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Press Release
**On the Main Findings of the Survey on the Perception of Palestinian
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**“The optimistic expectations in the well-being of the households and
community in general and the expectation of job opportunities are
increased”**

PCBS conducted the 13th round of the survey on the perception of the Palestinian people about the socioeconomic conditions. Data collection took place during the period 22/10/2005-11/11/2005 on a sample composed of 3,243 individuals aged 15 years and above, (2,076 in the West Bank and 1,167 in Gaza Strip).

Current Situation

33.0% of interviewed persons reported that the overall well-being of their households is worse in October 2005 compared with a month ago (33.6% in the West Bank and 32.1% in Gaza Strip), while 16.6% reported that it is better (14.4% in the West Bank and 20.6% in Gaza Strip).

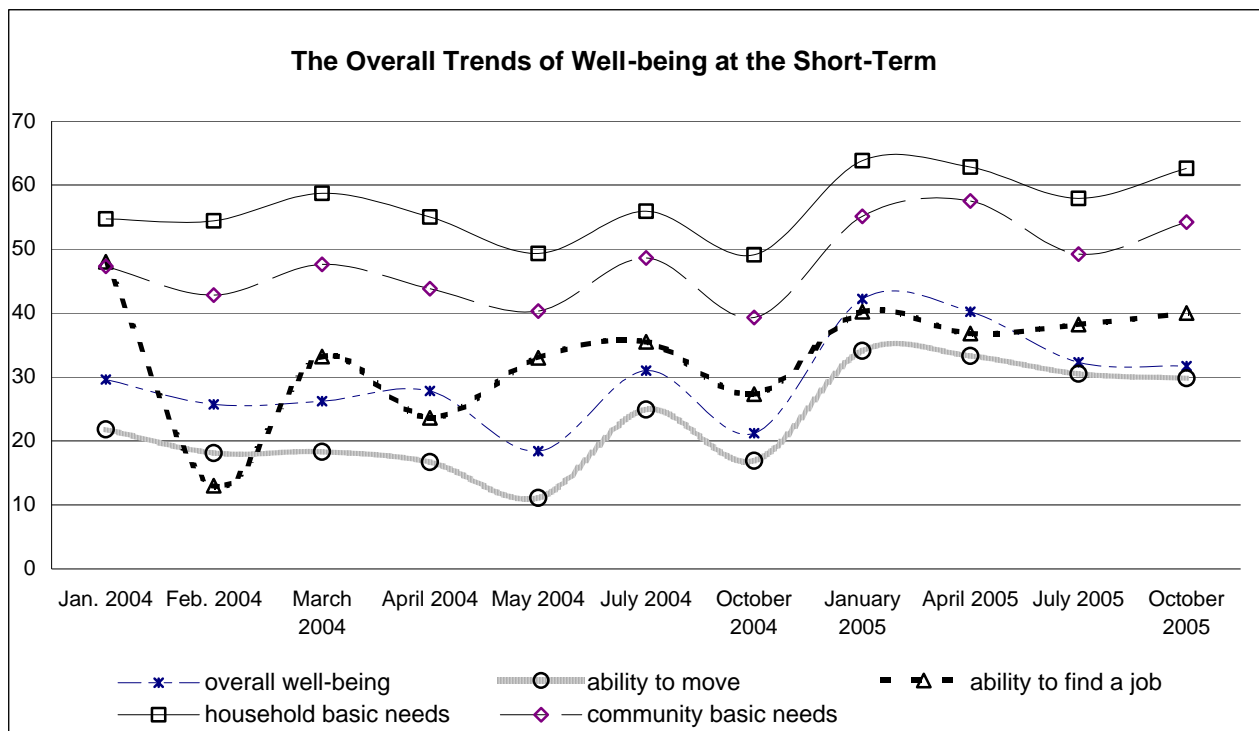
23.4% of the households reported that the ability of households' members to move around is easier this week compared with a week ago (15.9% in the West Bank and 36.6% in Gaza Strip), while 8.2% reported that it is harder (9.5% in the West Bank and 6.1% in Gaza Strip).

Short-Term Expectations:

The 13th round, (October 2005) showed that 31.7% of the respondents expected that overall well being of the households will be better (25.5% in the West Bank and 42.8% in Gaza Strip), while the expectation during the 12th round, (July 2005), was 32.3% (25.5% in the West Bank and 44.2% in Gaza Strip)

29.8% of interviewed persons expected that the ability of households' members to move around will be better next month compared with interviewing week (20.5% in the West Bank and 46.7% in Gaza Strip), while the expectation during the 12th round, (July 2005), was 30.5% (22.0% in the West Bank and 45.4% in Gaza Strip).

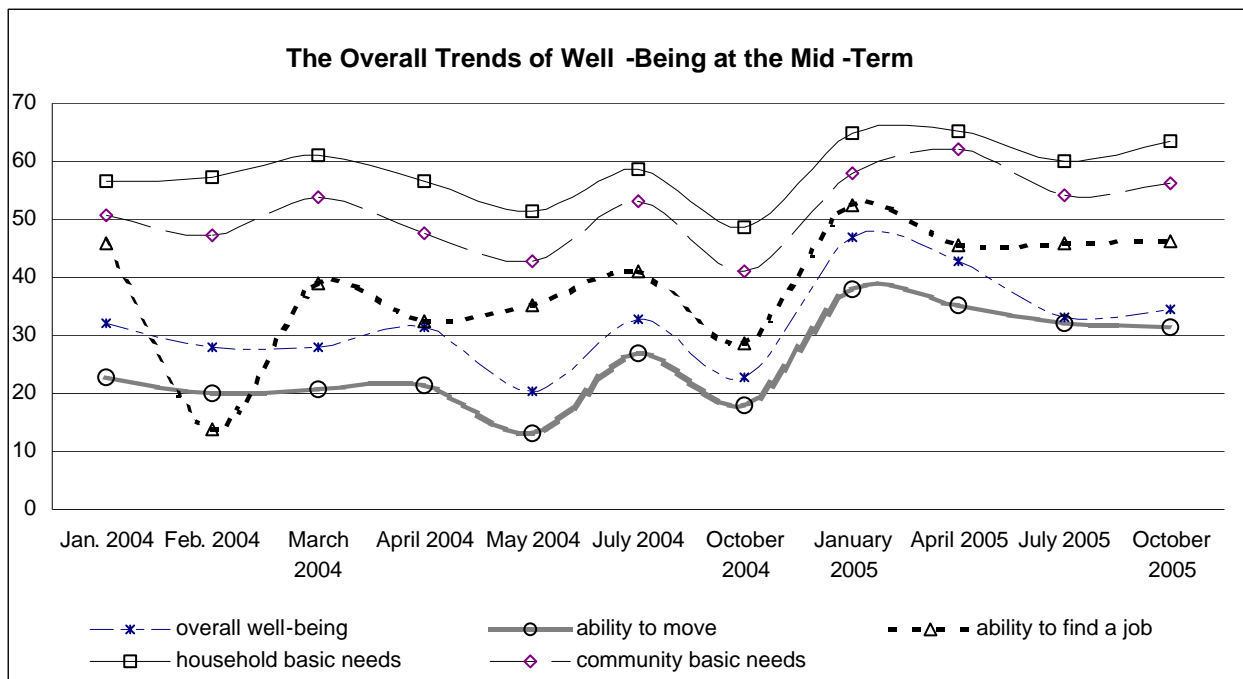
40.0% of interviewed persons reported that they are very optimistic to find a job next month, of which 40.4% in the West Bank and 39.7% in Gaza Strip.



Mid-Term Expectations:

The 13th round showed that 34.6% of the respondents expected that overall well-being of households will be better in six months time (28.8% in the West Bank and 45.1% in Gaza Strip), while the expectation during the 12th round, (July 2005), was 33.2% (24.3% in the West Bank and 48.9% in Gaza Strip).

31.3% of interviewed persons reported that the ability of household members to move around will be better in six months time compared with interviewing week (22.3% in the West Bank and 47.6% in Gaza Strip), while the expectation during the 12th round, (July 2005), was 32.3% (22.4% in the West Bank and 53.0% in Gaza Strip).



Priorities of households:

Data reveal that 45.3% of the households reported the need for food as a first priority, 19.1% the need for financial assistance, 15.2% the need for work, and 6.3% reported the need for educational services, while 7.1% reported the need for health services as a first priority.

Priority Needs of Communities:

About 54.4% of households reported the need for job creation opportunities, and 20.2% reported the need for developing infrastructure services, and 9.5% for providing health services.

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

Indicator	تشرين أول November 2005		تموز 2005 July*		نيسان 2005 April*		كانون ثاني 2005 January*		تشرين أول 2004 *October %		تموز 2004 *July %		أيار 2004 May*(%)		نيسان 2004 April* (%)		أذار 2004 *March (%)		
	خلال الستة شهور القادمة Next six Months	خلال الشهر القادم Next Month	خلال الستة شهور القادمة Next six Months	خلال الشهر القادم Next Month	خلال الستة شهور القادمة Next six Months	خلال الشهر القادم Next Month	خلال الستة شهور القادمة Next six Months	خلال الشهر القادم Next Month	خلال الستة شهور القادمة Next six Months	خلال الشهر القادم Next Month	خلال الستة شهور القادمة Next six Months	خلال الشهر القادم Next Month	خلال الستة شهور القادمة Next six Months	خلال الشهر القادم Next Month	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	34.6	31.7	33.2	32.3	42.7	40.2	46.8	42.2	22.9	21.2	32.8	31.0	20.4	18.4	31.3	27.8	28.0	26.2	نسبة الأسر المتفائلة بتحسين الوضع العام للأسرة
Percentage of households who expect better mobility (less mobility restrictions)	31.3	29.8	32.2	30.5	35.3	33.3	37.9	34.1	18.1	16.9	26.9	24.9	13.1	11.1	21.3	16.7	20.7	18.3	نسبة الأسر المتفائلة بتحسين إمكانية الحركة والتنقل
Percentage of unemployed persons who are optimistic to find a job	46.1	40.0	45.9	38.2	45.5	36.8	52.4	40.2	28.6	27.3	41.1	35.5	35.3	33.0	32.5	23.6	38.8	33.2	نسبة المتعطلين المتفائلين بإيجاد فرصة عمل

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

Indicator	تشرين أول November 2005		تموز 2005 July*		نيسان 2005 April*		كانون ثاني 2005 January*		تشرين أول 2004 *October %		تموز 2004 *July %		أيار 2004 May*(%)		نيسان 2004 April* (%)		آذار 2004 *March (%)		
	خلال الستة شهور القادمة Next six Months	خلال الشهر القادم Next Month	خلال الستة شهور القادمة Next six Months	خلال الشهر القادم Next Month	خلال الستة شهور القادمة Next six Months	خلال الشهر القادم Next Month	خلال الستة شهور القادمة Next six Months	خلال الشهر القادم Next Month	خلال الستة شهور القادمة Next six Months	خلال الشهر القادم Next Month	خلال الستة شهور القادمة Next six Months	خلال الشهر القادم Next Month	خلال الستة شهور القادمة Next six Months	خلال الشهر القادم Next Month	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	28.8	25.5	24.3	25.5	35.6	34.6	43.7	39.4	19.9	19.2	31.2	32.5	18.2	16.7	28.3	27.2	24.5	24.2	نسبة الأسر المتفائلة بتحسن الوضع العام للأسرة
Percentage of households who expect better mobility (less mobility restrictions)	22.3	20.5	20.4	22.0	32.0	31.2	39.4	36.0	13.9	14.2	30.4	31.7	13.5	13.1	22.9	21.6	23.0	24.2	نسبة الأسر المتفائلة بتحسن إمكانية الحركة والتنقل
Percentage of unemployed persons who are optimistic to find a job	42.8	40.4	40.1	38.8	45.0	40.6	54.0	50.7	28.5	28.1	37.5	32.4	29.9	28.0	32.4	25.8	34.6	32.8	نسبة المتعطلين المتفائلين بإيجاد فرصة عمل

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2005/1/22-1/2	2005	*
2005/4/20-4/2	2005	*
2005/7/30-7/10	2005	*
2005/11/11-10/22	2005	*

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

Indicator	تشرين أول November 2005		تموز 2005 July*		نيسان 2005 April*		كانون ثاني 2005 January*		تشرين أول 2004 *October %		تموز 2004 *July %		أيار 2004 May*(%)		نيسان 2004 April* (%)		أذار 2004 *March (%)		
	خلال الستة شهور القادمة Next six Months	خلال الشهر القادم Next Month	خلال الستة شهور القادمة Next six Months	خلال الشهر القادم Next Month	خلال الستة شهور القادمة Next six Months	خلال الشهر القادم Next Month	خلال الستة شهور القادمة Next six Months	خلال الشهر القادم Next Month	خلال الستة شهور القادمة Next six Months	خلال الشهر القادم Next Month	خلال الستة شهور القادمة Next six Months	خلال الشهر القادم Next Month	خلال الستة شهور القادمة Next six Months	خلال الشهر القادم Next Month	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	45.1	42.8	48.9	44.2	54.2	49.4	52.0	46.7	27.3	24.1	35.8	28.2	24.3	21.3	36.8	29.0	34.6	30.1	نسبة الأسر المتفائلة بتحسين الوضع العام للأسرة
Percentage of households who expect better mobility (less mobility restrictions)	47.6	46.7	53.0	45.4	40.8	36.9	35.4	30.9	24.4	20.9	20.5	12.3	12.6	7.3	18.4	7.4	16.1	7.3	نسبة الأسر المتفائلة بتحسين إمكانية الحركة والتنقل
Percentage of unemployed persons who are optimistic to find a job	49.9	39.7	53.3	37.4	46.2	30.5	49.7	59.1	28.7	26.3	46.2	39.9	44.2	41.4	33.0	17.9	47.1	33.9	نسبة المتعطلين المتفائلين بإيجاد فرصة عمل

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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, 2005)

Attitude	Gaza Strip	West Bank	Palestinian Territory	
	%	%	%	
A lot better today	10.1	2.6	5.3	/
Somewhat better today	10.5	11.8	11.3	
About the same/ Unchanged	47.3	51.6	50.1	
Somewhat worse today	22.3	28.0	25.9	
A lot worse today	9.8	5.6	7.1	
Don't know	-	0.3	0.3	
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	

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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, 2005)

Attitude	Region and Time Period						
	Gaza Strip		West Bank		Palestinian Territory		
	Next Six Months %	Next Month %	Next Six Months %	Next Month %	Next Six Months %	Next Month %	
A lot better from now	5.8	6.0	3.8	3.5	4.5	4.4	/
Somewhat better from now	39.3	36.8	25.0	22.0	30.1	27.3	
About the same /unchanged	31.0	34.3	34.1	43.5	33.0	40.1	
Somewhat worse from now	10.4	12.2	20.2	19.3	16.7	16.8	
A lot worse from now	8.1	7.7	6.4	4.2	7.0	5.5	
Don't know	5.4	3.0	10.5	7.5	8.7	5.9	
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	

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Table 6: Distribution of Palestinian Households by the Level of Disturbance Caused by Restrictions on Mobility Imposed by Israeli Military Forces and Region, (October, 2005)

Level of Disturbance	Region and Time Period						
	Gaza Strip		West Bank		Palestinian Territory		
	Past Six Months %	Past Month %	Past Six Months %	Past Month %	Past Six Months %	Past Month %	
A lot	44.6	19.9	28.0	24.4	34.0	22.8	
A little	19.4	20.7	30.1	27.4	26.2	24.9	
Not at all	35.1	58.8	41.1	47.7	38.9	51.7	
Don't know	0.8	0.6	0.8	0.5	0.8	0.6	
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	

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Table 7: Distribution of Palestinian Households by the Need of Medical Care for Households and Region, (October, 2005)

Need for medical care	Region and Period						
	Gaza Strip		West Bank		Palestinian Territory		
	Past Six Months %	Past Month %	Past Six Months %	Past Month %	Past Six Months %	Past Month %	
Yes	87.7	81.6	63.8	59.6	72.4	67.5	
No	12.1	18.4	35.8	40.1	27.3	32.3	
Don't know	0.2	-	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.2	
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	

Table 8: Distribution of Palestinian Households by Ability for Household Member to Access Necessary Medical Care and Region, (October, 2005)

Ability to access medical care	Region and Time Period						
	Gaza Strip		West Bank		Palestinian Territory		
	Past Six Months %	Past Month %	Past Six Months %	Past Month %	Past Six Months %	Past Month %	
Impossible	0.6	0.3	1.3	1.3	1.0	0.9	
Very difficult	2.4	1.9	8.9	9.3	6.1	6.1	
Difficult	9.4	7.1	17.4	18.2	13.9	13.3	
Few problems	25.3	23.4	23.6	24.1	24.3	23.8	
No problem at all	62.1	67.3	48.7	47.0	54.5	55.8	
Don't know	0.2	-	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	

Table 9: Distribution of Palestinian Households by Ability of Household Member to Reach Work Place and Region (October, 2005)

Ability to reach place of work	Region and Period						
	Gaza Strip		West Bank		Palestinian Territory		
	Past Six Months %	Past Month %	Past Six Months %	Past Month %	Past Six Months %	Past Month %	
Impossible	0.7	0.4	2.2	2.5	1.7	1.9	
Very difficult	4.8	1.1	9.6	8.1	8.0	5.7	
Difficult	12.4	5.7	15.1	14.9	14.2	11.9	
Few problems	16.3	9.2	23.3	21.6	20.9	17.5	
No problem at all	65.4	83.4	49.4	52.6	54.8	62.7	
Don't know	0.4	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.3	
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	

Table 10: Distribution of Palestinian Households by Ability to Cultivate Land and Region (October, 2005)

Ability to cultivate land	Region and Time Period					
	Gaza Strip		West Bank		Palestinian Territory	
	Past Six Months %	Past Month %	Past Six Months %	Past Month %	Past Six Months %	Past Month %
Impossible	23.9	8.7	1.9	3.7	4.9	4.4
Very difficult	18.9	13.2	6.0	6.0	7.7	7.0
Difficult	13.0	14.2	16.9	17.6	16.4	17.1
Few problems	5.6	10.2	19.6	17.8	17.7	16.8
No problem at all	38.1	53.2	54.6	54.6	52.4	54.4
Don't know	0.5	0.5	1.0	0.3	0.9	0.3
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

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Table 11: The Attitude of Palestinians Toward the Ability of Household Members to Move Around this Week Compared to the Last Week by Region (October, 2005)

Ability for household members to move	Gaza Strip %	West Bank %	Palestinian Territory %
Significantly easier this week	17.4	1.6	7.3
Somewhat easier this week	19.2	14.3	16.1
About the same/ Unchanged	57.2	73.7	67.8
Somewhat harder this week	5.4	7.0	6.4
Significantly harder this week	0.7	2.5	1.8
Don't know	0.1	0.9	0.6
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

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Table 12: 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, 2005)

The ability of household members to move	Region and Time Period						
	Gaza Strip		West Bank		Palestinian Territory		
	Next Six Months %	Next Month %	Next Six Months %	Next Month %	Next Six Months %	Next Month %	
Significantly easier	11.5	11.0	2.0	2.2	5.4	5.3	
Somewhat easier	36.1	35.7	20.3	18.3	25.9	24.5	
About the same	41.7	44.5	51.4	59.8	47.9	54.3	
Somewhat harder	6.5	6.3	12.0	10.2	10.0	8.9	
Significantly harder	0.5	0.4	3.6	1.8	2.5	1.3	
Don't know	3.7	2.1	10.7	7.7	8.3	5.7	
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	

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Table 13: The Attitude of Palestinians Toward the Ability to Find a Job by Region, (October, 2005)

The Ability to find a job	Region and Time Period						()
	Gaza Strip		West Bank		Palestinian Territory		
	Next Six Months %	Next Month %	Next Six Months %	Next Month %	Next Six Months %	Next Month %	
Very optimistic	4.3	2.6	3.6	3.3	3.9	2.9	
Somewhat optimistic	45.6	37.1	39.2	37.1	42.2	37.1	
Neither optimistic	20.7	20.6	24.8	26.7	22.9	23.8	
Somewhat pessimistic	10.9	16.6	16.6	17.8	13.9	17.2	
Very pessimistic	17.0	22.7	8.9	8.2	12.8	15.0	
Don't know	1.5	0.4	6.9	6.9	4.3	4.0	
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	

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Table 14: Distribution of Palestinian Households by the Most Important Need for Household and Region, (October, 2005)

Most important need	Gaza Strip %		West Bank %		Palestinian Territory %		
	Second Need	First Need	Second Need	First Need	Second Need	First Need	
Food	19.9	31.1	16.8	51.9	17.8	45.3	
Clothes	11.9	1.0	13.7	0.8	13.1	0.9	
Education	14.4	6.7	13.0	6.2	13.5	6.3	
Employment	11.2	24.9	15.9	10.7	14.4	15.2	
Financial assistance	24.2	18.3	19.3	19.4	20.8	19.1	
Health	12.6	5.7	18.3	7.8	16.5	7.1	
Housing	4.7	9.3	2.4	2.7	3.1	4.8	()
Entertainment activities	0.9	2.5	0.5	0.2	0.6	0.9	
Other	0.2	0.5	0.1	0.4	0.2	0.4	
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	

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Table 15: Distribution of Palestinian Households by the Most Important Need of Locality and Region, (October, 2005)

The Most Important Needs	Gaza Strip %	West Bank %	Palestinian Territory %	
Create jobs	72.6	45.9	54.4	
Health Services	3.5	12.3	9.5	
Food assistances	3.8	4.6	4.3	
Education Services	3.7	4.4	4.1	
Infrastructure Project	12.9	23.6	20.2	
No Need	2.6	7.3	5.8	
Don't know	0.9	1.9	1.7	
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	

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Table 16: Distribution of Palestinians by their Knowledge about Development Projects Conducted in the Community by Donors and Region, (October, 2005)

Knowledge	Gaza Strip %	West Bank %	Palestinian Territory %
Yes	12.2	13.9	13.2
No	84.8	70.9	75.9
Don't know	3.0	15.2	10.9
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

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Table 17: The Attitude of Palestinians Toward the Satisfaction on the Development Projects Conducted in the Community and Region, (October, 2005)

Stratification level	Gaza Strip %	West Bank %	Palestinian Territory %
Very satisfied	26.1	34.5	31.7
Somewhat satisfied	49.5	46.3	47.4
Somewhat unsatisfied	13.3	10.5	11.4
Very unsatisfied	9.8	8.0	8.6
Don't know	1.3	0.7	0.9
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

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Table 18: Distribution of Palestinians by the Most Important Infrastructure Needs in the Community and Region, (October, 2005)

The most important needs	Gaza Strip %	West Bank %	Palestinian Territory %
Electricity	5.3	6.9	6.3
Roads	26.5	15.1	19.1
Sewage disposal	21.2	18.5	19.5
Water supply	7.3	12.0	10.3
Schools	7.8	11.6	10.4
Health clinics / hospitals	8.8	14.7	12.6
No Need	21.1	17.2	18.6
Don't know	2.0	4.0	3.2
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0