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WFP Gaza Registration System Breach Exposes 600,000 Households in Active Conflict Zone

DATA BREACH | **HIGH** | CVSS 7.5

SCC Item ID	SCC-DBR-2026-0148
Type	Data Breach
Severity	HIGH
CVSS Base Score	7.5
Affected Products	WFP Self-Registration Application (SRA) for Palestine, proprietary UN World Food Programme system; no commercial vendor or version identifier available
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Executive Summary

On May 14, 2026, threat actors breached the UN World Food Programme's humanitarian aid registration system for Palestine, exfiltrating records covering approximately 600,000 households. The stolen data includes full names, national ID numbers, phone numbers, and neighborhood-level location data, a combination that creates acute physical safety risk for aid recipients in an active conflict zone. While this incident does not directly implicate commercial enterprise systems, it signals elevated threat activity against humanitarian and NGO infrastructure and raises urgent questions about data minimization, disclosure timelines, and third-party data stewardship obligations.

Technical Analysis

The WFP Self-Registration Application (SRA) for Palestine, a proprietary humanitarian aid registration system with no commercial vendor identifier or version number, was compromised on May 14, 2026. Exfiltrated data includes full names, Palestinian national ID numbers, phone numbers, and neighborhood-level geolocation for approximately 600,000 households. No CVE has been assigned; the proprietary nature of the system prevents external version or patch assessment. Applicable CWEs based on breach characteristics: CWE-200 (Exposure of Sensitive Information to an Unauthorized Actor), CWE-284 (Improper Access Control), and CWE-359 (Exposure of Private Personal Information to an Unauthorized Actor). MITRE ATT&CK techniques associated with the incident pattern include T1190 (Exploit Public-Facing Application), T1078 (Valid Accounts), T1530 (Data from Cloud Storage), T1213 (Data from Information Repositories), and T1567 (Exfiltration Over Web Service). Attribution is unconfirmed. Root cause and attack vector remain unknown. Public disclosure occurred approximately three weeks after the breach, surfacing first via Telegram on or around May 31-June 1, 2026.

Confidence: medium, breach scope and data types are multi-source corroborated; technical root cause is unverified.

Action Checklist

1. Step 1: Containment, If your organization operates humanitarian or NGO registration systems with similar data profiles (national ID, geolocation, phone), audit current access controls immediately. Verify that no unauthorized accounts or API tokens have been issued. Reference NIST AC-2 (Account Management) and CIS 5.1 (Establish and Maintain an Inventory of Accounts) to confirm account inventory is current.
2. Step 2: Detection, Review authentication logs and data access logs for anomalous bulk query patterns, large export events, or access from unexpected geographic origins. Apply NIST AU-6 (Audit Record Review, Analysis, and Reporting) cadence to any system holding sensitive population data. No confirmed IOCs are available for this incident; monitor for references to this dataset in threat intelligence feeds and dark web sources.
3. Step 3: Eradication, No patch is available; no CVE is assigned; the affected system is proprietary. For analogous systems in your environment: enforce least-privilege access per NIST AC-6, rotate credentials for all accounts with access to sensitive registrant data per NIST SP 800-63B (Authentication and Lifecycle Management), and audit API access controls. Reference CIS 5.4 (Restrict Administrator Privileges to Dedicated Administrator Accounts).
4. Step 4: Recovery, Validate that access control lists on sensitive data repositories are configured to need-to-know per CIS 3.3 (Configure Data Access Control Lists). Confirm audit logging is enabled and storage capacity is sufficient per NIST AU-4 (Audit Storage Capacity) and CIS 8.2 (Collect Audit Logs). Monitor for any downstream appearance of the exfiltrated dataset in threat intelligence sources.
5. Step 5: Post-Incident, This incident exposes gaps in disclosure timeline governance and data minimization practice. Review your organization's breach notification procedures and data retention policies against CIS 3.4 (Enforce Data Retention) and CIS 3.5 (Securely Dispose of Data). Assess whether sensitive population data, particularly geolocation combined with identity, is stored at necessary granularity. Implement or review multi-factor authentication on all externally accessible systems per CIS 6.3 (Require MFA for Externally-Exposed Applications).

IR / Forensic Enrichment

Triage Priority	URGENT
Escalation Criteria	Escalate immediately to organizational leadership, legal counsel, and relevant data protection authority if any evidence emerges that your organization's registrant data (national ID, phone, geolocation) has appeared in external threat intelligence feeds or dark web sources, or if audit log review reveals bulk export events exceeding 1,000 records from any humanitarian registration system — both conditions constitute a notifiable breach under GDPR Article 33 (72-hour notification) and most national data protection frameworks, and the life-safety dimension of aid-recipient geolocation data in conflict zones warrants treating any confirmed exfiltration as a critical incident regardless of CVSS score.

Recovery Notes	Following credential rotation and ACL validation, restore operational access in a phased manner — first restoring read-only access for field workers, then restoring data-entry access, and deferring bulk-export capability until access is re-justified and MFA is confirmed active on all externally exposed endpoints. Monitor authentication logs and database query logs daily for a minimum of 30 days post-recovery for recurrence of the bulk-query patterns identified during detection, as threat actors who successfully exfiltrated data of this value may retain harvested credentials or session tokens not yet rotated. Given that the exfiltrated dataset includes neighborhood-level location data for 600,000 households in an active conflict zone, coordinate with your organization's security and protection team to assess whether affected populations require proactive notification or relocation support — the physical safety consequence of this data class elevates recovery monitoring beyond standard IT incident scope.
Forensic Artifacts	Web application access logs (/var/log/nginx/access.log or /var/log/apache2/access.log): filter for API endpoints returning unusually large response bodies (Content-Length or response size >500KB in a single request) and for source IPs issuing high-frequency sequential queries against the registrant lookup or export endpoints — this pattern directly reflects the bulk exfiltration mechanism implied by a 600,000-household data pull from a self-registration application | Database general query log or slow query log: extract all SELECT statements against the household registrant table(s) for the 30 days prior to discovery, sorted by Rows_sent descending — a single query or short query series returning hundreds of thousands of rows is the primary forensic signature of a bulk data theft from a registration system with no CVE-assigned vulnerability | Application authentication log (e.g., /var/log/app/auth.log or equivalent): isolate all successful login and API token authentication events, cross-referenced against source IP geolocation and time-of-day, to identify credential abuse or token misuse that enabled access to the export or reporting functionality of the SRA-type system | API token issuance and revocation records (stored in the application database tokens table or equivalent): capture full metadata including token creation timestamp, issuing user account, associated IP, last-used timestamp, and permission scope — tokens with admin or export-level scope issued outside normal provisioning windows are a high-fidelity indicator of insider threat or account compromise in proprietary humanitarian systems | Data export or report generation audit trail: many humanitarian registration systems log bulk export events separately from query logs (e.g., a report_generation_log table or flat file at /var/log/app/exports.log) — this artifact directly documents whether the exfiltration occurred via an authorized export feature abused by a compromised account, a direct database query bypassing the application layer, or an API endpoint without adequate rate limiting

Per-Action IR Details

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NIST Phase: Containment

Reference: NIST 800-61r3 §3.3 — Containment Strategy

Controls: NIST AC-2 (Account Management), NIST AC-6 (Least Privilege), CIS 5.1 (Establish and Maintain an Inventory of Accounts)

Compensating: Export all active accounts and API tokens from your registration system's admin console or database user table (e.g., `SELECT username, last_login, created_date, api_token_issued FROM users WHERE status='active'`). Cross-reference against your HR/onboarding roster using a two-column spreadsheet diff. For API

tokens, grep application config files and environment variable stores: `grep -r 'api_key\|api_token\|bearer' /etc/app/ /var/www/ ~/.env`. Revoke any token not tied to a named, currently-employed staff member. A 2-person team can complete this in under 4 hours for systems with fewer than 500 accounts.

Evidence: Before revoking any accounts, snapshot the full account table including creation timestamps, last-login timestamps, issuing IP addresses, and associated permission roles — this establishes the pre-containment baseline and preserves evidence of any accounts created during the intrusion window. For API tokens specifically, capture the token issuance logs (typically stored in application-layer logs under paths such as `/var/log/app/auth.log` or equivalent) before rotation, as token metadata may identify the exfiltration channel used against the WFP SRA-style architecture.

Step 2: Detection — Review authentication logs and data access logs for anomalous bulk query patterns, large export events, or access from unexpected geographic origins. Apply NIST AU-6 (Audit Record Review, Analysis, and Reporting) cadence to any system holding sensitive population data. No confirmed IOCs are available for this incident; monitor for references to this dataset in threat intelligence feeds and dark web sources.

NIST Phase: Detection Analysis

Reference: NIST 800-61r3 §3.2 — Detection and Analysis

Controls: NIST AU-6 (Audit Record Review, Analysis, And Reporting), NIST AU-3 (Content Of Audit Records), NIST AU-12 (Audit Record Generation)

Compensating: Without a SIEM, run targeted log queries manually. On Linux application servers hosting registration systems: `awk '{print $1}' /var/log/app/access.log | sort | uniq -c | sort -rn | head -20` to identify top requesting IPs by volume. For bulk export detection, query the database slow-query or general log for SELECT statements returning row counts above a threshold (e.g., MySQL: `grep 'Rows_sent: [0-9]\{4,\}' /var/log/mysql/mysql-slow.log`). For geographic anomaly detection without EDR, cross-reference source IPs against a free GeoIP database using a bash loop with `geoiplookup`. Monitor paste sites (Pastebin, BreachForums) and dark web sources via free OSINT tools such as IntelX free tier or manual Ahmia searches for WFP Palestine, 'Gaza registration,' or 'SRA database' as search terms.

Evidence: Capture web application access logs (typically `/var/log/nginx/access.log` or `/var/log/apache2/access.log`) covering the 30 days prior to discovery, preserving the full request URI, response size in bytes, HTTP status codes, source IP, and user-agent string — large response sizes on API endpoints returning JSON or CSV are the primary indicator of bulk exfiltration from a registration system of this type. Additionally preserve database query logs showing SELECT operations against the household registrant table, filtered for queries returning more than 1,000 rows in a single call, as the 600,000-household scale of this breach implies either repeated bulk queries or a single large export event.

Step 3: Eradication — No patch is available; no CVE is assigned; the affected system is proprietary. For analogous systems in your environment: enforce least-privilege access per NIST AC-6, rotate credentials for all accounts with access to sensitive registrant data per D3-CRO (Credential Rotation), and audit API access controls. Reference CIS 5.4 (Restrict Administrator Privileges to Dedicated Administrator Accounts).

NIST Phase: Eradication

Reference: NIST 800-61r3 §3.4 — Eradication

Controls: NIST AC-6 (Least Privilege), NIST AC-2 (Account Management), CIS 5.4 (Restrict Administrator Privileges to Dedicated Administrator Accounts), CIS 5.2 (Use Unique Passwords)

Compensating: Because no vendor patch exists for proprietary humanitarian registration systems analogous to the WFP SRA, eradication must focus on access hygiene. Rotate all database credentials and application service account passwords immediately: on Linux, use `passwd` for OS accounts and the DBMS-native command (e.g., `ALTER USER 'appuser'@'%' IDENTIFIED BY 'newpassword';` in MySQL). Revoke and reissue all API tokens with new secrets. Enforce role separation by querying the application's permission table and removing bulk-export or admin-read privileges from any account whose role description does not explicitly require it. Document every change with a timestamp and operator name in a plain-text change log for post-incident review. A 2-person team should treat this as a full credential reset, not a spot rotation.

Evidence: Before rotating any credentials, preserve a cryptographic hash (SHA-256) of the current `/etc/shadow` file, the application's user/role/permission database tables (exported as CSV with `mysqldump --no-data` or equivalent

schema dump plus a data dump of the permissions table), and the API token issuance log. These establish what access existed during the compromise window and are necessary to demonstrate to auditors or oversight bodies — critical given the humanitarian accountability context of this breach — that eradication was complete and documented.

Step 4: Recovery — Validate that access control lists on sensitive data repositories are configured to need-to-know per CIS 3.3 (Configure Data Access Control Lists). Confirm audit logging is enabled and storage capacity is sufficient per NIST AU-4 (Audit Storage Capacity) and CIS 8.2 (Collect Audit Logs). Monitor for any downstream appearance of the exfiltrated dataset in threat intelligence sources.

NIST Phase: Recovery

Reference: NIST 800-61r3 §3.5 — Recovery

Controls: CIS 3.3 (Configure Data Access Control Lists), NIST AU-4 (Audit Storage Capacity), CIS 8.2 (Collect Audit Logs), NIST AU-9 (Protection Of Audit Information)

Compensating: Validate file-system and database ACLs without enterprise tooling: run `ls -la` on all directories containing registrant data exports or backups, and confirm ownership is restricted to the application service account — not world-readable. In MySQL/PostgreSQL, run `SHOW GRANTS FOR 'appuser';` for every application account and verify SELECT is scoped to only required tables, with no GRANT OPTION. For audit log storage, check current disk utilization with `df -h /var/log` and calculate projected growth at current log volume using `du -sh /var/log/app/` against a 90-day retention window. If capacity is insufficient, configure log rotation with `logrotate` and ship compressed archives to a separate storage volume or low-cost object storage (e.g., AWS S3 free tier or self-hosted MinIO). For dark web monitoring, set a weekly manual search cadence on free OSINT sources for dataset identifiers specific to this breach (Gaza, Palestine household registry, national ID + phone combinations).

Evidence: Prior to restoring full operational access, capture a current snapshot of all database table-level permission grants and filesystem ACL states (output of `SHOW GRANTS` for all DB users and `getfacl -R /path/to/data/` for relevant directories). This post-eradication baseline documents that ACLs were validated clean before re-opening access, which is essential for accountability reporting to UN oversight bodies or donor governments and distinguishes the post-incident state from the compromised state.

Step 5: Post-Incident — This incident exposes gaps in disclosure timeline governance and data minimization practice. Review your organization's breach notification procedures and data retention policies against CIS 3.4 (Enforce Data Retention) and CIS 3.5 (Securely Dispose of Data). Assess whether sensitive population data — particularly geolocation combined with identity — is stored at necessary granularity. Implement or review multi-factor authentication on all externally accessible systems per CIS 6.3 (Require MFA for Externally-Exposed Applications).

NIST Phase: Post Incident

Reference: NIST 800-61r3 §4 — Post-Incident Activity

Controls: CIS 3.4 (Enforce Data Retention), CIS 3.5 (Securely Dispose of Data), CIS 6.3 (Require MFA for Externally-Exposed Applications), CIS 6.5 (Require MFA for Administrative Access), NIST AU-11 (Audit Record Retention)

Compensating: For data minimization review without a DLP platform: inventory every database table and flat file containing registrant data by running `SELECT table_name, column_name FROM information_schema.columns WHERE column_name LIKE '%location%' OR column_name LIKE '%address%' OR column_name LIKE '%national_id%' OR column_name LIKE '%phone%';` and assess whether neighborhood-level granularity is operationally required versus district-level (which would reduce re-identification risk). For MFA on externally exposed registration portals without budget, deploy a free TOTP implementation such as Google Authenticator integration via a PAM module (for SSH admin access) or a self-hosted Authelia instance in front of the web application. Document the lessons-learned findings in a written post-incident report addressed to organizational leadership, noting that the WFP breach demonstrates that humanitarian registrant data — particularly the combination of national ID, phone, and sub-district location in an active conflict zone — constitutes life-safety data requiring controls equivalent to PHI.

Evidence: The post-incident review should preserve the complete incident timeline documentation: initial detection timestamp, containment action timestamps, and notification dates. For organizations with similar data profiles, document the current data retention schedule and the last confirmed disposal event for each registrant data class —

this establishes the pre-improvement baseline and is required if the organization faces regulatory inquiry or donor audit following a comparable breach. Additionally retain the AU-11-aligned audit log archive from the incident window (minimum 90 days, recommended 1 year for incidents of this severity) in write-protected storage before any log rotation could purge it.

Detection Guidance

No confirmed IOCs (IPs, domains, hashes, or signatures) are publicly available as of 2026-06-04. For organizations running similar population registry or humanitarian data systems, focus detection efforts on: (1) bulk data export events, query your SIEM for large-volume SELECT or API export operations against registration databases, particularly outside business hours; (2) anomalous account activity, flag service accounts or user accounts accessing registrant tables outside normal operational patterns, referencing NIST AU-6 (Audit Record Review, Analysis, and Reporting); (3) cloud storage access anomalies, if registration data is stored in cloud object storage (S3, Azure Blob, GCS), enable and review access logs for unusual GET/LIST operations, consistent with T1530 (Data from Cloud Storage); (4) data exfiltration indicators, monitor egress traffic for large outbound transfers to unknown endpoints, consistent with T1567 (Exfiltration Over Web Service). Subscribe to threat intelligence feeds that index dark web and Telegram channels for newly published datasets, the WFP breach surfaced via Telegram, not vendor disclosure.

Framework Mappings

MITRE-ATTACK

- **T1657** — Financial Theft
- **T1190** — Exploit Public-Facing Application
- **T1078** — Valid Accounts
- **T1567** — Exfiltration Over Web Service
- **T1530** — Data from Cloud Storage
- **T1213** — Data from Information Repositories

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- **CA-8** — Penetration Testing
- **RA-5** — Vulnerability Monitoring and Scanning
- **SC-7** — Boundary Protection
- **SI-2** — Flaw Remediation
- **SI-7** — Software, Firmware, and Information Integrity
- **AC-2** — Account Management
- **AC-6** — Least Privilege
- **IA-2** — Identification and Authentication (Organizational Users)
- **IA-5** — Authenticator Management
- **AC-3** — Access Enforcement
- **SC-28** — Protection of Information at Rest

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- **A01:2021** — Broken Access Control

HIPAA-SECURITY

- **164.312(a)(1)** — Access Control

CIS-V8

- **6.1** — Establish an Access Granting Process
- **6.2** — Establish an Access Revoking Process

SOC2-TSC

- **CC6.1** — The entity implements logical access security software, infrastructure, and architectures over protected information assets
- **CC9.2** — Manages risks associated with vendors and business partners

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- **A.5.34** — Privacy and protection of personal information
- **A.5.21** — Managing information security in the ICT supply chain

MITRE ATT&CK Mapping

Technique ID	Technique Name	Tactic
T1657	Financial Theft	Impact
T1190	Exploit Public-Facing Application	Initial-Access
T1078	Valid Accounts	Defense-Evasion
T1567	Exfiltration Over Web Service	Exfiltration
T1530	Data from Cloud Storage	Collection
T1213	Data from Information Repositories	Collection

Sources

Source	URL	Tier
Security News	https://www.bleepingcomputer.com/news/security/un-world-food-progra...	T3
Data of 600,000 Gaza households exposed in WFP cyber-attack	https://www.thenewhumanitarian.org/news/2026/06/02/data-600000-gaza...	T3
Data of 600,000 Gaza households exposed in World Food ...	https://databreaches.net/2026/06/02/data-of-600000-gaza-households-...	T3

Source	URL	Tier
UN food agency data breach exposes 600000 Gaza households	https://www.aa.com.tr/en/middle-east/un-food-agency-data-breach-exp...	T3
Palestine | World Food Programme	https://www.wfp.org/countries/palestine	T3

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