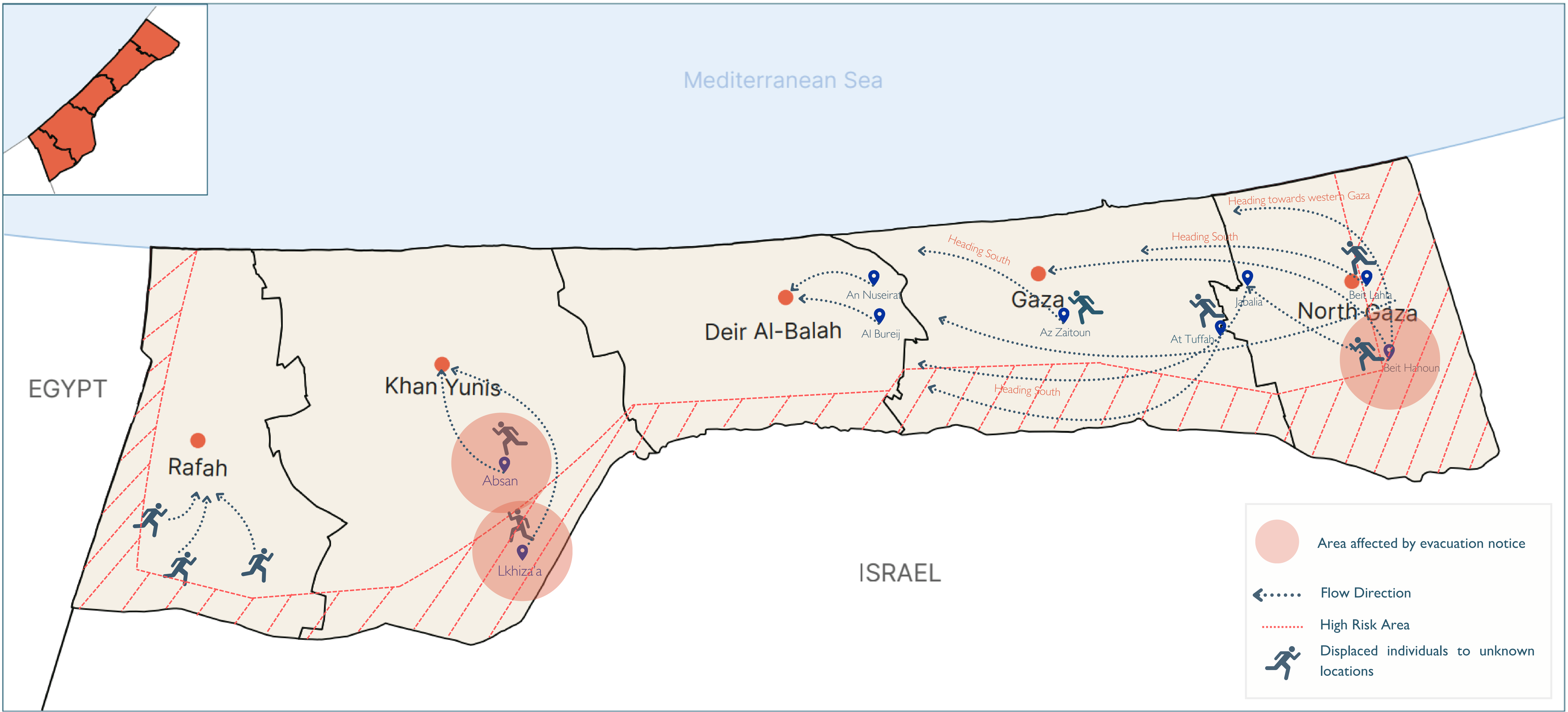


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Estimated Number of Displaced Individuals ¹

68,887



Estimated Number of Affected Households

12,752



Estimated Number of Affected DES and Sites

29

The humanitarian crisis in Gaza has further deteriorated following intensive airstrikes across the region in the early hours of March 18, 2025. The escalation, coupled with military evacuation order, has led to widespread displacement, with hundreds of people forced to flee their homes in search of safety.

This update aims to outline the scale, patterns, and impact of displacement in Gaza, offering insights into the ongoing humanitarian situation. Data was collected from eyewitness accounts, social media posts, available datasets from OCHA and Site Management Cluster (SMC) partners on the ground. The information was cross-referenced and analyzed to establish the displacement patterns and the impact on local infrastructure. The methodology focused on leveraging accessible digital sources to offer the most accurate real-time insights into the ongoing situation.

According to the OCHA neighborhood level population estimation as of 25th of February, the area impacted by the recent evacuation order affects a population of approximately 81,550 individuals. This estimate is based on the current population figures for the neighborhoods located within the impacted area. The order comes amid escalating humanitarian concerns and is part of ongoing efforts to address the security and safety challenges arising from the end of the ceasefire.

¹ Estimated number of displaced individuals since March 18, following widespread airstrikes and military evacuation orders

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Overview of Affected Areas and Displacement Patterns

Northern Gaza:

·**Affected Neighborhoods:** Beit Hanoun, Beit Lahia, and Jabalia

Beit Hanoun

·**Displacement Patterns:** Continuous airstrikes in Beit Hanoun forced civilians to evacuate to Jabalia and central Gaza, with 50 families relocating to Western Gaza. Anecdotal reports suggest up to 60% of Beit Hanoun's population (30,000 people) has been displaced according to key informant estimates, seeking shelter in UNRWA schools, government facilities, and neighborhoods namely in Beit Lahia and Rimal. The displaced are in urgent need of food, water, clothing, and blankets, with some returning to recover their belongings.

·**Sources:** Reuters, Al Jazeera, CNN

Beit Lahia

·**Displacement Patterns:** Reports indicate that Beit Lahia witnessed an exodus of residents towards less targeted areas in southern Gaza. Exact figures on displacement remain unconfirmed due to ongoing hostilities.

Jabalia Refugee Camp

·**Affected Shelters:** Jabalia Refugee Camp shelters were hit, forcing already displaced residents to seek alternative refuge.

·**Displacement Patterns:** The destruction of shelters in Jabalia worsened the humanitarian crisis, with evacuees heading towards South of Gaza.

·**Sources:** Key Informant Estimations, ReliefWeb, Al Jazeera, The Guardian

Gaza City:

·**Affected Neighborhoods:** Az-Zaitoun, and At-Tuffah

·**Displacement Patterns:** Residents of Az-Zaitoun and At-Tuffah neighborhoods faced heavy bombardment, prompting large-scale displacement. Many civilians sought refuge in overcrowded shelters or attempted to flee to the south of Gaza.

·**Sources:** AP News, Al Jazeera, The Guardian

Khan Younis:

·**Affected Neighborhoods:** Al-Fukhari, Al-Qarara, and Abasan

·**Affected Sites:** Al-Nasser Hospital Area, Al-Mawasi

·**Displacement Patterns:** According to the key informant's estimation civilians, especially near Al-Nasser Hospital, fled to Khan Younis and Rafah, with 4,500-5,500 families moving west, many sheltering with relatives or in open yards with minimal belongings.

·**Sources:** Key Informant Estimation, Huffington Post, Al Jazeera, CNN Live Coverage

Rafah:

·**Affected Neighborhoods:** Border Area, Tal As-Sultan, and Al-Junina

·**Displacement Patterns:** According to anecdotal reports, up to 40% of people from Rafah were displaced towards Mawasi, Khan Younis and Fish Fresh Area along the coast.

·**Sources:** Key Informant Estimations

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