858

100%

PLW in need of micronutrient supplements that contain adequate iron

303,351

100%

Children 6-59 months in need of Vitamin A supplementation

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All Nutrition partners call for ALL involved in the emergency response to protect, promote, and support the feeding and care of infants and young

children, their caregivers, especially PLWs. A global level and a country level joint statements have been issued to help secure immediate, coordinated, multi-sectoral action on infant and young child feeding. Infant and Young Child Feeding Joint Statement - Gaza conflict | Global Nutrition Cluster. Protecting Maternal, Infant and Young Child Nutrition during the ongoing emergency response | Global Nutrition Cluster. UNICEF as the provider of the first resort works on the procurement of Ready To Use Infant Formula (RUIF) to address the needs of the non-breastfeed infant while working on strengthen the monitoring system to address any BMS code violations.

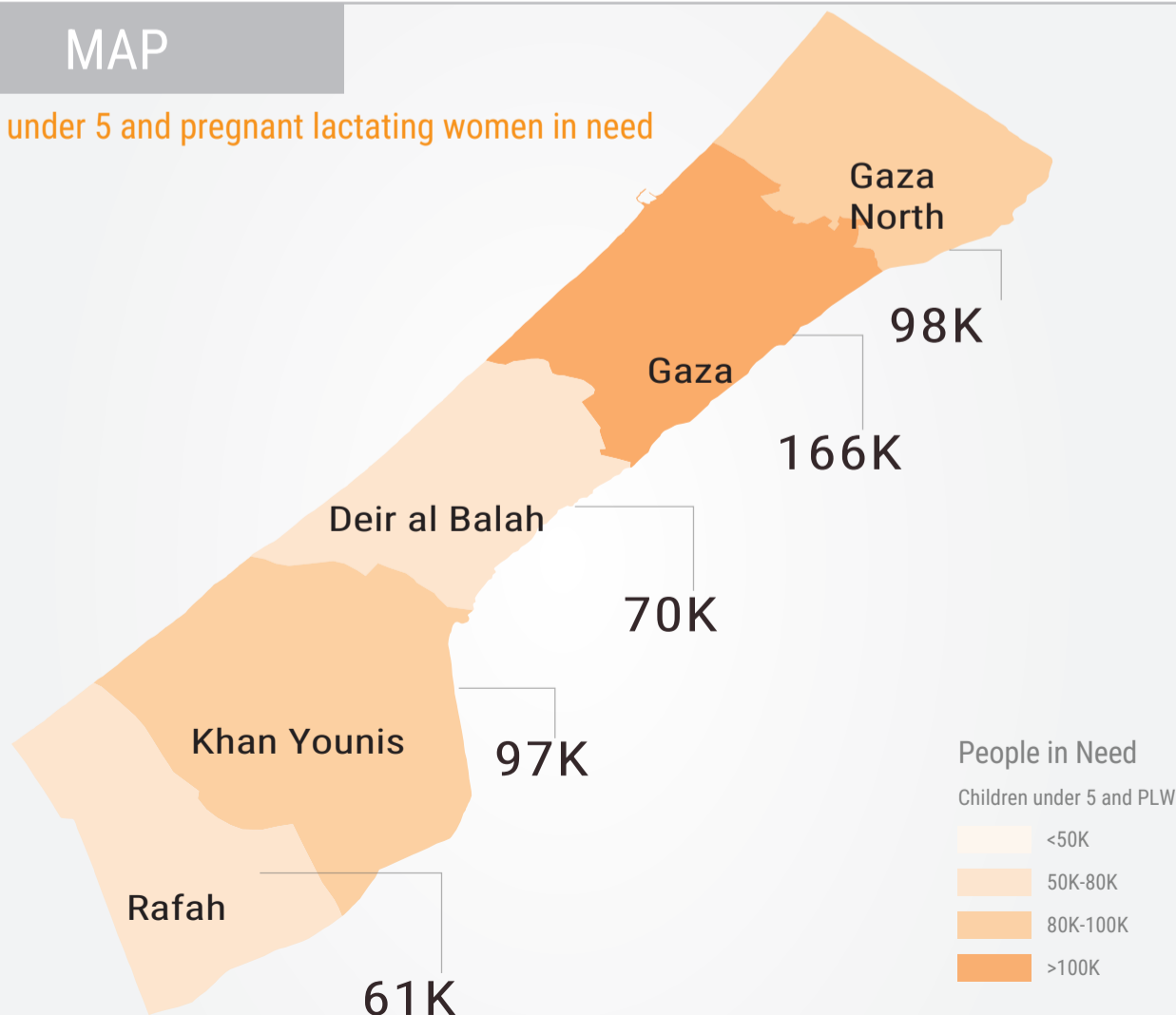
FUNDING

\$69 million

Funding required for Response in Gaza for one year

MAP

Children under 5 and pregnant lactating women in need



RESPONSE

- * GNC was able to deploy the deputy global nutrition cluster coordinator and the Information management specialist immediately to support nutrition coordination effort to ensure proper coordination of nutrition response
- * Providing nutrition counselling and support to caregivers of infants and young children on feeding and care, including providing breastmilk substitutes to children in need as per international guidelines.
- * Providing micronutrient supplementation to children under 5 years and pregnant and breastfeeding women.
- * Provide of life-saving early detection and treatment to children with severe wasting and moderate wasting (who are also at high risk)
- * Conduct Nutrition need assessments where possible.
- * Establish linkages with the cash or voucher assistance interventions to improve access to nutritious foods for young children and PLWs during the first 1,000 days.

We need to act immediately to prevent further deterioration of the nutritional status of the most vulnerable children and women

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