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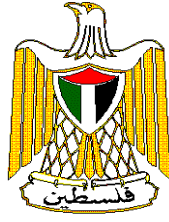
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## **Notice to users of this report**

PCBS would like to indicate to users of this report that classification of households according to their positions below or above poverty line is being determined on the basis of the information revealed by households about their income. PCBS warns against using this classification as a final one. PCBS indicates also that all information related to the value of humanitarian aid is also based on the reported data.

In fact, professional determination of poverty line and poverty prevalence is usually based on detailed studies about households' consumption and expenditure over an extended period of time using special methodologies and household surveys.

## Press Release

### Main Findings of the Survey on the Impact of Israeli Measures on the Economic Conditions of the Palestinian Households

**About 2.5 million Palestinians suffer from poverty, and 264 thousand of the Palestinian households lost more than 50% of their usual income**

PCBS conducted the 6<sup>th</sup> round of the survey on the impact of Israeli measures on the economic conditions of the Palestinian households. Data collection was conducted during July-August 2003.

The main objective of the survey is to continue monitoring the economic conditions of the Palestinian households and their standards of living as the Israeli measures continued against the PNA and the Palestinian people. This round of the survey is based on a random sample of 3,996 households, of which 3,374 households completed the interview. The completed interviews are distributed by region as 2,317 in the West Bank and 1,057 in the Gaza Strip.

#### **Household's income:**

Results indicate that the median monthly income in the Palestinian Territory has decreased from NIS 2,800 before *Alaqsa Intifada* to NIS 1,600 during June 2003. This decrease varies by region, the median monthly income decreased in the West Bank from NIS 3,000 to NIS 2,000 while in the Gaza Strip it decreased from NIS 2,000 to NIS 1,200.

Results of the survey indicate that 71.0% (412,000 households) of the Palestinian households decreased their income during *Al-Aqsa Intifada*, of which 45.4% (264,000 households) lost more than 50% of their usual income during *Al-Aqsa Intifada*, while 75.5% (287,000 households) of the households decreased their income in the West Bank compared with 62.5% (125,000 households) in Gaza Strip.

Comparing this result to the estimated poverty line during August 2003 (1,920 NIS for a household composed of two adults and four children) 62.3% of the Palestinian households (362,000 households) are expected to be living under the poverty line (about 2,456,000 individuals). This rated at 51.8% in the West Bank against 83.4% in the Gaza Strip.

#### **The Income Sources**

Results of the survey indicate that the main income source of the Palestinian households in June 2003 was wages and salaries from private sector, (23.4%), followed by household's projects (24.6%), and from public sector employment (16.8%).

#### **Coping Strategies**

The results indicated that during the past 12 months 62.3% of the households (362,000 households) in the Palestinian Territory reduced their expenditure on basic needs, 69.9% in the West Bank and 47.1% in the Gaza Strip.

The results indicate also that 76.8% of the households took various coping measures during the last 12 months depending on the family income. This was manifested in reducing expenditure by 69.4% and delayed payment of bills by 61.2%.

The survey indicates that 18.1% of the households in the West Bank can cope with the situation for more than one year, comparing with 18.2% in Gaza Strip. 10.3% of the households in Gaza Strip, and 7.4% in the West Bank suffered from highly critical living conditions.

**Humanitarian aid**

Results show that 38.6% of interviewed households (224,000 households) reported that they received humanitarian assistance during June 2003, of which 26.3% in the West Bank and 63.3% in the Gaza Strip.

On the other hand, 79.3% of the households (461,000 households) reported that they need assistance, of which 76.1% in the West Bank and 85.6% in Gaza Strip.

About 21.8% of the households receiving humanitarian aid reported that the total amount of assistance received is less than NIS 100, while 44.1% of them have received less than NIS 200, 61.3% have received less than NIS 300.

The results indicate that 45.0% of total amount of humanitarian aid was less than NIS 100, while 64.2% of total amount of humanitarian aid was less than NIS 200, compared to 82.6% of total amount of humanitarian aid was less than NIS 300.

However, the frequency of providing the assistance for households, labour unions are rated highest rank at 35.5%, then comes UNRWA by 30.2%, while relatives by 13.9% and PNA by 7.0%.

The results reveal also that 44.4% of the total assistance is provided in the form of food supplies, and 30.1% in cash.

**Priority Needs of Households**

The results reveal that 24.9% of households reported the need for money as top priority in June 2003, while 23.3% of households reported the need for food and 20.4% of households expressed the need for work, and 6.8% of households expressed the need for medicine as their first priority, and 6.3% of households expressed the need for having a house as their first priority.

**Access to Health Services**

The results indicate that 55.6% of the households have access problem to health Services due to the Israeli closure, 46.4% of households because of cost of medical treatment.

## Concepts and Definitions

**Closure:**

A set of measures have been practiced on land by Israeli occupation during Al-Aqsa Intifada, which affected and impeded the movement of persons and goods between Palestinian governorates or between Palestinian Territory and other countries. However, Israeli closure policy (total or partial) of all boarder points was a major obstacle.

**Total Income:**

The total amount of money and real incomes, which is earned by households, on monthly basis, regardless of its source.

**Median:**

The value above and below in which half total society the fall, the 50th percentile. If there is an even number of cases, the median is the average of the two middle cases when they are sorted in ascending or descending order.

**Aid:**

Any cash or real humanitarian aid, regardless of the source, that are received by households; due to the deteriorating living conditions, which resulted from measures taken by Israeli occupation forces during Al-Aqsa Intifada.

### Basic Changes In the Indicators of Living Standards and Humanitarian Aid - Palestinian Territory

Indicators	March 2001	May-June 2001	July-August 2001	January- February 2002	April – May 2003*	July-August 2003
<b>The Impact of the Current Situation on the Household's Income:</b>						
Percentage of Households bellow poverty line	64.2	64.9	60.8	66.5	63.3	62.3
Number of Individuals bellow poverty line	2,107,400	2,121,500	2,024,900	2,366,000	2,483,000	2,456,000
The median amount of money that a Household need to satisfy its basic needs (NIS)	1800	1500	1700	2000	2000	2000
The median of Household's income before Intifada (NIS)	2300	2500	2500	2500	2500	2800
The median of Household's income during last month (NIS)	1200	1300	1500	1200	1400	1600
Percentage of Households lost more than half of their income during the last six months	49.2	47.4	52.3	56.5	47.4	45.4
<b>Assistance</b>						
Percentage of Households who indicated their need for assistance	-	79.1	73.4	81.2	78.9	79.3
Percentage of total amount of assistance received less than 25 US\$	59.1	67.1	67.7	10.2	69.8	52.2
Percentage of total amount of assistance received less than 50 US\$	84.9	76.8	72.7	22.4	84.4	81.5
Percentage of total amount of assistance received less than 100 US\$	87.7	86.4	80.2	42.8	91.3	89.9
Percentage of total amount of assistance received of 100 US\$ or more	12.3	13.6	19.8	57.2	8.7	10.1
Median of total in-kind assistance in US\$	17	15	15	16	17	18
Median of total in-cash assistance in US\$	146	146	244	140	63	44
<b>Source of Humanitarian Aid</b>						
Frequency of providing assistance by UNRWA (%)	60.4	63.6	49.8	55.2	26.8	30.2
Frequency of providing assistance by Ministry of Social Affairs (%)	4.6	1.5	1.6	2.8	6.6	5.4
Frequency of providing assistance by other PNA Institutions (%)	17.8	6.8	3.3	5.2	5.1	1.6
Frequency of providing assistance by Charity (Zakat) Committees (%)	6.2	3.5	2.2	4.9	2.2	1.4
Frequency of providing assistance by Political Parties (%)	3.8	3.6	1.4	2.5	1.8	1.0
Frequency of providing assistance by Charity Institutions (%)	5.3	4.1	3.1	3.6	1.3	1.8
Frequency of providing assistance by Relatives, Friends, Neighbors.	-	6.8	14.5	5.6	14.4	13.9
Frequency of providing assistance by Arab Countries directly (%)	-	1.4	0.6	2.0	0.9	1.2
<b>Median Value of Assistance in US\$ by Source</b>						
UNRWA	17	15	15	16	17	19
Ministry of Social Affairs	17	24	24	21	21	22
Other PNA Institutions	146	24	24	23	21	28
Charity (Zakat) Committees	24	24	24	23	21	25
Political Parties	24	24	20	23	17	35
Charity Institutions	24	24	24	23	21	22
Arab Countries	-	37	43	28	100	122
Relatives	-	298	366	28	63	89
Friends and Neighbors	-	488	293	27	63	44
<b>Types of Humanitarian Aid</b>						
Food assistance received by Households as a percentage of over all assistance	78.7	73.7	53.4	72.5	58.9	44.4
In-cash assistance received by Households as a percentage of overall assistance	20.5	15.4	20.4	11.6	16.2	30.3



Indicators	March 2001	May-June 2001	July-August 2001	January-February 2002	April – May 2003*	July-August 2003
<b>First Priority Needs of the Households</b>						
Percentage of Households who indicated that food is their first priority	30.9	11.1	9.4	11.7	25.0	23.3
Percentage of Households who indicated that money is their first priority	32.6	36.8	36.2	31.0	22.8	24.9
Percentage of Households who indicated that finding jobs is their first priority	14.9	20.1	18.0	23.5	25.0	20.4
Percentage of Households who indicated that medicine is their first priority	5.4	2.9	2.6	1.5	8.5	6.8
Percentage of Households who indicated that having a house is their first priority	5.3	6.4	5.7	6.8	7.5	6.3

-: Data is not Available

\* PCBS estimated the number of households and individuals residing in the Palestinian Territory according to PCBS's estimate number of households and individuals during the third quarter of 2003. This number amounted to (581,136 households) and (3,670,380 individuals).

**Basic Changes In the Indicators of Living Standards and Humanitarian Aid – West Bank**

<b>Indicators</b>	<b>March 2001</b>	<b>May-June 2001</b>	<b>July-August 2001</b>	<b>January-February 2002</b>	<b>April – May 2003*</b>	<b>July-August 2003</b>
<b>The Impact of the Current Situation on the Household's Income:</b>						
Percentage of Households bellow poverty line	55.7	56.6	50.5	57.8	53.7	51.8
Number of Individuals bellow poverty line	1,158,400	1,177,100	1,061,700	1,315,545	1,380,600	1,324,000
The median amount of money that a Household need to satisfy its basic needs (NIS)	2000	2000	2000	2000	2000	2125
The median of Household's income before Intifada (NIS)	2600	3000	3000	3000	3000	3000
The median of Household's income during last month(NIS)	1500	1500	1700	1500	1500	2000
Percentage of Households lost more than half of their income during the last six months	47.7	43.1	43.6	58.0	50.8	49.0
<b>Assistance</b>						
Percentage of Households who indicated their need for assistance	-	74.9	67.3	78.7	76.5	76.1
Percentage of total amount of assistance received less than 25 US\$	40.0	30.3	28.7	17.8	46.8	33.1
Percentage of total amount of assistance received less than 50 US\$	85.6	53.3	45.7	32.7	68.8	57.6
Percentage of total amount of assistance received less than 100 US\$	89.5	79.3	73.4	46.6	81.7	76.0
Percentage of total amount of assistance received of 100 US\$ or more	10.5	20.7	26.7	53.4	18.3	24.0
Median of total in-kind assistance in US\$	24	37	24	23	21	31
Median of total in-cash assistance in US\$	37	146	488	140	84	91
<b>Source of Humanitarian Aid</b>						
Frequency of providing assistance by UNRWA (%)	40.2	30.1	35.7	32.5	18.3	18.8
Frequency of providing assistance by Ministry of Social Affairs (%)	4.7	2.6	3.0	4.1	9.0	9.7
Frequency of providing assistance by other PNA Institutions (%)	25.5	16.7	12.3	13.3	8.9	3.8
Frequency of providing assistance by Charity (Zakat) Committees (%)	12.1	9.1	7.5	12.7	3.3	3.2
Frequency of providing assistance by Political Parties (%)	7.5	8.8	4.6	6.3	2.9	2.0
Frequency of providing assistance by Charity Institutions (%)	5.2	4.3	4.8	5.4	1.0	4.1
Frequency of providing assistance by Relatives, Friends, Neighbors.	-	16.6	20.8	2.0	24.3	29.0
Frequency of providing assistance by Arab Countries directly (%)	-	3.1	1.8	12.9	1.3	1.3
<b>Median Value of Assistance in US\$ by Source</b>						
UNRWA	37	73	73	58	21	27
Ministry of Social Affairs	24	24	24	14	31	31
Other PNA Institutions	29	24	24	23	21	22
Charity (Zakat) Committees	24	24	24	23	25	31
Political Parties	24	24	24	23	17	44
Charity Institutions	24	24	24	23	166	33
Arab Countries	-	37	37	28	100	133
Relatives	-	379	732	116	75	111
Friends and Neighbors	-	604	732	93	63	44
<b>Types of Humanitarian Aid</b>						
Food assistance received by Households as a percentage of over all assistance	67.8	45.3	35.8	60.1	64.6	47.6
In-cash assistance received by Households as a percentage of overall assistance	30.1	25.7	27.4	11.4	27.5	37.4

<b>Indicators</b>	<b>March 2001</b>	<b>May-June 2001</b>	<b>July-August 2001</b>	<b>January- February 2002</b>	<b>April – May 2003*</b>	<b>July-August 2003</b>
<b>First Priority Needs of the Households</b>						
Percentage of Households who indicated that food is their first priority	39.5	11.1	8.4	10.1	29.5	28.1
Percentage of Households who indicated that money is their first priority	21.6	34.2	28.7	27.4	14.2	15.2
Percentage of Households who indicated that finding jobs is their first priority	13.1	21.1	20.0	23.5	22.5	21.7
Percentage of Households who indicated that medicine is their first priority	7.9	3.5	3.5	1.9	11.8	8.7
Percentage of Households who indicated that having a house is their first priority	6.4	8.7	7.1	7.8	9.1	7.0

-: Data is not Available

\* PCBS estimated the number of households and individuals residing in the West Bank according to PCBS's estimate number of households and individuals during the third quarter of 2003. This number amounted to (387,327 households) and (2,327,094 individuals).

### Basic Changes In the Indicators of Living Standards and Humanitarian Aid – Gaza Strip

Indicators	March 2001	May-June 2001	July-August 2001	January-February 2002	April – May 2003*	July-August 2003
<b>The Impact of the Current Situation on the Household's Income:</b>						
Percentage of Households bellow poverty line	81.4	79.9	81.5	84.6	83.6	83.4
Number of Individuals bellow poverty line	949,000	944,400	963,300	1,050,500	1,102,400	1,132,000
The median amount of money that a Household need to satisfy its basic needs (NIS)	1500	1200	1200	1200	1400	1200
The median of Household's income before Intifada (NIS)	1800	1900	1944	2000	2000	2000
The median of Household's income during last month(NIS)	900	1000	900	883	1200	1200
Percentage of Households lost more than half of their income during the last six months	52.0	56.5	55.8	53.6	40.1	37.0
<b>Assistance</b>						
Percentage of Households who indicated their need for assistance	-	86.7	85.6	86.6	84.0	85.6
Percentage of total amount of assistance received less than 25 US\$	73.2	88.8	81.5	2.1	87.6	63.0
Percentage of total amount of assistance received less than 50 US\$	84.5	90.6	82.1	11.4	96.4	95.1
Percentage of total amount of assistance received less than 100 US\$	86.3	90.6	82.5	38.8	98.8	97.8
Percentage of total amount of assistance received of 100 US\$ or more	13.7	9.4	17.5	61.2	1.2	2.2
Median of total in-kind assistance in US\$	17	15	15	16	17	17
Median of total in-cash assistance in US\$	146	146	244	140	31	44
<b>Source of Humanitarian Aid</b>						
Frequency of providing assistance by UNRWA (%)	72.4	83.3	54.8	67.5	33.4	36.6
Frequency of providing assistance by Ministry of Social Affairs (%)	4.4	0.9	1.1	2.2	4.7	3.0
Frequency of providing assistance by other PNA Institutions (%)	13.2	0.9	0.2	0.7	2.1	0.3
Frequency of providing assistance by Charity (Zakat) Committees (%)	2.7	0.3	0.4	0.7	1.4	0.5
Frequency of providing assistance by Political Parties (%)	1.6	0.5	0.2	0.4	0.9	0.5
Frequency of providing assistance by Charity Institutions (%)	5.3	3.9	2.5	2.6	1.5	0.5
Frequency of providing assistance by Relatives, Friends, Neighbors.	-	2.4	12.3	2.1	6.8	5.4
Frequency of providing assistance by Arab Countries directly (%)	-	0.4	0.3	1.6	0.5	1.1
<b>Median Value of Assistance in US\$ by Source</b>						
UNRWA	17	15	15	16	17	19
Ministry of Social Affairs	15	14	24	23	21	22
Other PNA Institutions	146	18	24	23	19	59
Charity (Zakat) Committees	17	16	54	14	17	22
Political Parties	24	15	15	21	17	18
Charity Institutions	24	22	15	19	17	20
Arab Countries	-	39	1300	23	27	122
Relatives	-	27	244	19	26	44
Friends and Neighbors	-	488	244	17	52	49
<b>Types of Humanitarian Aid</b>						
Food assistance received by Households as a percentage of over all assistance	85.2	90.4	59.5	79.2	64.6	42.7
In-cash assistance received by Households as a percentage of overall assistance	14.7	9.4	17.8	11.9	7.4	26.2
<b>First Priority Needs of the Households</b>						

<b>Indicators</b>	<b>March 2001</b>	<b>May-June 2001</b>	<b>July-August 2001</b>	<b>January- February 2002</b>	<b>April – May 2003*</b>	<b>July-August 2003</b>
<b>First Priority Needs of the Households</b>						
Percentage of Households who indicated that food is their first priority	15.7	11.0	11.3	15.0	16.5	13.5
Percentage of Households who indicated that money is their first priority	52.0	41.4	51.0	38.5	39.3	44.2
Percentage of Households who indicated that finding jobs is their first priority	18.0	18.4	14.0	23.3	29.7	17.8
Percentage of Households who indicated that medicine is their first priority	0.9	1.8	0.8	0.6	2.3	3.1
Percentage of Households who indicated that having a house is their first priority	3.5	2.3	2.7	4.6	4.4	4.9

-: Data is not Available

\* PCBS estimated the number of households and individuals residing in Gaza Strip according to PCBS's estimate number of households and individuals during the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2003. This number amounted to (193,809 households) and (1,343,286 individuals).

### Basic Indicators of Living Standards and Humanitarian by Region

Indicators	Palestinian Territory		The West Bank		Gaza Strip	
	Round Five April – May 2003*	Round Six July-August 2003	Round Five April – May 2003*	Round Six July-August 2003	Round Five April – May 2003*	Round Six July-August 2003
Percentage of households expected financial steadfastness more than one year	15.9	18.1	16.9	18.1	13.8	18.2
Percentage of households suffered from deteriorating living conditions	13.8	8.4	10.9	7.4	20.1	10.3
Percentage of households with decrease Expenditure	69.7	62.3	74.2	69.9	60.2	47.1
<b>Percentage of households that decrease their Expenditure on the essential needs:</b>						
Food	85.8	87.1	82.0	83.6	95.7	97.4
Clothes	94.4	96.2	94.6	96.4	93.8	95.8
Education	37.9	43.7	36.2	42.3	42.3	48.0
Health	44.9	43.2	39.3	39.5	59.3	54.3
Housing	63.5	67.3	66.0	69.1	57.0	62.0
Travel	63.1	64.8	62.7	66.0	64.1	61.2
<b>Percentage of households that decrease their Expenditure on food:</b>						
Quantity of meat	89.5	84.8	87.8	82.4	93.8	92.1
Quantity of fruit	85.9	83.5	86.5	78.9	84.1	97.3
Quality of food	83.2	76.0	80.4	69.9	90.4	94.0
Quantity of milk	68.2	72.6	67.5	67.2	69.9	88.9
Quantity of food	54.8	59.2	54.6	51.5	55.3	82.1
<b>Percentage of households by main source of income:</b>						
Wages and income from private sector	24.4	23.4	25.1	26.7	22.8	16.8
Household Projects	19.6	24.6	20.7	27.0	17.3	19.9
Wages and income from public sector	15.4	16.8	12.4	13.2	21.6	24.1
Worked in farming or breeding livestock	7.1	6.7	7.3	6.7	6.7	6.6
Wages and income from Israeli work sector	6.7	7.8	8.5	9.1	3.0	5.1
Receive remittances from inside	6.0	7.5	5.1	5.7	7.8	11.1
Receive remittances from abroad	4.1	4.1	5.6	5.6	1.1	1.1
Social assistances	7.4	7.1	5.8	5.1	10.7	11.1
<b>Percentage of households by household measure to financial stability during the last 12 months*:</b>						
Depend on Family income	77.8	76.8	75.5	74.1	82.6	82.2
Decrease the expenditure	74.1	69.4	79.4	74.4	63.0	59.4
Postponed paying bills	60.4	61.2	64.8	68.6	51.2	46.4
Borrowed money from persons	40.0	37.4	39.0	41.3	42.2	29.5
Depend on Family and Friends	23.0	21.6	22.8	21.6	23.6	21.6
Sold jewels or part of it	18.2	20.5	20.5	19.5	13.4	22.5
<b>Percentage of households by first priority needs of the local community:</b>						
Create jobs	64.7	66.8	60.8	62.5	72.7	75.3

Indicators	Palestinian Territory		The West Bank		Gaza Strip	
	Round Five April – May 2003*	Round Six July-August 2003	Round Five April – May 2003*	Round Six July-August 2003	Round Five April – May 2003*	Round Six July-August 2003
Health services	9.9	8.0	12.9	11.1	3.7	1.8
Food assistances	6.5	7.0	5.6	5.5	8.4	9.9

\* Household may depends during the last 12 month on more than one source.

**Table 1: Percentage Distribution of Households Living Under the Estimated Poverty Line for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter of the Year 2003 by Region\***

Region	Below Poverty Line		Above Poverty Line
	(%)	Contribution	(%)
<b>Palestinian Territory</b>	<b>62.3</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>37.7</b>
West Bank	51.8	55.4	48.2
Gaza Strip	83.4	44.6	16.6

\* The Estimated Poverty Line for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter of the Year 2003 was 1,920 NIS for a household composed of two adults and four children.

**Table 2: Percentage Distribution of Households by Household Expenditure Changing on Main Consumption materials during the last 12 months and Region**

Household Expenditure Changing on Main Consumption materials During last 12 months	Palestinian Territory	Region	
		West Bank	Gaza Strip
Household that expenditure increased	7.5	8.5	5.3
Household that Expenditure not changed	30.2	21.6	47.6
Household that expenditure decreased	62.3	69.9	47.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>

**Table 3: Percentage of Households by Household Expenditure Decreased on Main Consumption Materials During the last 12 Months and Region**

Main Consumption Materials	Palestinian Territory	Region	
		West Bank	Gaza Strip
Clothes	96.2	96.4	95.8
Food	87.1	83.6	97.4
House	67.3	69.1	62.0
Entertainment activities and travel	64.8	66.0	61.2
Health	43.2	39.5	54.3
Educations	43.7	42.3	48.0
Other things	3.8	4.2	2.5

**Table 4: Percentage of Households by Household Monthly Expenditure Decreased on Food During last 12 months and Region**

Decreasing Households Monthly Expenditure on Food	Palestinian Territory	Region	
		West Bank	Gaza Strip
Quantity of monthly consumed meat (meat, chicken, fish).	84.8	82.4	92.1
Quantity of Fruit	83.5	78.9	97.3
Quality of food	76.0	69.9	94.0
Quantity of milk and milk products	72.6	67.2	88.9
Quantity of food	59.2	51.5	82.1



**Table 5: Percentage Distribution of Households Whose Income decreased by Region**

Amount of decrease Decrease (%)	Palestinian Territory	Region	
		West Bank	Gaza Strip
Less than 25 percent	21.2	20.5	23.0
25 percent to less than 50 percent	33.4	30.5	40.0
50 percent to less than 75 percent	33.4	34.4	31.1
75 percent or more	12.0	14.6	5.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>Percentage of households whose income decreased</b>	<b>71.0</b>	<b>75.5</b>	<b>62.5</b>

**Table 6: Percentage of Households by Measures Taken by Household to Maintain Financial Stability During the last 12 Months and Region**

Household Measures to Maintain Financial Stability During the last 12 months	Palestinian Territory	Region	
		West Bank	Gaza Strip
Family income	76.8	74.1	82.2
Reduced their expenditures	69.4	74.4	59.4
Postponed paying bills	61.2	68.6	46.3
Borrowed money	37.4	41.3	29.5
Family and Friends	21.6	21.6	21.6
Used their Saving	36.4	39.6	29.9
Worked in farming or breeding livestock	19.9	23.6	12.5
Sold Jewels or part of it	20.5	19.5	22.5
Used their Saving in Israeli banks	1.7	0.9	3.1
Sold available of drabble goods	1.9	1.5	2.7
Borrowed from banks or financial institution	2.6	3.2	1.4
Sold or mortgaged lands or buildings	1.7	2.1	0.7
Sent at least one family member from students to work	2.6	3.5	0.8
Sent at least one family member from others to work	8.5	12.1	1.4

**Table 7: Percentage Distribution of Households According to Period in which the Household can Financially Cope and Region**

Period in which the Household can Financially Cope	Palestinian Territory	Region	
		West Bank	Gaza Strip
More than 12 month	18.1	18.1	18.2
7-12 month	8.5	9.3	6.9
4-6 month	15.2	17.9	9.7
Less than 4 month	37.3	39.4	33.3
Suffered from dangers situations and don't know how to live	8.4	7.4	10.3
Don't know	12.5	7.9	21.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>

**Table 8: Percentage Distribution of Households by Required Amount of Money Needed to Satisfy its Basic Needs (NIS) and Region**

Amount of Money that a Household Needed to Satisfy its Basic Needs (NIS)	Palestinian Territory	Region	
		West Bank	Gaza Strip
Less than 1000	11.6	7.6	19.5
1000-1499	19.7	11.3	36.5
1500-1999	18.3	13.8	27.4
2000-2499	15.3	17.7	10.5
2500-2999	6.6	8.6	2.6
3000+	28.5	41.0	3.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>

**Table 9: Percentage Distribution of households by Received Assistance During June/2003 and Region**

Received Assistance during June/ 2003	Palestinian Territory	Region	
		West Bank	Gaza Strip
Received Assistance	38.6	26.3	63.3
Not Received Assistance	61.4	73.7	36.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>

**Table 10: Percentage Distribution of households by Number of Received Assistance During June/2003 and Region**

Access to Health Resources	Palestinian Territory	Region	
		West Bank	Gaza Strip
1	57.8	79.7	39.6
2	27.2	17.2	35.4
3+	15.0	3.1	25.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>

**Table 11: Percentage Distribution of Assistance that the Households Received During June/2003 by Assistance Type and Region**

Assistant Type	Palestinian Territory	Region	
		West Bank	Gaza Strip
Food	44.4	47.6	42.7
Healthy Insurance	22.7	8.3	30.8
Money	30.1	36.9	26.2
Treatments	1.1	2.8	0.2
Clothes	0.1	0.3	-
Jobs	0.1	0.3	-
Martyrs Family Compensation	0.2	0.5	-
Others	1.3	3.3	0.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>

**Table 12-a: Percentage Distribution of households who received Assistance During June/2003 by Assistance Value in NIS and Region**

Assistant Value	Palestinian Territory	Region	
		West Bank	Gaza Strip
Lees than 100	21.8	14.9	27.5
100-199	22.3	20.9	23.5
200-299	17.2	12.7	21.0
300+	38.7	51.5	28.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>

**Table 12-b: Percentage Distribution of Total Amount of Assistance received by households who received Assistance During June/2003 by Assistance Value in NIS and Region**

Assistant Value	Palestinian Territory	Region	
		West Bank	Gaza Strip
Lees than 100	45.0	20.1	59.0
100-199	19.2	25.9	15.5
200-299	18.4	13.3	21.2
300+	17.4	40.7	4.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>

**Table 13: Percentage Distribution of households who received Assistance During June/2003 by Degree Satisfaction with Assistance and Region**

Satisfaction with Assistance	Palestinian Territory	Region	
		West Bank	Gaza Strip
Completely Satisfied	73.0	50.1	85.8
Fairly Satisfied	18.0	27.2	12.8
Fairly not Satisfied	3.8	8.3	1.3
Completely not Satisfied	5.2	14.4	0.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>

**Table 14: Percentage Distribution of households by First Priority Needs of the Households and Region**

First Priority Needs	Palestinian Territory	Region	
		West Bank	Gaza Strip
Food	23.3	28.1	13.5
Jobs	20.4	21.7	17.8
Money	24.9	15.2	44.2
Education	10.7	13.5	5.0
Treatments	6.8	8.7	3.1
Having a House	6.3	7.0	4.9
Entertainment Activities	3.4	4.6	1.1
Clothes	0.6	0.5	0.8
Others	3.6	0.7	9.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>

**Table 15: Percentage of Households by Obstacles Facing Access to Health Services and Region**

Obstacles Facing Access to Health Services	Palestinian Territory	Region	
		West Bank	Gaza Strip
Israeli closure	55.6	64.0	38.9
Treatment costs	46.4	45.6	48.2
Inability for medical staff to reach health centers	34.9	27.2	50.5
Remoteness of health centers	26.9	26.8	27.1