



PALESTINE COUNTRY REPORT

THE STATE OF THE
HUMANITARIAN SYSTEM 2026



3. HUMANITARIAN CASELOAD

3.1 Humanitarian planning and sectoral requirements

The humanitarian response plan for Gaza spans sectors with a combined funding requirement of \$3.58 billion. It targets up to 2.1 million people – effectively the entire population of the Gaza Strip. Food security constitutes the largest share of required funding (\$1.11 billion), reflecting the near-total collapse of local food production and supply chains; multi-purpose cash assistance (\$579 million) and health (\$451 million) are second and third (OCHA, 2025a).

3.2 Implementing partners and delivery capacity

The implementing-partner landscape shows the breadth of the response but uneven distribution. Within food security and within water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH), 77 and 68 partners have been mobilised, respectively.¹ Yet shelter and non-food items operates with only 20 implementing partners – the lowest of any sector – despite targeting 1.5 million people with a \$165 million requirement. Such imbalances suggest that, even where needs are clearly identified, delivery capacity remains uneven across sectors.

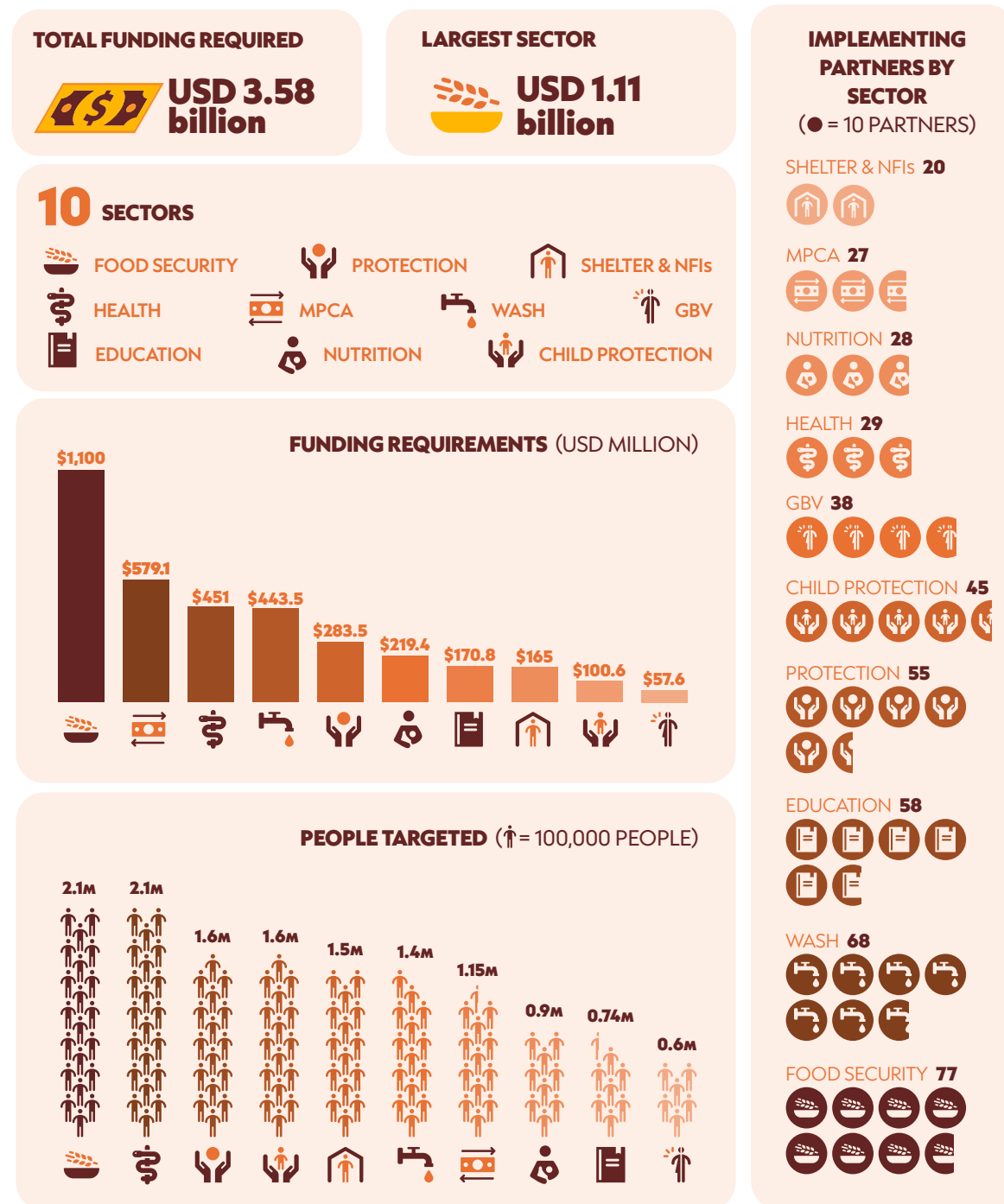
3.3 Funding shortfalls and implications for coverage

Despite this scale of need, the Gaza and West Bank response received only approximately 30% of required funding in 2025.² The funding shortfall has forced organisations to prioritise limited caseloads, reduce assistance packages or delay interventions. Consequently, the gap between planned reach and actual delivery is likely to persist.

1 A total of 201 UN agencies, international and national NGOs, and the International Red Cross/Red Crescent Movement are represented in this appeal.

2 Figures calculated from OCHA (2025).

Figure 3: Occupied Palestinian Territory flash appeal for 2026



Source: OCHA (2025) Occupied Palestinian Territory: flash appeal. Geneva: <https://www.unocha.org/publications/report/occupied-palestinian-territory/flash-appeal-occupied-palestinian-territory-2026-issued-december-2025>

Note: These figures do not include all sectors included in the flash appeal.

