**Dr. Awad Presents a Brief on Palestinians at the End of 2018**

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**President presents a brief on the status of Palestinian people at the end of 2018**

**There is More than 13 Million Palestinians in the world by the End of 2018**

The projected number of Palestinians in the world is 13.05 million, of whom 4.91 million are in State of Palestine, 1.57 million in 1948 Territory, 5.85 million in Arab countries and around 717 thousand in foreign countries.

**More than one-third of population in Gaza Strip**

The projected number of Palestinians living in State of Palestine at the end of 2018 is 4.915 million: around 2.954 million reside in the West Bank and 1.961 million in Gaza Strip. Palestinian refugees make up 42% of the Palestinian population in State of Palestine: 26% of them in the West Bank and 66% in Gaza Strip.

**Decline in fertility rate**

The total fertility rate declined during (2011-2013) to 4.1 births (compared to 5.9 births in 1999). In Gaza Strip the rate was 4.5 births compared to 3.7 births in the West Bank during 2011-2013.

**Total Fertility Rate in State of Palestine, Selected Years**

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**Decrease in average household size**

The average household size in State of Palestine was 5.1 persons in 2017 (compared to 6.1 in 2000): 4.8 persons in the West Bank and 5.6 persons in Gaza Strip.

**Average Household Size in State of Palestine by Region in 2000 and 2017**

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**Decrease in crude birth and death rates**

The crude birth rate is 30.5 births for every 1000 of population in State of Palestine 2018: 28.0 in the West Bank compared to 34.4 in Gaza Strip. The crude death rate is 3.8 deaths for every 1000 of population in State of Palestine 2018: 4.0 in the West Bank compared to 3.5 in Gaza Strip.

**High fertility rate among Palestinians in Jordan compared to Palestinians in Syria and Lebanon**

The total fertility rate for the Palestinian women living in Jordan was 3.3 births in 2010 compared to 2.5 in Syria in 2010 and 2.8 in Lebanon in 2011.

**Selected Demographic Indicators by Country of Residence, Selected Years**

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| **Country of Residence** | **Average Household Size** | **Total Fertility Rate** |
| Jordan | 5.1\*\* | 3.3\* |
| Syria \* | 4.1\* | 2.5\*\* |
| Lebanon | 4.4\*\* | 2.8\*\* |

\* Data represent for 2010

\*\*Data represent for 2011

**The Palestinian population in 1948 Territory is a young population**

The number of Palestinians living in 1948 Territory is 1.568 million in the end of 2018, of whom the percentage of individuals under 18 years was about 40% for males and 39% for females, while the percentage of individuals 65 years and above was 4% for males and 5% for females at the end of 2017.

**Population growth rate for Palestinians is higher than the growth rate of the Jewish population in historic Palestine**The population growth rate of Palestinians in the State of Palestine reached about 2.5% in 2018. In addition, the growth rate of the Palestinian population in the 1948 territories reached about 2.3% in 2017, while the rate of Jews in historical Palestine was about 1.7% in 2017.