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Survey on the Perception of Palestinian Population Towards the Socioeconomic Conditions, October 2004

The press conference of the survey results

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### **Press Release**

# On the Main Findings of the Survey on the Perception of Palestinian Population Towards the Socioeconomic Conditions, October 2004

"The percentage of optimistics of improved situation or finding A job decreased on the short and intermediate level"

PCBS conducted the 9<sup>th</sup> round of the survey on the perception of the Palestinian people about the socioeconomic conditions. Data collection took place during the period 2/10/2004-22/10/2004 on a sample composed of 3,328 households, (2,129 in the West Bank and 1,199 in Gaza Strip).

### **Current Situation**

52.3% of interviewed persons reported that the overall well-being of their households is worse in October compared with a month ago (50.8% in the West Bank and 54.4% in Gaza Strip), while 10.2% reported that it is better (8.3% in the West Bank and 13.1% in Gaza Strip).

11.0% of households reported that the ability of households members to move around is significantly harder this week compared with a week ago (8.5% in the West Bank and 15.0% in Gaza Strip), while 1.9% reported that it is significantly easier (2.5% in the West Bank and 1.0% in Gaza Strip).

### **Short-Term Expectations:**

About 12.6% of the respondents expected that overall well being of households will be much worse in a month time (10.4% in the West Bank and 16.0% in Gaza Strip), against 1.2% expected that it will be much better (1.6% in the West Bank and 0.6% in Gaza Strip).

9.7% of interviewed persons expected that the ability of households' members to move around will be harder next month compared with interviewing week (7.6% in the West Bank and 12.8% in Gaza Strip), while 1.4% expected that it will be easier (1.6% in the West Bank and .9% in Gaza Strip).

20.4% of interviewed persons reported that they are very pessimistic to find a job next month, while 2.1% were very optimistic.

### **Mid-Term Expectations:**

About 15.8% of the respondents expected that overall well-being of households will be much worse in six months time (14.7% in the West Bank and 17.5% in Gaza Strip), against 1.4% expected that life will be much better (1.7% in the West Bank and 0.9% in Gaza Strip).

11.3% of interviewed persons reported that the ability of household members to move around will be significantly harder in six months time compared with interviewing week (10.1% in the West Bank and 13.0% in Gaza Strip), while 1.7% reported that it is significantly easier (1.7% in the West Bank and 1.8% in Gaza Strip).

### **Priorities of households:**

Data reveal that 36.7% of the households reported the need for food as a first priority, 24.6% the need for financial assistance, 20.3% the need for work, and 8.2% reported the need for educational services, while 5.4% reported the need for health services as a first priority.

**Priority Needs of Communities:**About 50.6% of households reported the need for job creation opportunities, and 18.8% reported the need for developing infrastructure services, and 7.5% for providing health services.

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Table 1: Main Changes on the Indicators of Attitudes of Palestinians in the Palestinian Territory

	ول 2004 *Octo* %	ber	2004 *Ji %		200- *M (%	ay		نیسان pril %)	2004 *Ma (%	ırch	2004 *Febi (%	•	-	کانون ثانہ uary (%)	2003 d *Dece (%		
Indicator	خلال الستة شهور القادمة Next six Months	خلال الشهر القادم Next Month	خلال الستة شهور القادمة Next six Months	خلال الشهر القادم Next Month													
Percentage of households who expect better life	22.9	21.2	32.8	31.0	20.4	18.4	31.3	27.8	28.0	26.2	28.1	25.7	32.0	29.6	33.5	32.2	نسبة الأسر المتفائلة بتحسن الوضع العام للأسرة
Percentage of households who expect better mobility (less mobility restrictions)	18.1	16.9	26.9	24.9	13.1	11.1	21.3	16.7	20.7	18.3	20.0	18.1	22.9	21.8	26.1	25.3	نسبة الأسر المتفائلة بتحسن إمكانية الحركة والتنقل
Percentage of unemployed persons who are optimistic to find a job	28.6	27.3	41.1	35.5	35.3	33.0	32.5	23.6	38.8	33.2	13.8	13.0	46.0	48.0	41.9	35.8	نسبة المتعطلين المتفائلين بإيجاد فرصة عمل
Percentage of persons who are optimistic to meet household basic needs	48.7	49.1	58.7	55.9	51.5	49.3	56.6	55.0	60.9	58.7	57.2	54.4	56.4	54.7	62.2	60.1	نسبة المتفائلين بتلبية احتياجات الأسرة
Percentage of persons who are optimistic to meet the community basic needs	41.0	39.3	53.2	48.6	42.7	40.3	47.5	43.8	53.8	47.6	47.4	42.8	50.8	47.3	42.5	38.9	نسبة المتفائلين بتلبية احتياجات التجمع السكاني

<sup>\*</sup> Data Collection for December took place during 1/12-10/12/2003.

<sup>\*</sup> Data Collection for January took place during 3/1-26/1/2004.

<sup>\*</sup> Data Collection for February took place during 8/2-20/2/2004.

<sup>\*</sup> Data Collection for March took place during 1/3-28/3/2004.

<sup>\*</sup> Data Collection for April took place during 6/4-20/4/2004.

<sup>\*</sup> Data Collection for May took place during 6/5-20/5/2004.

<sup>\*</sup> Data Collection for July took place during 2/7-22/7/2004.

<sup>\*</sup> Data Collection for October took place during 2/10-22/10/2004.

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Table 2: Main Changes on the Indicators of Attitudes of Palestinians in the West Bank

	ول 2004 Octo* %	ber		تموز 1 uly ⁄⁄	*N	أيار 4 lay (%)	*A	نیسان pril %)	*Ma	آذار 4 arch (%)	*Feb	شباط ا ruary 6)	*Jan	کانون ثانو uary %)	2003 J *Dece (%		
Indicator	خلال الستة شهور القادمة Next six Months	خلال الشهر القادم Next Month	خلال الستة شهور القادمة Next six Months	خلال الشهر القادم Next Month													
Percentage of households who expect better life	19.9	19.2	31.2	32.5	18.2	16.7	28.3	27.2	24.5	24.2	24.3	24.0	28.1	28.0	30.2	29.9	نسبة الأسر المتفائلة بتحسن الوضع العام للأسرة
Percentage of households who expect better mobility (less mobility restrictions)	13.9	14.2	30.4	31.7	13.5	13.1	22.9	21.6	23.0	24.2	20.6	21.8	25.7	25.2	27.2	28.4	نسبة الأسر المتفائلة بتحسن إمكانية الحركة والتنقل
Percentage of unemployed persons who are optimistic to find a job	28.5	28.1	37.5	32.4	29.9	28.0	32.4	25.8	34.6	32.8	12.1	11.8	43.9	41.9	32.8	30.8	نسبة المتعطلين المتفائلين بايجاد فرصة عمل
Percentage of persons who are optimistic to meet household basic needs	46.0	46.7	54.5	54.0	48.5	45.0	52.0	51.6	60.3	60.4	53.1	52.4	55.8	56.4	60.1	60.5	نسبة المتفائلين بتلبية احتياجات الأسرة
Percentage of persons who are optimistic to meet the community basic needs	38.5	37.3	47.7	45.1	38.0	38.1	40.9	39.7	49.8	47.6	40.9	39.0	46.8	45.7	38.3	36.9	نسبة المتفائلين بتلبية احتياجات التجمع السكاني

* Data Collection for December took p	place during	1/12-10/12/2003.
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<sup>\*</sup> Data Collection for January took place during 3/1-26/1/2004.

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.2004/1/26-1/3	*
.2004/2/20-2/8	*
.2004/3/28-3/1	*
2004/4/20-4/6	*
2004/5/20-5/6	*
2004/7/22-7/2	*
2004/10/22-10/2	*

<sup>\*</sup> Data Collection for February took place during 8/2-20/2/2004.

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Table 3: Main Changes on the Indicators of Attitudes of Palestinians in Gaza Strip

	ول 2004 *Octo* %	ber	2004	تموز 1 uly %	200 *N	أيار 4 أيار 4 lay (%)	2004 *A	نیسا <i>ن</i> pril 6)	200 *Ma	آذار 4 arch (%)	*Feb	شباط ا ruary 6)	*Jan	کانون ثانو uary %)	2003 J *Dece (%		
Indicator	خلال الستة شهور القادمة Next six Months	خلال الشهر القادم Next Month	خلال الستة شهور القادمة Next six Months	خلال الشهر القادم Next Month													
Percentage of households who expect better life	27.3	24.1	35.8	28.2	24.3	21.3	36.8	29.0	34.6	30.1	35.8	29.1	38.3	33.0	39.7	36.6	نسبة الأسر المتفائلة بتحسن الوضع العام للأسرة
Percentage of households who expect better mobility (less mobility restrictions)	24.4	20.9	20.5	12.3	12.6	7.3	18.4	7.4	16.1	7.3	18.6	10.7	17.5	15.4	24.1	19.4	نسبة الأسر المتفائلة بتحسن إمكانية الحركة والتنقل
Percentage of unemployed persons who are optimistic to find a job	28.7	26.3	46.2	39.9	44.2	41.4	33.0	17.9	47.1	33.9	17.3	15.0	50.4	60.6	58.5	45.0	نسبة المتعطلين المتفائلين بإيجاد فرصة عمل
Percentage of persons who are optimistic to meet household basic needs	52.8	52.8	66.4	59.3	57.0	50.7	65.4	61.2	61.7	55.4	65.5	58.2	57.4	51.7	66.3	59.4	نسبة المتفائلين بتلبية احتياجات الأسرة
Percentage of persons who are optimistic to meet the community basic needs	44.4	41.9	62.8	54.5	50.7	44.1	59.2	51.1	60.6	47.6	59.1	49.4	58.0	50.1	50.4	42.8	نسبة المتفائلين بتلبية احتياجات التجمع السكاني

* Data Collection for December took place during 1/12-10/12/2	2003.
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<sup>\*</sup> Data Collection for January took place during 3/1-26/1/2004.

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.2004/1/26-1/3	*
.2004/2/20-2/8	*
.2004/3/28-3/1	*
2004/4/20-4/6	*
2004/5/20-5/6	*
2004/7/22-7/2	*
2004/10/22-10/2	*

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<sup>\*</sup> Data Collection for October took place during 2/10-22/10/2004.

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Table 4: The Attitude of Palestinians Toward the Overall "Quality of Life" Enjoyed by the Households Today Compared with One Month Ago by Region (October, 2004)

Attitude	Gaza Strip %	West Bank	Palestinian Territory	
A lot better today	0.7	1.6	1.2	
Somewhat better today	12.4	6.7	9.0	
About the same/ Unchanged	32.5	40.3	37.2	/
Somewhat worse today	28.2	33.0	31.1	
A lot worse today	26.2	17.8	21.2	
Don't know	-	0.6	0.3	
Total	100	100	100	

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Table 5: The Attitude of Palestinians Toward the Overall "Quality of Life" Enjoyed by the Households in the Future Compared with Today and Region, (October, 2004)

	Region and T	ime Period			ı		
	Gaza	Strip	West I	Bank	Palestinian	Territory	
Attitude	Next Six Months %	Next Month %	Next Six Months %	Next Month %	Next Six Months %	Next Month %	
A lot better from now	0.9	0.6	1.7	1.6	1.4	1.2	
Somewhat better from now	26.4	23.5	18.2	17.6	21.5	20.0	
About the same /unchanged	33.4	38.6	30.6	35.3	31.7	36.6	1
Somewhat worse from now	19.6	20.4	23.7	27.3	22.1	24.6	
A lot worse from now	17.5	16.0	14.7	10.4	15.8	12.6	
Don't know	2.2	0.9	11.1	7.8	7.5	5.0	
Total	100	100	100	100	100	100	

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Table 6: The Attitude of Palestinians Toward the Overall "Quality of Life" Enjoyed by the Households in the Future by Selected Characteristics (October, 2004)

	Time Peri	od			
Characteristics		x Months %	Nex	t Month %	
	Worse %	Better %	Worse %	Better %	
Age Group					
15-24	36.1	25.5	36.2	23.1	24-15
25-44	36.8	22.9	36.2	21.0	44-25
45+	42.1	19.2	40.2	18.6	+45
Refugee status					
Refugee	38.0	24.3	36.3	23.1	
Non - Refugee	37.7	21.7	37.9	19.5	
Education					
Less than Preparatory	42.3	20.1	41.2	18.4	
Preparatory - secondary	36.3	23.2	36.4	21.7	-
Diploma and above	32.2	29.5	29.4	27.0	

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Table 7: Distribution of Palestinian Households by the Level of Disturbance Caused by Restrictions on Mobility Imposed by Israeli Military Forces and Region, (October, 2004)

	Region and	Time Period					
Level of	Gaza	a Strip	Wes	t Bank	Palestinia	an Territory	
Disturbance	Past Six Months %	Past Month %	Past Six Months %	Past Month %	Past Six Months %	Past Month %	
A lot	32.7	34.4	36.3	39.0	34.8	37.1	
A little	23.1	24.7	28.8	26.1	26.5	25.6	
Not at all	43.6	40.4	33.6	33.5	37.6	36.3	
Don't know	0.6	0.5	1.3	1.4	1.1	1.0	
Total	100	100	100	100	100	100	

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Table 8: Distribution of Palestinian Households by the Need of Medical Care for Households and Region, (October, 2004)

	Region and	Period				
Need for medical care	Gaz	a Strip	Wes	t Bank	Palestini	an Territory
	Past Six Months %	Past Month %	Past Six Months %	Past Month %	Past Six Months %	Past Month %
Yes	56.3	53.1	63.7	58.0	60.7	56.1
No	43.7	46.9	35.9	41.6	39.0	43.7
Don't know	-	-	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.2
Total	100	100	100	100	100	100

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Table 9: Distribution of Palestinian Households by Ability for Household Member to Access Necessary Medical Care and Region, (October, 2004)

	Region and	Time Period		ı			
Ability to	Gaz	a Strip	Wes	t Bank	Palestinian Territory		
access medical care							
	Past Six Months	Past Month %	Past Six Months	Past Month %	Past Six Months	Past Month	
	%		%		%	%	
Impossible	3.7	3.7	1.0	1.5	2.0	2.4	
Very difficult	10.6	11.2	11.2	12.0	10.9	11.7	
Difficult	13.8	14.6	18.1	19.0	16.5	17.3	
Few problems	30.5	31.0	32.0	31.9	31.5	31.5	
No problem at all	41.4	39.5	37.5	35.6	38.9	37.1	
Don't know	-	-	0.2	-	0.2	-	
Total	100	100	100	100	100	100	

Table 10: Distribution of Palestinian Households by Ability of Household Member to Reach Work Place and Region (October, 2004)

	Region and Pe	eriod				
Ability to reach place of work	Gaza Strip		West Bank		Palestinian Territory	
	Past Six Months %	Past Month %	Past Six Months %	Past Month %	Past Six Months %	Past Month %
Impossible	2.9	3.1	2.1	2.5	2.4	2.7
Very difficult	8.8	10.7	12.8	11.8	11.3	11.4
Difficult	13.0	13.3	17.4	19.7	15.8	17.3
Few problems	19.6	19.5	24.7	22.1	22.8	21.1
No problem at all	55.7	53.4	42.5	43.5	47.4	47.3
Don't know	-	-	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.2
Total	100	100	100	100	100	100

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Table 11: Distribution of Palestinian Households by Ability to Cultivate Land and Region (October, 2004)

	Gaza Strip		West Bank		Palestinian Territory		â	ÔÔ
Ability to cultivate land							w w	w
	Past Six Months %	Past Month %	Past Six Months %	Past Month %	Past Six Months %	Past Month %		
Impossible	3.1	3.1	5.2	4.8	4.7	4.5		
Very difficult	14.1	11.3	4.1	4.6	6.3	6.0		
Difficult	8.9	11.7	11.1	11.1	10.6	11.3		
Few problems	13.1	17.0	16.3	16.4	15.6	16.5		
No problem at all	60.8	56.9	63.3	63.1	62.8	61.7		
Total	100	100	100	100	100	100		

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Table 12: The Attitude of Palestinians Toward the Ability of Household Members to Move Around this Week Compared to the Last Week by Region (October, 2004)

Ability for household members to move	Gaza Strip %	West Bank %	Palestinian Territory %
Significantly easier this week	1.0	2.5	1.9
Somewhat easier this week	11.1	10.6	10.9
About the same/ Unchanged	55.7	57.2	56.6
Somewhat harder this week	17.0	18.5	17.9
Significantly harder this week	15.0	8.5	11.0
Don't know	0.2	2.7	1.7
Total	100	100	100

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Table 13: The Attitude of Palestinians Toward the Ability of Household Members to Move Around Next Month, Next Six Months Compared to this Week and Region, (October, 2004)

	Region and Time Period						
The ability of household members to move	Gaza Strip		West Bank		Palestinian Territory		
	Next Six Months %	Next Month %	Next Six Months %	Next Month %	Next Six Months %	Next Month %	
Significantly easier	1.8	0.9	1.7	1.6	1.7	1.4	
Somewhat easier	22.6	20.0	12.2	12.5	16.3	15.5	
About the same	47.4	52.8	43.0	50.3	44.8	51.3	
Somewhat harder	12.9	12.1	21.1	19.7	17.8	16.7	
Significantly harder	13.0	12.8	10.1	7.6	11.3	9.7	
Don't know	2.3	1.4	11.9	8.3	8.1	5.4	
Total	100	100	100	100	100	100	

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Table 14: The Attitude of Palestinians Toward the Ability to Find a Job by Region, (October, 2004)

	Region and Time Period									
The Ability to find a job	Gaza Strip		West Bank		Palestinian Territory					
The Ability to find a job	Next Six Months %	Next Month %	Next Six Months %	Next Month %	Next Six Months %	Next Month %			(	)
Very optimistic/ very likely	1.9	1.5	3.9	2.6	3.0	2.1	(		)	
Somewhat optimistic/ likely	26.9	24.8	24.7	25.6	25.6	25.3	Õ	Õ	Õ	Õ ( )
Neither optimistic/ nor pessimistic	11.6	11.9	15.2	16.0	13.7	14.2				
Somewhat pessimistic/ unlikely	26.2	28.0	24.3	22.6	25.1	24.9	)			(
Very pessimistic/ very unlikely	21.3	21.6	17.0	19.5	18.9	20.4			)	(
Don't know	12.1	12.2	14.9	13.7	13.7	13.1				
Total	100	100	100	100	100	100				

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Table 15: Distribution of Palestinian Households by the Most Important Need for Household and Region, (October, 2004)

		Gaza Strip %		West Bank %		Palestinian Territory %			
Most important need	Second Need	First Need	Second Need	First Need	Second Need	First Need			
Food	17.7	32.1	18.1	39.7	17.9	36.7			
Clothes	19.1	0.4	11.7	0.3	14.8	0.3			
Education	10.6	8.9	9.6	7.7	10.0	8.2			
Employment	10.5	30.1	18.4	13.7	15.2	20.3			
Financial assistance	32.9	21.9	22.1	26.4	26.6	24.6			
Health	6.5	1.9	14.9	7.8	11.4	5.4			
Housing	2.2	4.1	3.9	3.7	3.2	3.9		(	)
Entertainment activities	0.3	0.2	1.0	0.4	0.7	0.3			
Other	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.3			
Total	100	100	100	100	100	100			

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Table 16: Distribution of Palestinian Households by the Most Important Need of Locality and Region, (October, 2004)

The Most Important Needs	Gaza Strip %	West Bank %	Palestinian Territory %
Create jobs	65.0	41.0	50.6
Health Services	5.2	9.0	7.5
Food assistances	6.1	8.2	7.4
Education Services	3.8	4.7	4.3
Infrastructure Project	16.0	20.6	18.8
No Need	3.4	9.2	6.8
Don't know	0.5	7.3	4.6
Total	100	100	100

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Table 17: Distribution of Palestinians by their Knowledge about Development Projects Conducted in the Community by Donors and Region, (October, 2004)

Knowledge	Gaza Strip %	West Bank %	Palestinian Territory %	
Yes	10.3	14.3	12.7	
No	87.2	71.6	77.8	
Don't know	2.5	14.1	9.5	
Total	100	100	100	

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Table 18: The Attitude of Palestinians Toward the Satisfaction on the Development Projects Conducted in the Community and Region, (October, 2004)

Stratification level	Gaza Strip %	West Bank %	Palestinian Territory %
Very satisfied	14.0	16.8	15.9
Somewhat satisfied	53.6	49.6	50.9
Somewhat unsatisfied	11.3	18.1	15.9
Very unsatisfied	19.6	13.8	15.7
Don't know	1.5	1.7	1.6
Total	100	100	100

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Table 19: Distribution of Palestinians by the Most Important Infrastructure Needs in the Community and Region, (October, 2004)

The most important needs	Gaza Strip %	West Bank %	Palestinian Territory %	
Electricity	10.9	4.8	7.3	
Roads	23.0	15.3	18.4	
Sewage disposal	20.0	16.5	17.9	
Water supply	16.6	10.4	12.9	
Schools	6.8	6.3	6.5	
Health clinics / hospitals	12.6	14.3	13.6	
No Need	9.4	25.4	19.0	
Don't know	0.7	7.0	4.4	
Total	100	100	100	