



Humanitarian Crisis in Gaza

Situation Report

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Project HOPE is overcoming multiple operational challenges to deliver lifesaving, integrated medical services to conflict-affected communities. Local health workers are providing care amidst prolonged public health risks, deep humanitarian needs, and humanitarian access issues.

Situation Overview

The humanitarian situation across the Gaza Strip continued to deteriorate throughout June 2026 as ongoing hostilities, repeated displacement, and expanding access restrictions further constrained humanitarian operations and disrupted the delivery of essential services. Continued insecurity, shrinking humanitarian space, and overcrowded displacement sites placed additional pressure on already overstretched health, nutrition, protection, and water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) systems.

The health system remained under severe strain due to persistent shortages of essential medicines, medical supplies, fuel, laboratory consumables, and rehabilitation equipment, while critical gaps continued to affect dialysis, non-communicable disease management, and specialized care. Public health conditions worsened as well during June 2026. **Infectious disease care accounted for nearly 28% of all health consultations at Project HOPE clinics**, with acute respiratory infections, acute watery diarrhea, skin diseases, and ectoparasitic infections among the most reported conditions. A significant chickenpox outbreak, with nearly 9,300 suspected cases reported at over 130 facilities within two weeks, is another result of overcrowding and inadequate WASH conditions.

Nutrition needs remained critical, driven by severe food insecurity, repeated displacement, poor dietary diversity, and deteriorating living conditions. An estimated 132,000 children under five — including 41,000 with severe acute malnutrition — and

Key Updates

- **Humanitarian conditions continued to deteriorate** in June, with additional access restrictions and repeated displacement.
- **Overcrowding is driving a rise in infectious diseases** — which accounted for nearly 28% of health consultations at Project HOPE clinics last month. In addition, a **significant outbreak of chickenpox** is straining the health system.
- **The WASH Cluster reports that water insecurity is worsening**, with moderate-to-high water insecurity affecting 78% of assessed households in May and growing to **84% in June**. Declining access to WASH services is driving an **increase in skin diseases and the risk of acute watery diarrhea**.
- Project HOPE continued providing integrated health, nutrition, WASH, and protection services across Gaza in June 2026.
- Since October 2023, Project HOPE has provided more than **641,000 medical consultations** and over **239,300 nutrition consultations**.

55,500 pregnant and breastfeeding women require urgent nutrition support. Without sustained community-based nutrition screening, treatment, and infant and young child feeding services, Gaza's next generation will face incredible future health challenges.

The WASH situation continued to worsen in Gaza, increasing public health risks. Recent WASH Cluster reporting indicates that **84% of households report moderate-to-high water insecurity** and average water availability declined to 16.8 liters per person per day, well below humanitarian standards. Limited access to safe water, sanitation, and hygiene services is contributing to heightened risks of waterborne and infectious disease outbreaks, as well as the consistently high reports of skin diseases like scabies — which affects roughly 64% of households in recent WASH Cluster samples.



A Project HOPE team member conducts a chlorine test to ensure the safety of water before a drinking water distribution at displacement camps. Photo by Project HOPE staff, 2026.

Protection concerns remained high and widespread as **continued displacement, movement restrictions, and insecurity are contributing to psychosocial distress, gender-based violence, child protection risks, and family separation**, all of which disproportionately affect women, children, older adults, and people with disabilities.

This worsening humanitarian context reinforces the need for integrated, multisectoral interventions to address the interconnected health, nutrition, WASH, and protection needs of families and entire communities being put in vulnerable positions.

Project HOPE's Response

Despite severe operational constraints continuing in June 2026, Project HOPE delivered — and will continue to deliver — integrated, lifesaving services across the health, nutrition, WASH, and protection sectors, focusing on sustaining essential services for displaced populations and others in vulnerable positions.

Project HOPE maintained integrated services across seven supported primary health clinics and one mobile health team, ensuring continuity of primary healthcare, nutrition, sexual and reproductive health (SRH), nursing, pharmacy, and community outreach services. Clinical teams continued to provide outpatient consultations, malnutrition screening and treatment, SRH services, Community-Based Management of Acute Malnutrition (CMAM), Blanket Supplementary Feeding Programme (BSFP), Targeted Supplementary Feeding Programme (TSFP), and Infant and Young Child Feeding (IYCF) programming through both facility- and community-based approaches.

*"I've been bringing my daughter, Marwa, to the clinic since she was born. She was at risk of malnutrition, but thanks to **continuous follow-up and care**, her health has improved significantly."*

— Ibtisam, 30, mother to three children



Across seven primary health clinics, Project HOPE's health workers provided over **35,100 medical consultations** in June 2026.



Project HOPE's **integrated nutrition program** reached more than **11,800 women and children** through screening, treatment, and community outreach activities in June 2026.

During June 2026, Project HOPE provided 28,694 medical consultations, 2,103 nursing procedures, and 6,483 SRH consultations across supported facilities. Nutrition services reached 5,886 children under five through screening, treatment, and follow-up for acute malnutrition, and 5,941 pregnant and breastfeeding women received nutrition screening, counselling, supplementation, and referral services. Integrated nutrition programming continued through CMAM, BSFP, TSFP, and IYCF services.

Project HOPE's protection teams delivered 2,003 mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) consultations, 1,409 gender-based violence (GBV) consultations, and 1,620 child protection consultations, while continuing to strengthen referral pathways and case management for vulnerable individuals and families. Protection services were delivered through an integrated approach across clinics and community settings, where trained professionals provided MHPSS services, GBV prevention and response, child protection services, and emergency relief assistance for women, children, and families in vulnerable positions. During the reporting period, Project HOPE distributed 1,277 dignity kits and strengthened accountability by training 130 staff members in Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse.

In June 2026, **Project HOPE strengthened disease surveillance and response activities to address the increasing burden of infectious diseases**, constant threat of skin diseases and the previously mentioned chickenpox outbreak. Through health education, infection prevention and control (IPC), early identification of suspected cases, referral, and coordination with Health Cluster partners, the team worked to protect communities from infectious threats. Additional capacity-strengthening activities also continued through training, mentoring, and supportive supervision on Integrated Management of Childhood Illness (IMCI), CMAM, IYCF, IPC, and clinical management protocols to improve staff competencies, standardize service quality, strengthen referral pathways, and ensure continuity of care.



A young girl stands with a Dignity Kit and Mother Kit that her mother received at a Project HOPE distribution in Deir al-Balah. Photo by Project HOPE staff, 2026.

Project HOPE also maintained emergency WASH interventions to support safe water access and infection prevention practices in health facilities and surrounding communities. During June, 141,000 liters of safe water were delivered through 30 water trucking operations, reaching approximately 23,500 beneficiaries. Hygiene promotion activities provided last month include 165 awareness sessions, which reached 4,131 participants, and the distribution of 1,070 chlorine tablets, 173 soap bars, and 336 awareness brochures.

“I came for treatment, and my daughter received nutrition support and a breastfeeding care kit. Thanks to the regular follow-up, both of us are healthier today.”

— **Marah, 23, mother**



Project HOPE provided more than **6,400 sexual and reproductive health consultations** and over **4,700 protection consultations** in June 2026.



Project HOPE delivered **141,000 liters of safe drinking water** through 30 water trucking operations, reaching 23,500 people in June of 2026.

In addition, comprehensive WASH services, including sanitation, hygiene, IPC, preventive maintenance, and medical waste management, were maintained across supported health facilities, with 57.3 kg of medical waste safely disposed.

Key Risks & Mitigation Measures

Humanitarian responses in Gaza continued to face significant operational and programmatic challenges throughout June 2026. Persistent shortages of essential medicines, nutrition commodities, laboratory consumables, rehabilitation equipment, and WASH supplies, combined with fuel shortages, repeated displacement, and expanding humanitarian access restrictions, continued to affect service continuity across all sectors. The deteriorating public health situation, including rising communicable diseases and the reported chickenpox outbreak, together with worsening food insecurity, overcrowding, and inadequate water and sanitation conditions, further increased health and protection risks for populations in vulnerable positions.

Project HOPE continued to mitigate these challenges through an integrated, multisectoral approach by maintaining primary healthcare, nutrition, WASH, and protection services; strengthening disease surveillance, IPC, and community health promotion; sustaining safe water delivery and hygiene interventions; reinforcing referral pathways; and enhancing staff capacity through training and supportive supervision.

Close coordination with humanitarian clusters, UN agencies, local partners, and relevant authorities remained essential to adapt programming, address emerging needs, and ensure the continuity of lifesaving services despite the increasingly constrained operational environment.

Future Activities

Project HOPE will continue sustaining integrated primary healthcare, nutrition, WASH, and protection services through its network of supported health facilities and mobile health teams, ensuring uninterrupted access to lifesaving services for displaced people and populations in vulnerable positions across Gaza.

Priority activities in July 2026 will include strengthening infectious disease surveillance and outbreak response, expanding community-based health promotion and nutrition services, reinforcing IPC measures, and maintaining safe water access and hygiene interventions in health facilities and surrounding communities. Project HOPE will also continue key core activities like enhancing staff capacity through training, supportive supervision, and strengthening referral pathways and coordination with humanitarian partners to improve service quality and continuity of care.

As humanitarian needs continue to grow, sustained and responsive donor support, improved humanitarian access, and flexible funding mechanisms will remain critical to our ability to both maintain essential health, nutrition, WASH, and protection services and respond to emerging public health risks across the Gaza Strip.



In June 2026, Project HOPE donated **1,500 dignity kits** and strengthened protection services for women, children, and other groups in vulnerable positions.



Project HOPE team members delivered **165 hygiene promotion sessions** to affected communities in June 2026.
