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Table 1: Changes in Expectations of Owners/ Managers of the Economic Establishments about the Main Indicators in the Palestinian Territory

Indicator	*April 2004		*March 2004		*February 2004		*January 2004	
	%		%		%		%	
	Next six Months	Next Month	Next six Months	Next Month	Next six Months	Next Month	Next six Months	Next Month
Percentage of who are expecting better Establishment situation	-	25.3	-	22.7	-	19.7	-	28.1
Percentage of who are expecting higher employment level	20.4	10.3	24.1	15.1	23.1	9.8	29.3	14.8
Percentage of who are expecting higher sales volume	25.1	15.5	29.6	21.6	38.6	17.8	37.8	21.3
Percentage of who are expecting higher investment level	10.4	-	9.1	-	10.4	-	15.6	-

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Table 2: Changes In Expectations of Owners/ Managers of the Economic Establishments about the Main Indicators in the West Bank

Indicator	*April 2004		*March 2004		*February 2004		*January 2004	
	%		%		%		%	
	Next six Months	Next Month	Next six Months	Next Month	Next six Months	Next Month	Next six Months	Next Month
Percentage of who are expecting better Establishment situation	-	29.7	-	24.4	-	19.5	-	27.7
Percentage of who are expecting higher employment level	15.2	11.7	25.4	17.2	24.3	9.1	32.3	13.5
Percentage of who are expecting higher sales volume	20.3	17.5	32.8	25.8	38.6	15.9	39.5	18.6
Percentage of who are expecting higher investment level	8.7	-	10.7	-	8.0	-	16.7	-

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Table 3: Changes In Expectations of Owners/ Managers of the Economic Establishments about the Main Indicators in Gaza Strip

Indicator	*April 2004		*March 2004		*February 2004		*January 2004	
	%		%		%		%	
	Next six Months	Next Month	Next six Months	Next Month	Next six Months	Next Month	Next six Months	Next Month
Percentage of who are expecting better Establishment situation	-	15.3	-	18.3	-	20.4	-	29.2
Percentage of who are expecting higher employment level	32.4	7.2	20.6	10.1	20.4	11.3	21.4	18.0
Percentage of who are expecting higher sales volume	36.0	10.5	21.7	11.3	38.6	22.5	33.4	28.1
Percentage of who are expecting higher investment level	14.2	-	4.8	-	15.9	-	12.5	-

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Table 4: Percent Distribution of Owners/Managers of the Economic Establishments According to their Opinions about Establishments Conditions Compared with One-Month Ago by Region (April 2004)

Attitude	Gaza Strip %	West Bank %	Palestinian Territory %	
A lot better today	0.0	4.4	3.1	
Somewhat better today	10.4	14.4	13.1	
About the same/ Unchanged	46.6	37.7	40.4	/
Somewhat worse today	31.2	30.4	30.7	
A lot worse today	11.8	13.1	12.7	
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	

(2004)

Table 5: Percent Distribution of Owners/Managers of the Economic Establishments According to their Expectation about Establishments Conditions in the Next Month by Region, (April 2004)

Attitude	Gaza Strip %	West Bank %	Palestinian Territory %	
It will be a lot better from now	0.3	2.3	1.7	
It will be somewhat better from now	15.0	27.4	23.6	
It will be about the same /unchanged	57.7	35.5	42.2	/
It will be somewhat worse from now	22.0	19.9	20.6	
It will be a lot worse from now	5.0	14.9	11.9	
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	

(2004)

Table 6: Percent Distribution of the Economic Establishments by Ability of Workers to Reach Place of Work in the Past Month and Past Six Months and Region (April 2004)

Ability of workers to reach establishments	Time Period and Region						
	Gaza Strip		West Bank		Palestinian Territory		
	Past Six Months %	Past Month %	Past Six Months %	Past Month %	Past Six Months %	Past Month %	
Impossible	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.4	0.0	
Very difficult	1.4	1.4	1.9	1.1	1.8	1.1	
Difficult	2.4	1.6	16.5	13.1	12.2	9.6	
Few problems	7.9	9.3	28.8	22.6	22.4	18.6	
No problem at all	88.1	87.5	40.4	51.2	54.9	62.2	
Not Applicable	0.2	0.2	11.9	12.0	8.3	8.5	
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	

(2004)

Table 7: Distribution of Owners/Managers of the Economic Establishments According to their Views about the Problems Faced the Establishment During the Past Month and Past Six Months by Region (April 2004)

Problem	Time Period and Region						
	Gaza Strip		West Bank		Palestinian Territory		
	Past Six Months %	Past Month %	Past Six Months %	Past Month %	Past Six Months %	Past Month %	
Business did not suffer	36.0	39.3	10.6	12.2	18.3	20.5	
Difficulties in obtaining needed raw materials or inputs	27.2	23.9	31.0	29.2	29.8	27.6	
Problems of employees reaching place of work	4.5	4.7	40.6	27.2	29.6	20.4	
Unable to open/operate/work because of curfew	0.0	0.0	21.9	10.1	15.2	7.0	/ /
Unable to open/operate/work because of direct damages	0.0	0.0	2.4	0.0	1.7	0.0	/ /
Unable to open/operate/work because of physical	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.0	/ /
Difficulties in transporting finished goods to market	12.9	12.9	36.6	30.9	29.4	25.4	
Financial problems or unable to obtain bank loans	22.3	14.9	60.7	61.9	49.0	47.6	
Others	38.2	32.5	23.3	23.3	27.8	26.1	

(2004)

Table 8: Percent Distribution of Owners/Managers of the Economic Establishments According to their Expectation about Level of Employment in the Establishments in the Future by Region (April 2004)

Level of employment	Time Period and Region					
	Gaza Strip		West Bank		Palestinian Territory	
	Next Six Months %	Next Month %	Next Six Months %	Next Month %	Next Six Months %	Next Month %
Significantly higher	0.6	0.6	0.4	0.2	0.4	0.3
Somewhat higher	31.8	6.6	14.8	11.5	20.0	10.0
About the same	47.2	74.6	62.0	66.0	57.5	68.6
Somewhat less	13.7	12.9	12.2	15.9	12.7	15.0
Significantly less	6.7	5.3	10.6	6.4	9.4	6.1
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

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(2004)

Table 9: Percent Distribution of Owners/Managers of the Economic Establishments According to their Expectation about Volume of Sales in the Establishments in the Future by Region (April 2004)

Volume of sales	Time Period and Region					
	Gaza Strip		West Bank		Palestinian Territory	
	Next Six Months %	Next Month %	Next Six Months %	Next Month %	Next Six Months %	Next Month %
Significantly higher	1.0	0.8	0.3	0.7	0.5	0.8
Somewhat higher	35.0	9.7	20.0	16.8	24.6	14.7
About the same	30.2	56.8	53.2	55.0	46.2	55.5
Somewhat less	30.1	29.5	15.5	13.6	19.9	18.4
Significantly less	3.7	3.2	11.0	13.9	8.8	10.6
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

(2004)

Table 10: Percent Distribution of Owners/Managers of the Economic Establishments According to their Expectation about Volume of Investment in the Establishments in the Next Year Compared with Current Investment by Region (April 2004)

Volume of Investment	Gaza Strip %	West Bank %	Palestinian Territory %
Significantly higher	0.0	0.4	0.3
Somewhat higher	14.2	8.3	10.1
About the same	70.8	78.7	76.3
Somewhat less	12.5	9.8	10.6
Significantly less	2.5	2.8	2.7
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

(2004)

Table 11: Percent Distribution of Owners/Managers of the Economic Establishments According to their Expectation about the Expected Investment Level Stability or Decline in the Next Year by Region (April 2004)

Reason	Gaza Strip %	West Bank %	Palestinian Territory %
Decrease in business transactions	73.0	39.7	49.6
Lack of credit/finance	4.6	3.2	3.6
Both	22.4	57.1	46.8
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0