

Gaza's Children Continue to Suffer from Starvation - LIFE For Relief and Development (LIFE) Calls for Urgent Action

LIFE For Relief and Development Calls for Urgent Global Action as Gaza's Children Continue to Suffer from Starvation, Providing Emergency Aid to Thousands

SOUTHFIELD, OH, UNITED STATES, September 5, 2025 /EINPresswire.com/ -- <u>Life for Relief and Development</u> (LIFE) is raising awareness about the ongoing humanitarian crisis in Gaza and the urgent need for increased aid deliveries to meet the growing needs of civilians. According to the United Nations, famine has been officially declared in Gaza City and surrounding areas. Current estimates indicate that more than 500,000 people are facing severe food insecurity, including approximately 132,000 children under the age of five at risk of acute malnutrition.

Since October 2023, reports indicate that over 61,000 people have lost their lives, approximately 153,000 have been injured, and around 11,000 remain unaccounted for. Nearly half a million



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individuals are currently classified under the UN's highest level of food insecurity, requiring immediate large-scale humanitarian intervention.

In March 2025, a complete blockade restricted the entry of food, medicine, and essential supplies into Gaza. Following this, child malnutrition rates increased significantly — with a reported 400% rise since March. Within two weeks, 227 deaths due to starvation were

documented. At UNRWA facilities, 1 in 10 children are currently malnourished, and in May 2025 alone, more than 2,700 children under five were diagnosed with acute malnutrition.

Humanitarian access remains limited. While some restrictions were partially eased earlier this year, the volume of aid entering Gaza is insufficient compared to the scale of need. According to humanitarian agencies, only 14% of the required aid has entered Gaza in recent weeks. Several countries have resorted to airdropping supplies due to limited ground access.

LIFE recently coordinated a humanitarian convoy into Gaza, delivering essentials and other aid to affected areas, including North Gaza, Gaza City, the Middle Area, Khan Younis, and Rafah. The distribution focused on displacement centers, UN shelters, and vulnerable host communities. However, due to access constraints and high demand, available aid could not fully address the existing shortages.



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"Our teams continue to work with international and local partners to deliver essential assistance where access is possible. However, the current volume of aid is not sufficient to meet the needs on the ground," said Dr. Hany Saqr.

The security situation presents further challenges for aid delivery. Reports indicate that civilian police operations have been disrupted, creating difficulties in tracking supplies and ensuring orderly distribution.

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