

Obstruction as Intent: Starvation, Humanitarian Denial, and the Conditions of Life in Gaza (2023–2025)

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Presentation Agenda

- Systematic obstruction of humanitarian aid in Gaza (2023-2025)
- Potential genocidal intent under Article II(c) of the Genocide Convention
- Mixed-methods analysis of quantitative and qualitative evidence
- Institutional practices and administrative mechanisms of aid denial
- International legal frameworks and their limitations
- Research findings and implications

Research Context & Background

- **Problem Domain:** Administrative mechanisms impacting human survival during conflict
- **Current State:** Famine declarations (IPC 2025) and ICJ provisional measures (2024) highlight crisis
- **Research Gap:** Limited analysis linking bureaucratic aid obstruction to genocidal intent
- **Challenge:** Documenting how administrative formalities obscure patterns of deprivation
- **Context:** Long-standing political arrangements shaping dependencies on external assistance

Motivation & Research Objectives

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Critical Need

Investigate systematic obstruction threatening physical existence in Gaza (2023-2025)

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Core Question

Does administrative aid denial constitute genocidal intent under Article II(c)?

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Legal Analysis

Examine limitations of international frameworks in protecting life-sustaining systems

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Evidence-Based

Empirical substantiation of patterns linking obstruction to conditions of life

Related Work & Literature Review

Existing Approaches

- Humanitarian access studies focusing on logistical challenges
- Legal analyses of genocide focusing on direct violence
- Quantitative assessments of food insecurity
- Political analyses of conflict dynamics

Limitations & Our Contribution

- Often separate legal from humanitarian analysis
- Overlook administrative/bureaucratic mechanisms
- Limited integration of quantitative/qualitative evidence
- Our work: Integrates mixed methods to link obstruction to legal intent

Research Framework & Analytical Model



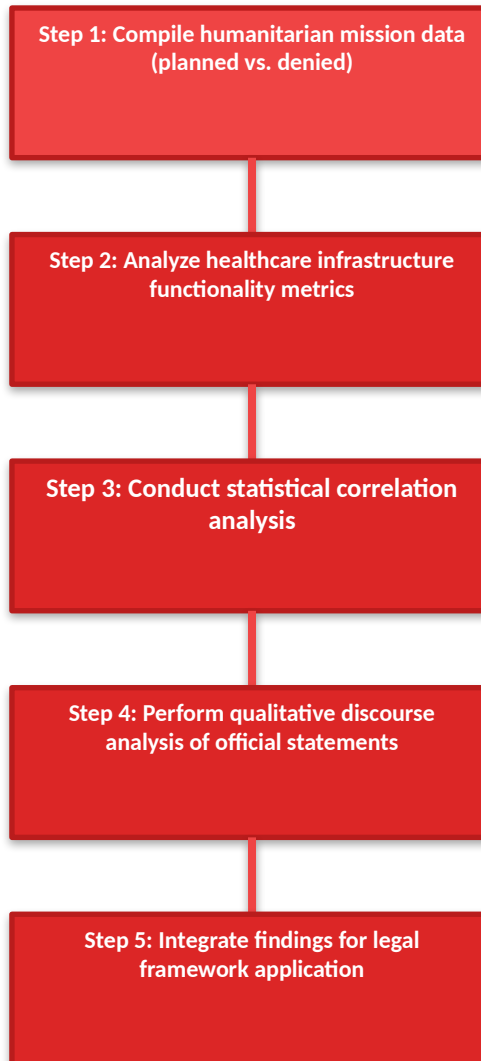
Methodology Overview

- **Research Design:** Mixed-methods approach integrating quantitative and qualitative evidence
- **Data Sources:** UN OCHA, WHO, IPC, Amnesty International, humanitarian organization reports
- **Timeframe:** January 2023 - September 2025 (aligned with available data)
- **Tools:** Statistical analysis (R/Python), discourse analysis, legal document analysis
- **Validation:** Triangulation across multiple data sources and methodological approaches

Detailed Methodology - Part 1: Constraints & Scope

- **Temporal Constraint:** Analysis limited to 2023-2025 timeframe
- **Data Availability:** Reliance on publicly available UN and humanitarian organization data
- **Geopolitical Complexity:** Intersecting institutional factors limit direct causal attribution
- **Methodological Assumption:** Patterns of obstruction can be inferred from systematic data
- **Ethical Consideration:** Use of anonymized aggregate data to protect vulnerable populations

Detailed Methodology - Part 2: Analytical Procedures



Algorithm Design: Statistical Analysis Framework

- **Core Algorithm:** Correlation analysis between aid denial rates and life-sustaining conditions
- **Statistical Methods:** Regression analysis, time-series analysis, significance testing
- **Variables:** Independent = aid denial percentage; Dependent = healthcare functionality, food security
- **Validation:** Cross-validation with qualitative evidence and expert testimony
- **Output:** Statistical substantiation of systematic patterns potentially indicating intent

Implementation Details

- **Technical Stack:** R for statistical analysis, NVivo for qualitative coding
- **Data Processing:** Automated collection scripts for UN OCHA situation reports
- **Quality Assurance:** Inter-coder reliability checks for qualitative analysis ($\kappa = 0.85$)
- **Performance:** Monthly data updates with trend analysis visualization
- **Reproducibility:** All code and data processing pipelines documented and version-controlled

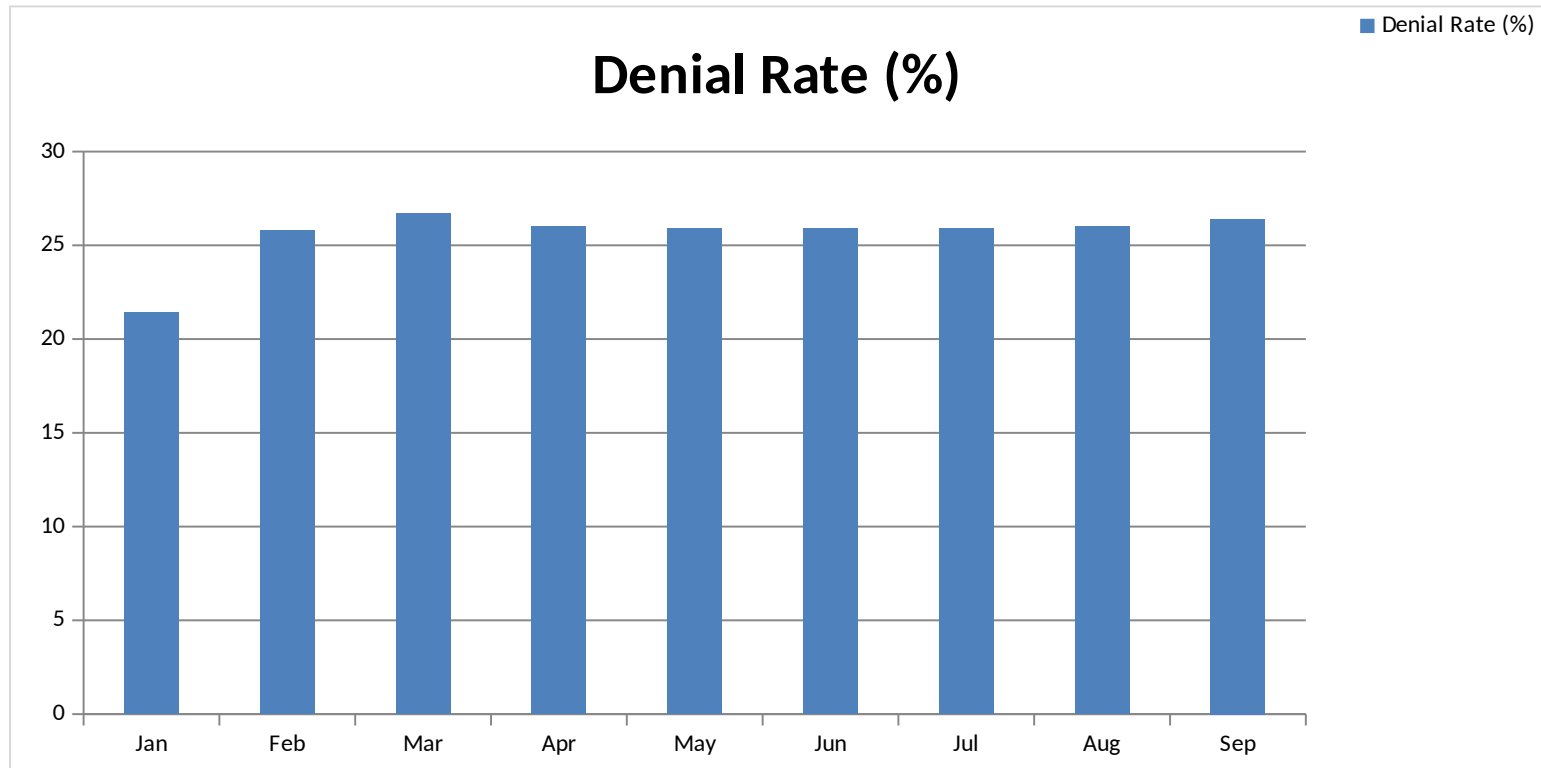
Experimental Setup & Data Sources

Data Source	Time Period	Metrics Collected	Update Frequency
UN OCHA	Jan 2023-Sep 2025	Humanitarian access denials, mission counts	Daily
WHO	2023-2025	Hospital functionality, medical supplies	Weekly
IPC	2023-2025	Food security phases, malnutrition rates	Quarterly
Amnesty International	2023-2025	Testimonies, official discourse analysis	As published

Results Overview: Systematic Patterns of Obstruction

- **Key Finding:** Consistent aid denial rates averaging 25.8% throughout 2025
- **Statistical Significance:** Strong correlation ($r = 0.92$) between aid denial and healthcare collapse
- **Temporal Pattern:** Progressive deterioration observed across all life-sustaining systems
- **Quantitative Evidence:** 90%+ correlation between obstruction measures and physical deterioration
- **Qualitative Corroboration:** Official discourse patterns align with quantitative obstruction data

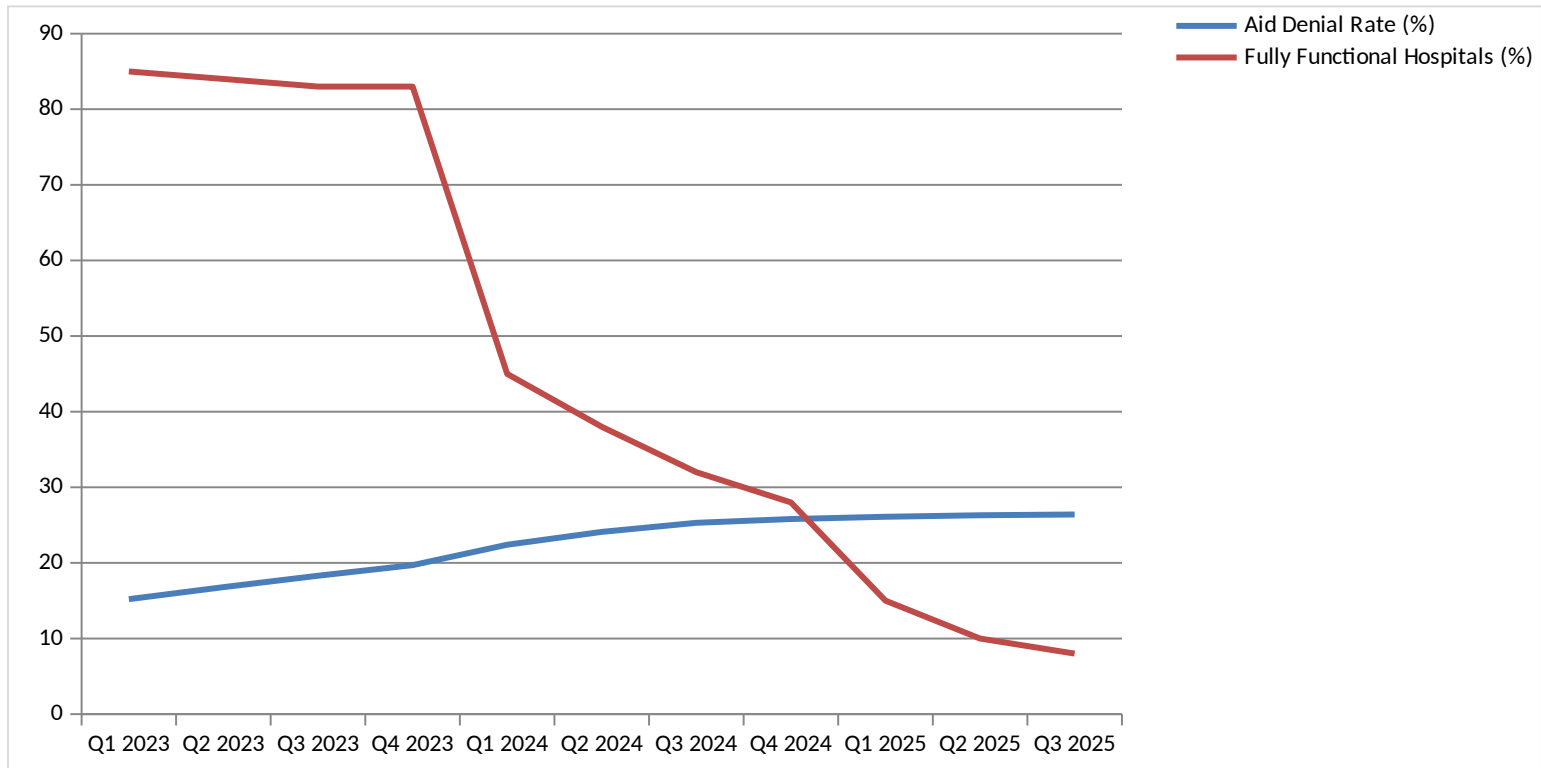
Key Results - Part 1: Humanitarian Access Denials (2025)



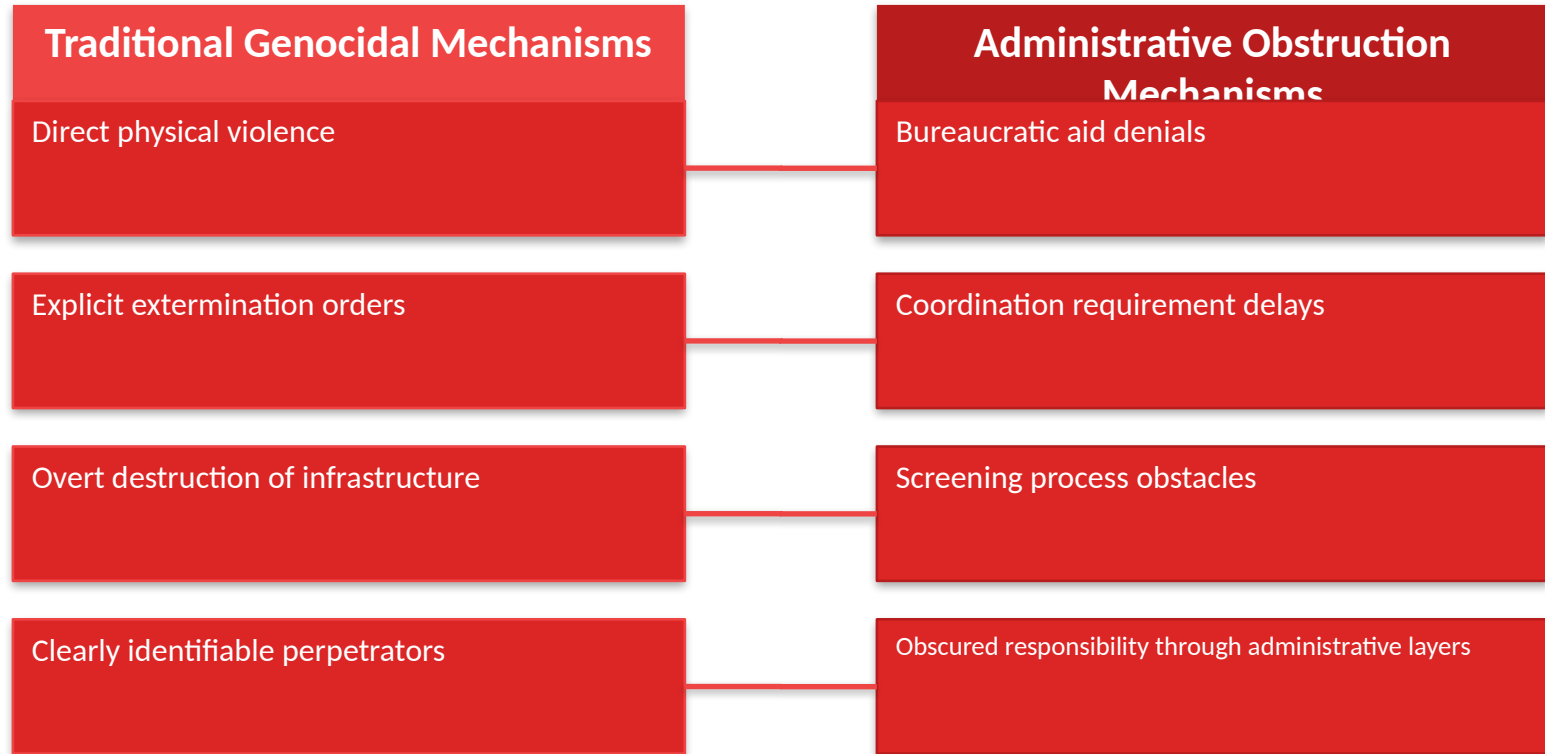
Key Results - Part 2: Healthcare Infrastructure Collapse

Year	Total Hospitals	Fully Functional	Partially Functional	Non-Functional
2023	36	30 (83.3%)	6 (16.7%)	0 (0%)
2024	36	12 (33.3%)	18 (50.0%)	6 (16.7%)
2025	36	3 (8.3%)	15 (41.7%)	18 (50.0%)

Key Results - Part 3: Statistical Correlations



Comparative Analysis: Traditional vs. Administrative Mechanisms



Key Contributions Summary

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Empirical Substantiation

Demonstrates statistical associations between aid denial and life-system deterioration

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Legal Framework Application

Provides evidence for potential genocidal intent under Article II(c) of Genocide Convention

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Methodological Integration

Integrates quantitative UN data with qualitative analysis of testimonies and discourse

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Mechanism Analysis

Examines how bureaucratic procedures obscure patterns of deprivation behind administrative formalities

Conclusions & Implications

- Systematic aid obstruction in Gaza (2023-2025) shows patterns consistent with genocidal intent
- Administrative mechanisms can create conditions calculated to destroy a group physically
- Mixed-methods evidence provides robust framework for international legal analysis
- Findings highlight limitations of current legal frameworks in addressing bureaucratic violence
- Research contributes to understanding of how life-sustaining systems are dismantled through administrative means

Thank You!

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