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Humanitarian Crisis Deepens in Gaza as Malnutrition-Related Deaths Surge

- WHO: “63 Deaths Due to Malnutrition in July Alone” -
- Trump Expresses Concern Over ‘Famine in Gaza’ -

The humanitarian crisis in the Gaza Strip is rapidly worsening, with mounting concerns over child malnutrition amid the ongoing conflict between Israel and Hamas.



Malnourished children in Gaza (Photo=Omar Al-Qattaa/AFP)

The malnutrition emergency has escalated sharply since May, with over 6,500 individuals receiving treatment in June alone. According to the World Health Organization (WHO), 74 people have died from malnutrition so far this year—63 of them in July.

Among the dead are 24 children under the age of five, and one child older than five.

Alarming, the Global Acute Malnutrition (GAM) rate among children aged 6 to 59 months has tripled since June. In the first two weeks of July, more than 5,000 children under five received outpatient treatment for malnutrition. Of these, 18% were diagnosed with Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM). The WHO has warned that "food insecurity in Gaza remains dire," emphasizing the urgent need for the sustained delivery of nutritious food and essential medicines, and calling for increased international cooperation.

The World Food Programme (WFP) echoed these concerns in a July 25 statement, describing the food shortage in Gaza as "emergency-level." The agency reported that "one-third of the population has gone days without food." In the third week of July, WFP submitted 138 requests to transport humanitarian aid through Israel—but only 76, or about 55%, were approved, underscoring the ongoing challenges in aid delivery.

In late May, under U.S. and Israeli coordination, the Gaza Humanitarian Foundation (GHF) was launched and began establishing aid distribution centers in Israeli-controlled areas. According to The Washington Post, citing satellite imagery and eyewitness accounts, many of these centers are located near active Israeli military zones. The UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) reported that Israeli forces allegedly opened fire on civilians attempting to access aid at these locations.

U.S. President Donald Trump has publicly acknowledged the escalating food crisis in Gaza and pledged American support for Palestinian humanitarian needs. Speaking after a July 28 meeting with UK Prime Minister Keir Starmer in Scotland, Trump announced plans to "establish a food center with open access and no borders, where anyone can come for help."

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