

# THIS IS NOT AID. THIS IS ORCHESTRATED KILLING



MSF's frontline medical testimony  
on systematic mass casualties from  
GHF sites in Gaza

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY & KEY FINDINGS

In May 2025, the genocide in Gaza took a further disturbing turn as Israeli authorities sought to dismantle the UN-led humanitarian response and replace it with a militarised food distribution scheme run by a previously unknown entity — the Gaza Humanitarian Foundation (GHF). All four distribution sites operated by the GHF are located in areas under full Israeli military control and “secured” by private American armed contractors.

MSF's report *'This is not aid. This is orchestrated killing'* draws on medical data, patient testimonies and first-hand medical witnessing to demonstrate that what has been branded as “aid distribution” is in fact a system of institutionalised starvation and dehumanisation. MSF calls for an immediate cessation of the GHF distribution mechanism and urges states and private donors to refrain from funding what is essentially a death trap.

## KEY FINDINGS OF THE REPORT

MSF operates two primary healthcare centres in southern Gaza located in close proximity to the GHF distribution sites. Between 7 June and 24 July 2025, **these health centres received 1,380 injured people, including 28 dead bodies from the GHF sites**. This represents only a fraction of the total number of people killed and injured at the distribution sites. MSF's two health centres — due to their sheer proximity to the GHF sites — now place biweekly orders for body bags.

## The cost of “aid” — gunshot wounds from GHF sites

- Over a seven-week period in June and July 2025, MSF staff treated 174 people for gunshot wounds originating from the GHF sites. The vast majority of those injured — 96 per cent — were young men. This reflects a grim survival strategy: families are sending the youngest and fittest to retrieve food.
- The injured who arrive in our clinics are normally covered in sand and dust from time spent lying on the ground while taking cover from bullets.
- A significant number of injured patients coming from the Khan Younis distribution centre (SDS3) had gunshot wounds to the lower limbs. The anatomical precision of these injuries strongly suggests intentional targeting of people within the distribution sites, rather than accidental or indiscriminate fire.
- Of the 28 dead bodies received in our health centres, all but one were young men (aged 20–30 approximately) with gunshot wounds to the upper body.

"You find [at the GHF distribution site] what seems like two million people gathered around five pallets of food. They tell you to enter, you go in, you grab what you can — maybe a can of fava beans, a can of hummus. Then a minute later, gunfire comes from every direction. Shells, gunfire — you can't even hold onto your can of hummus. You don't know where the gunfire is coming from."

Ahmed,<sup>1</sup> 1 June 2025

### Children with gunshot wounds

- Since the opening of the GHF sites, **MSF has treated 71 children for gunshot wounds. Medical records specify that 41 of these children were shot at or near the GHF distribution sites.**
- Of the 71 children treated, 25 were under the age of 15 — including five young girls who sustained gunshot wounds at or near the GHF distribution sites.
- Families are often forced to make the difficult decision to send teenage boys into this lethal environment as they are the only males in the household physically able to make the journey.
- **Children with gunshot wounds treated by MSF included a 12-year-old boy hit by a bullet that had passed all the way through his abdomen.** He arrived at MSF's Al-Attar health centre unaccompanied. The child had gone to the distribution site on his own. He was transferred to a hospital alone, without a caregiver at his side.

### Generalised violence at GDF distribution sites

- Palestinians who manage to reach the distribution sites face stampedes, suffocating crowd surges, violent looting and lethal "crowd control" measures.
- In a seven-week period, **MSF teams treated 196 patients with 'physical assault' injuries, resulting from chaotic scrambles at the GHF distribution sites.**
- Among the casualties was a five-year-old boy with severe head injuries and a woman who appeared to have suffocated to death, likely asphyxiated in a crowd crush.
- Even so-called "non-lethal" crowd control measures are violent and deeply dehumanising. MSF has treated multiple patients with severely aggravated eyes after being sprayed at close range with pepper spray. One man arrived in extreme pain and distress after being sprayed directly in the genital area.
- The GHF distribution sites fall dangerously short of any recognised standard for safe and dignified humanitarian distributions.
- **Nowhere else in the world where MSF operates — including in the most volatile conflict zones — would this level of violence around an "aid distribution" site be tolerated.** This must stop now.

"I've worked in many war zones and violent conflicts with MSF, but I have never seen anything like this. I was prepared to treat war-wounded patients — injuries from explosions or shelling — but I was not prepared for this... **People are being shot like animals. They're not armed. They're not soldiers. They're civilians carrying plastic bags, hoping to bring home some flour or pasta. And my question is: how high is the price they have to pay for one bag of food?"**

MSF medical coordinator, July 2025

1 Names have been changed to protect the identity of individuals who provided their personal accounts to MSF. Fully informed consent was obtained and all testimonies have been anonymised.