



Protecting Children in Gaza Strip

Updated as of June 2025

The Protection Situation of Children in Gaza Strip

The war in Gaza Strip has devastated the lives of children, who make up half of the population, over 1.1 million. **More than 17,000 children have been killed equivalent to 31% of total killed since October 2023¹** Nearly every aspect of childhood—safety, shelter, health, education, and protection—has collapsed. Displacement, repeated trauma, and severe deprivation have left children exposed to violence, disease, and long-term psychological harm.



1.1 million children are in need of Child Protection Services².



an average of **28 children** killed per day¹



66 children have died due to malnutrition since the March 2025 blockade; an average of **112 children** admitted daily for treatment of acute malnutrition



Nearly all **1.1 million children** need **Mental Health and Psychosocial Support**³.



Children **as young as six** are engaged in hazardous labor.



an estimate of 25% of children injured sustain injuries “requiring significant rehabilitation”; **over 8,500** need lifelong rehabilitation.



658,000 children are out of school and **89% of schools** sustained major damaged or destroyed



740,437 children and caregivers were reached with specialized child protection services, and **1.1 million individuals** reached through child protection awareness raising and campaign including Explosive Ordnance Risk Education (EORE) prevention messages.

These are not just statistics—they are children **with names, families, and futures**. They are **babies in need of care, students without classrooms, and young lives in search of safety and stability**. Every child in Gaza Strip deserves protection, dignity, and the opportunity to grow up in peace.

1. MoH 2. Based on the [Flash Appeal 2025](#) 3. Showing signs of distress such as nightmares, aggression, depression, and suicidal thoughts.

Main Achievements and Support Provided , January– June 2025

Direct Support to Vulnerable Children

- 1,999 **unaccompanied and separated children (UASC)** were **reunified or placed in safe, alternative care**: 772 supported through family tracing and placement and 250+ children successfully reunited using *child identification bracelets*.
- Individualized **case management** was delivered to 9,296 children facing protection concerns, addressing a wide range of risks.
- Over 10,703 **children with disabilities** were reached with tailored support; 3,161 received **assistive devices or rehabilitation services**.
- Specialized services—covering health, legal, and education—were accessed through **coordinated referrals** for 7,280 children with complex needs.

Emergency Relief and Awareness

- **Emergency non-food items**, including clothing and footwear, were distributed to support 187,680 families in crisis.
- Life-saving **awareness sessions** on child protection and explosive remnants of war (ERW) engaged 1,192,603 children and caregivers.

Legal and Financial Protection

- **Legal assistance** helped 3,383 children resolve custody, documentation, and other urgent protection issues.
- **Cash-for-protection assistance** was provided to help families address immediate safety and care needs for 9,156 children.

Strengthening Local Response

Training for 3,461 frontline workers enhanced the quality, coordination, and reach of child protection services across affected areas.

Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS)

- **Psychosocial and positive parenting support** reached 240,953 children and 66,964 caregivers coping with trauma and stress.
- Safe and structured environments were provided through the establishment and support of 194 **child-friendly spaces**.

To prevent further loss and support children’s recovery, we urgently call on the international community to:

Support an **immediate and permanent ceasefire** to end the suffering.

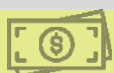
Provide **urgent funding** to keep life-saving child protection services operational.

Strengthen support for local responders, many of whom are themselves displaced or directly affected.

Ensure **safe and unimpeded humanitarian access** into and within Gaza.

Guarantee **access and safety for frontline workers**, especially those aiding separated or injured children

Prioritise Child Protection in the Humanitarian Response



Funding Situation:

Only **9.1 million (7.5%)** of the **\$121.2 million requested** for child protection has been received, highlighting a **critical funding gap**.