

Site Management - Update 2

GAZA RESPONSE

22 January 2025

Based on partner observations and updates as of 22 January 2025, the Site Management Working Group (SMWG) compiled key findings on population movements across the Gaza region. These observations were gathered through reports and updates provided by partners. The main findings are summarized below.

NORTH GAZA

Displacement from the northern areas began with the start of the military operation and continued until the ceasefire. A total of 64% of the northern population, approximately 16,000 families, were displaced and registered in Gaza. So far, only 16% of these families, about 2,700, have returned to the northern area. Data collection is ongoing, with updates expected once information from the focal points is finalized.

GAZA CITY

Displacement to East Gaza and the Zeitoun area has seen no returns to date due to high risks and extensive destruction of homes. Most displaced individuals from Gaza City are currently located in the Middle Area, with significant movements expected early next week.

DEIR AL-BALAH

The majority of displaced individuals are from Gaza City and North Gaza, with returns to their homes expected to increase in the coming week. No significant movement has been observed in the eastern part of the Middle Area to date.

KHAN YOUNIS

Less than 20% of residents from East Khan Younis have returned to their homes, primarily due to extensive destruction and the lack of essential services, including water and access. Many displaced individuals remain at the sites, particularly in the southern areas, to maintain their presence and secure their spaces.

RAFAH

Similar to Khan Younis, the majority of displaced individuals remain at the sites due to extensive damage to homes and limited access to essential services. While some individuals make brief returns to retrieve belongings, no significant movements have been observed so far.

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On 22 January 2025, NRC conducted a series of semi-structured interviews across Khan Younis to assess the status of the sites ahead of initiating site movement tracking. A summary of the findings from these interviews is outlined below.

Displacement type: Makeshift sites

Governorate: Khan Younis

Total Individual: 6,839

Total Households: 1,276

KYS3162 - ATYAF CAMP

- No current displacement movement; residents are awaiting updates on Saturday, 25 January 2025.
- Most displaced are from northern Gaza. Movement is expected to start after seven days of ceasefire.
- The site will remain open as 60 families from Khan Younis and Rafah, whose homes are destroyed, prefer staying due to access to basic services.

KYS4078 - RESILIENCE

- No current plan; the displaced are waiting for 14-22 days.
- Four families have returned to Khan Younis (Bani Suheila and Absan) and two to Rafah.
- Displacement movement is expected in 10+ days as 18 families plan to return to Rafah and set up tents near destroyed homes.
- The site remains open due to extensive home destruction.

KYS1571 - JAZIRAT AL-HAYAA CAMP

- No current displacement movement; updates expected on Saturday, 25 January 2025.
- One family has returned to Bani Suheila, Khan Younis.
- 50 families from Khan Younis will remain as their homes are destroyed.
- 30 families from Rafah plan to return in 42 days, searching for shelter.
- 175 families, who are landowners at the site, remain displaced due to destroyed homes.

KYS2712 - AL RAHMA CAMP

- No current displacement movement; updates expected on Saturday, 25 January 2025.
- Displaced families report they will stay for at least 22 days due to destroyed homes and uncertain relocation options.
- The site is expected to empty completely after 22 days.

KYS1883 - YARMOUK REGIONAL CAMP

- No current displacement movement; updates expected on Saturday, 25 January 2025.
- Only a small number of families plan to move in 10+ days due to destroyed homes, lack of services, and financial constraints.
- The site is expected to be empty after 10 days