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Transitional development assistance



PALESTINIAN TERRITORIES



Many countries around the world are affected by persistent or recurring crises. The transitional development assistance provided by BMZ strengthens the resilience of the hardest-hit people and local structures. As an instrument of crisis management,

it bridges the gap between humanitarian assistance, long-term development cooperation and peacebuilding. Transitional development assistance supports people and institutions to manage and prevent crises on their own.

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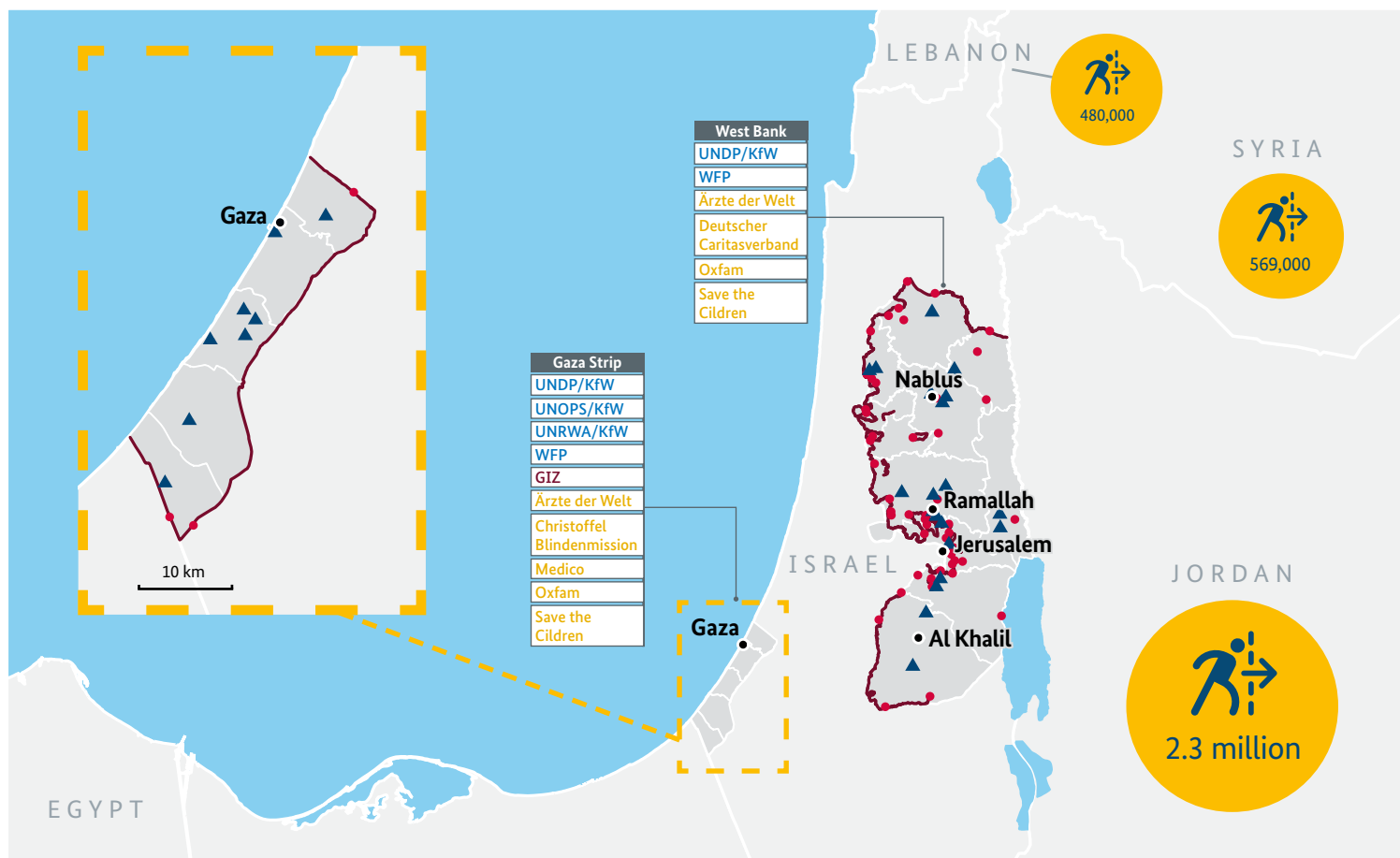
The Palestinian-Israeli conflict, which continues to flare up, is one of the longest unresolved conflicts in the world. The ongoing violence and the consequences of the Covid-19 pandemic have left two-thirds of residents of the Gaza Strip dependent on humanitarian assistance; in the West Bank, it is one in five. Particularly in the Gaza Strip, the living conditions of the people are deteriorating increasingly: For more than fifteen years, the movement of people and goods in and out of the Gaza Strip has been restricted. The economic situation and the ongoing

violence have had a serious impact on the physical and mental health of the population and demolished basic services. Transitional development assistance strengthens peoples' resilience to crises and disasters. The engagement focuses primarily on the reconstruction of essential infrastructure and services. This allows the population an improved access to health care, water and sanitation in the territories. Further training and employment opportunities are promoted to improve prospects for the population.

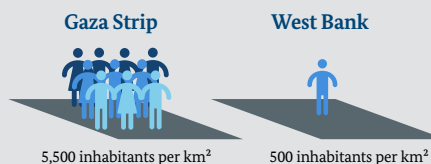
Particular attention is paid to the needs of women, children and young people as well as people with disabilities.

BMZ's transitional development assistance portfolio comprises **13 ongoing projects** with a total budget of over **EUR 244 million**.

1.1 million people have been reached since 2018.



The Gaza Strip inhabits **11 times** as many people per square kilometre as the West Bank.



- Camp for Palestinian refugees (UNRWA 2022)
- Palestinian refugees in neighbouring countries (UNRWA 2022)
- Gaza Strip border blockade, West Bank wall (OCHA 2022)
- Checkpoints (OCHA 2022)
- UN agencies
- Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH
- Non-governmental organisation

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Displacement and poverty

118,000 people are internally displaced in 2021 due to the conflict.



45 % of the population lives below the poverty line on less than \$3.20 per day.

IDMC 2021, World Bank 2021

Violence against women

Almost two thirds of women have experienced psychological, physical or sexualised violence by their husbands.



37 women were killed by their husbands in 2020. This is almost twice as many as in the previous year.

PCBS 2021

Children and youth

37 % of the population in the Palestinian Territories are children under the age of 14.



31 % of young people are not able to go to school or have an apprentice position.

PCBS 2022, OCHA 2022

Unemployment

The Palestinian Territories have the **second highest unemployment rate in the world.**



West Bank	Gaza Strip
12% men	42% men
29% women	65% women

World Bank 2021, PCBS 2021

Mental health

70% of the people in the Gaza Strip and **57%** of the people in the West Bank have symptoms of post-traumatic stress disorder.

Women and displaced persons are particularly hard hit.



Eight out of ten children in the Gaza Strip live with depression, grief and fear.

World Bank 2021, Save the Children 2022

Conflict

Between 10 - 20 May 2021, the conflict between Israel and armed groups in the Gaza Strip escalated. This was the most severe escalation since 2014.



- 260** people were killed.
- 2,000** people were injured.
- 600** children were among them.
- 1,600** residential buildings were completely destroyed.
- 2,500** residential buildings were partially damaged.

IBRD 2021

Who

are our implementing partners

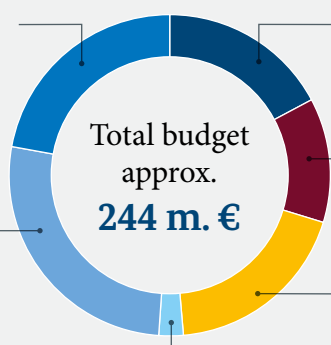
United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA)
22%



United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS)
27%



United Nations World Food Programme (WFP)
2%



United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
17%



Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH
13%



Non-governmental organisations (NGO)
19%



Who and What

have we been reaching since 2018

Transitional development assistance strengthens the resilience of particularly vulnerable people, including:

347,000 refugees **324,000** children **118,000** youth



1.1 million people have been reached since 2018.

586,000 people have improved access to **health services**, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic.

501,000 people have regained access to **essential infrastructure and services**. Transitional development assistance contributes to reconstruction.

13,000 people are taking action to ensure that **people with disabilities** are included.

2,000 people with disabilities have already benefited from this.

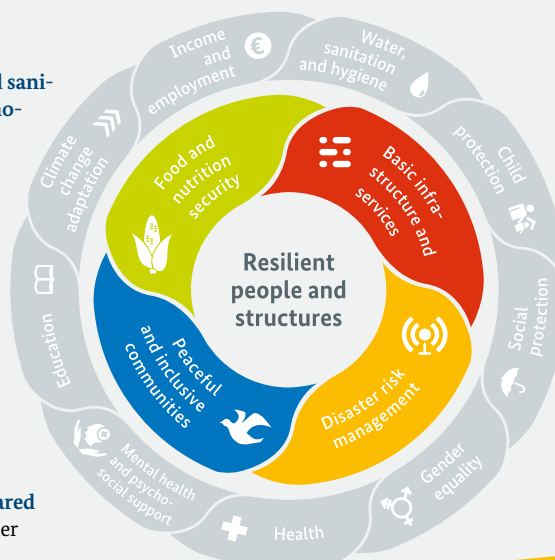
360,000 people have received **mental health and psychosocial support**.

508,000 people have improved access to **clean water and sanitation** and have developed more thorough hygiene practices (WASH).

4,000 people increase their career prospects through **vocational qualification and employment promotion measures**.

4,000 smallholder farmers sustainably increase the production of **higher-yielding and nutritious crops**.

69,000 people are better **prepared for disasters** such as extreme weather events.



Examples

of our work in the Palestinian Territories

Securing the supply of clean water



In the **Gaza Strip**, the **GIZ** supplies public water, sanitation, education and health facilities with renewable energy. In this way, local communities become more independent of the limited energy supply and regain access to vital services. Young people are also trained in this field and encouraged to develop innovative and sustainable ideas. With their newly acquired expertise, they can develop sustainable green technologies and the infrastructure for them. In addition, vocational training centers are being built and rehabilitated, and the staff is being trained in energy efficiency, maintenance of facilities and improvement of water quality. The measures of the project benefit almost half of the population of the Gaza Strip.

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Protecting girls and women against violence

Women and girls are particularly affected by the situation in the **Gaza Strip**. If they live with a disability, they often experience even higher levels of discrimination and exclusion. The NGO **Christoffel Blindenmission (CBM)** provides inclusive support to help them cope better with the psychological stress caused by the ongoing conflict. Women who have experienced violence are provided with psychological support to process and cope with these traumas. In addition, the range of medical treatments and mobility equipment is expanded by the NGO. In order to reduce violence in the long term, structures for the protection of women are being expanded: the NGO directly involves leaders in the community and conducts education in schools. CBM also supports impoverished women in regards to education, job search and the development of business models to enable them to have a more secure future with prospects.



Promoting sustainable reconstruction

The increased pressure on the infrastructure has led to the water supply in the **Gaza Strip** to become extremely critical. The **United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA)** and **KfW Development Bank** are improving the devastating situation in the water sector by treating wastewater and desalinating seawater. In order to secure the supply of this treated water for the population, water pipes and networks have been maintained and extended, and protective measures against frequent flooding are expanded. This work is undertaken by the population which creates job and income opportunities. The improved water and sanitation supplies as well as hygiene conditions in the camps for Palestinian refugees also lead to a reduction in health risks that arise, for example, from contaminated water. Since UNRWA's activities are directed exclusively at Palestinian refugees, they are complemented by the **United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS)**, which, for example is rebuilding housing.



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