More than 625,000 students and close to 23,000 teachers in the Gaza Strip have been affected by school closures and attacks since 7 October 2023 with no access to education and a safe place.

**School Buildings** (78% of total buildings) sustained damages.

**IDPs (using schools as shelters)**
- 1M IDPs
  - UNRWA Schools: 145
  - Public Schools: 117

92% of total school buildings are either being used as IDPs shelters (almost four times their capacity) and/or sustained damage. This will constitute an additional burden to ensure the continuity of education when security condition allows, as they need rehabilitation, and cleaning works and many will continue to serve as IDPs centers for families who have lost their homes.

**SEVERITY OF DAMAGE**
- Minor: 123
- Moderate: 125
- Major: 113
- Totally destroyed: 25

**TYPE OF DAMAGED SCHOOL**
- UNRWA School Buildings: 107 (representing 57% of the total UNRWA school buildings in Gaza)
- Public School Buildings: 279 (representing 91% of the total public school buildings in Gaza)

**AFFECTED STUDENTS AND TEACHERS** (directly affected by the damaged schools)
- **Students**: 448K
  - Boys: 48%
  - Girls: 52%
- **Teachers**: 17K
  - Male: 42%
  - Female: 58%

**CASUALTIES** (Students age group is 6-17 years old)
- **KILLED**
  - Students: 4,660
  - Teachers: 239
- **INJURED**
  - Students: 8,109
  - Teachers: 756

**GOVERNORATES**
- **448K** Affected Students (by damaged schools)
- **386** Total Affected School Buildings

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*The data sources: Cluster partners, UNDCPA, UNRWA and results of the observation exercise conducted by ECAT.
* The information presented in this report is based on initial data and has not yet all been verified by the Education Cluster Assessment Team (ECAT) due to the security situation.
* The buildings of three Directorate of Education and two MoE training centers and one storage sustained damages. One Rehabilitation Centre for Visually Impaired sustained minor damages (all not counted in this report).
* Based on a satellite-imagery-based comprehensive damage assessment conducted by UNOSAT and released on 10 January 2024, from the 33 sites analysed UNOSAT identified 7 severely damaged and 10 moderately damaged higher education institutes (HEIs) in the Gaza Strip (all not counted in this report).
* Private schools and all kindergartens are not included in this report.
* For more details please visit oPt Education Cluster - Damaged Schools Dashboard - Gaza 2023.