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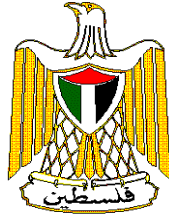
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Notice to users of this report

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 2.9 million Palestinians suffer from poverty, and 163 thousand of the Palestinian households lost more than 50% of their usual income

PCBS conducted the 7th round of the survey on the impact of Israeli measures on the economic conditions of the Palestinian households. Data collection was conducted during Fourth Quarter 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 3,863 households, of which 3,863 households completed the interview. The completed interviews are distributed by region as 2,711 in the West Bank and 1,152 in the Gaza Strip.

Household's income:

Results indicate that the median monthly income in the Palestinian Territory has decreased from NIS 2,500 before *Alaqlsa Intifada* to NIS 1,200 during 4th Quarter 2003. This decrease varies by region, the median monthly income decreased in the West Bank from NIS 3,000 to NIS 1,500 while in the Gaza Strip it decreased from NIS 1,700 to NIS 1,000.

Results of the survey indicate that 69.9% (414,000 households) of the Palestinian households decreased their income during *Al-Aqsa Intifada*, of which 39.5% (163,000 households) lost more than 50% of their usual income during *Al-Aqsa Intifada*, while 73.5% (286,000 households) of the households decreased their income in the West Bank compared with 63.0% (128,000 households) in Gaza Strip.

Comparing this result to the estimated poverty line during the Fourth Quarter 2003 (1,800 NIS for a household composed of two adults and four children) 71.9% of the Palestinian households (426,000 households) are expected to be living under the poverty line (about 2.9 million individuals). This rated at 65.9% in the West Bank against 83.0% in the Gaza Strip.

The Income Sources

Results of the survey indicate that the main income source of the Palestinian households during 4th Quarter 2003 was wages and salaries from private sector, (30.4%), followed by wages and salaries from public sector employment (18.5%), and from household's projects (10.5%).

Coping Strategies

The results indicated that during year 2003, 65.4% of the households (387,000 households) in the Palestinian Territory reduced their expenditure on basic needs, 67.2% in the West Bank and 61.9% in the Gaza Strip.

The results indicate also that 72.8% of the households took various coping measures during year 2003 depending on the monthly family income. This was manifested in reducing expenditure by 72.0% and delayed payment of bills by 68.0%.

The survey indicates that 24.4% of the households in the West Bank can cope with the situation for more than one year, comparing with 25.5% in Gaza Strip. 18.0% of the households in Gaza Strip, and 14.6% in the West Bank suffered from highly critical living conditions.

Humanitarian aid

Results show that 18.3% of interviewed households (108,000 households) reported that they received humanitarian assistance during 4th Quarter 2003, of which 15.1% in the West Bank and 24.7% in the Gaza Strip.

On the other hand, 70.0% of the households (414,000 households) reported that they need assistance, of which 68.3% in the West Bank and 73.3% in Gaza Strip.

About 19.1% of the households receiving humanitarian aid reported that the total amount of assistance received is less than NIS 100, while 47.1% of them have received less than NIS 200, 61.3% have received less than NIS 300.

However, the frequency of providing the assistance for households, relatives are rated highest rank at 24.4%, then comes UNRWA by 22.5%, while PNA by 16.7% and labour union by 9.1%.

The results reveal also that 49.4% of the total assistance is provided in the form of food supplies, and 33.9% in cash.

Priority Needs of Households

The results reveal that 34.5% of households reported the need for food as top priority during 4th Quarter 2003, while 23.2% of households reported the need for money and 20.2% of households expressed the need for work, and 9.2% of households expressed the need for education as their first priority, and 6.2% of households expressed the need for medicine as their first priority.

Access to Health Services

The results indicate that 60.2% of the households have access problem to health Services due to the Israeli closure, 49.0% of households because of cost of medical treatment, 62.4% of households because of military checkpoints and 12.3% of households because of the expansion and annexation wall.

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	October- December 2003
The Impact of the Current Situation on the Household's Income:							
Percentage of Households bellow poverty line	64.2	64.9	60.8	66.5	63.3	62.3	71.9
Number of Individuals bellow poverty line	2,107,400	2,121,500	2,024,900	2,366,000	2,483,000	2,456,000	2,900,000
The median amount of money that a Household need to satisfy its basic needs (NIS)	1800	1500	1700	2000	2000	2000	2000
The median of Household's income before Intifada (NIS)	2300	2500	2500	2500	2500	2800	2500
The median of Household's income during last month (NIS)	1200	1300	1500	1200	1400	1600	1200
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	39.5
Assistance							
Percentage of Households who indicated their need for assistance	-	79.1	73.4	81.2	78.9	79.3	70.0
Percentage of total amount of assistance received less than 25 US\$	59.1	67.1	67.7	10.2	69.8	52.2	31.4
Percentage of total amount of assistance received less than 50 US\$	84.9	76.8	72.7	22.4	84.4	81.5	56.8
Percentage of total amount of assistance received less than 100 US\$	87.7	86.4	80.2	42.8	91.3	89.9	77.3
Percentage of total amount of assistance received of 100 US\$ or more	12.3	13.6	19.8	57.2	8.7	10.1	22.7
Median of total in-kind assistance in US\$	17	15	15	16	17	18	22
Median of total in-cash assistance in US\$	146	146	244	140	63	44	66
Source of Humanitarian Aid							
Frequency of providing assistance by UNRWA (%)	60.4	63.6	49.8	55.2	26.8	30.2	22.5
Frequency of providing assistance by Ministry of Social Affairs (%)	4.6	1.5	1.6	2.8	6.6	5.4	12.3
Frequency of providing assistance by other PNA Institutions (%)	17.8	6.8	3.3	5.2	5.1	1.6	4.4
Frequency of providing assistance by Charity (Zakat) Committees (%)	6.2	3.5	2.2	4.9	2.2	1.4	3.8
Frequency of providing assistance by Political Parties (%)	3.8	3.6	1.4	2.5	1.8	1.0	2.4
Frequency of providing assistance by Charity Institutions (%)	5.3	4.1	3.1	3.6	1.3	1.8	7.7
Frequency of providing assistance by Relatives, Friends, Neighbors.	-	6.8	14.5	5.6	14.4	13.9	24.4
Frequency of providing assistance by Arab Countries directly (%)	-	1.4	0.6	2.0	0.9	1.2	1.4

Indicators	March 2001	May-June 2001	July-August 2001	January-February 2002	April – May 2003*	July-August 2003	October-December 2003
Median Value of Assistance in US\$ by Source							
UNRWA	17	15	15	16	17	19	26
Ministry of Social Affairs	17	24	24	21	21	22	26
Other PNA Institutions	146	24	24	23	21	28	33
Charity (Zakat) Committees	24	24	24	23	21	25	22
Political Parties	24	24	20	23	17	35	22
Charity Institutions	24	24	24	23	21	22	22
Arab Countries	-	37	43	28	100	122	100
Relatives	-	298	366	28	63	89	66
Friends and Neighbors	-	488	293	27	63	44	43
Types of Humanitarian Aid							
Food assistance received by Households as a percentage of over all assistance	78.7	73.7	53.4	72.5	58.9	44.4	49.4
In-cash assistance received by Households as a percentage of overall assistance	20.5	15.4	20.4	11.6	16.2	30.3	33.9
First Priority Needs of the Households							
Percentage of Households who indicated that food is their first priority	30.9	11.1	9.4	11.7	25.0	23.3	34.5
Percentage of Households who indicated that money is their first priority	32.6	36.8	36.2	31.0	22.8	24.9	23.2
Percentage of Households who indicated that finding jobs is their first priority	14.9	20.1	18.0	23.5	25.0	20.4	20.2
Percentage of Households who indicated that medicine is their first priority	5.4	2.9	2.6	1.5	8.5	6.8	6.2
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	4.9

-: 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 fourth quarter of 2003. This number amounted to (591,750 households) and (3,737,895 individuals).

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

Indicators	March 2001	May-June 2001	July-August 2001	January-February 2002	April – May 2003*	July-August 2003	October-December 2003
The Impact of the Current Situation on the Household's Income:							
Percentage of Households bellow poverty line	55.7	56.6	50.5	57.8	53.7	51.8	65.9
Number of Individuals bellow poverty line	1,158,400	1,177,100	1,061,700	1,315,545	1,380,600	1,324,000	1,700,000
The median amount of money that a Household need to satisfy its basic needs (NIS)	2000	2000	2000	2000	2000	2125	2000
The median of Household's income before Intifada (NIS)	2600	3000	3000	3000	3000	3000	3000
The median of Household's income during last month(NIS)	1500	1500	1700	1500	1500	2000	1500
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	40.9
Assistance							
Percentage of Households who indicated their need for assistance	-	74.9	67.3	78.7	76.5	76.1	68.3
Percentage of total amount of assistance received less than 25 US\$	40.0	30.3	28.7	17.8	46.8	33.1	31.1
Percentage of total amount of assistance received less than 50 US\$	85.6	53.3	45.7	32.7	68.8	57.6	56.3
Percentage of total amount of assistance received less than 100 US\$	89.5	79.3	73.4	46.6	81.7	76.0	78.6
Percentage of total amount of assistance received of 100 US\$ or more	10.5	20.7	26.7	53.4	18.3	24.0	21.4
Median of total in-kind assistance in US\$	24	37	24	23	21	31	33
Median of total in-cash assistance in US\$	37	146	488	140	84	91	70
Source of Humanitarian Aid							
Frequency of providing assistance by UNRWA (%)	40.2	30.1	35.7	32.5	18.3	18.8	22.7
Frequency of providing assistance by Ministry of Social Affairs (%)	4.7	2.6	3.0	4.1	9.0	9.7	11.0
Frequency of providing assistance by other PNA Institutions (%)	25.5	16.7	12.3	13.3	8.9	3.8	5.4
Frequency of providing assistance by Charity (Zakat) Committees (%)	12.1	9.1	7.5	12.7	3.3	3.2	5.2
Frequency of providing assistance by Political Parties (%)	7.5	8.8	4.6	6.3	2.9	2.0	3.6
Frequency of providing assistance by Charity Institutions (%)	5.2	4.3	4.8	5.4	1.0	4.1	4.7
Frequency of providing assistance by Relatives, Friends, Neighbors.	-	16.6	20.8	2.0	24.3	29.0	22.9
Frequency of providing assistance by Arab Countries directly (%)	-	3.1	1.8	12.9	1.3	1.3	1.9

Indicators	March 2001	May-June 2001	July-August 2001	January-February 2002	April – May 2003*	July-August 2003	October-December 2003
Median Value of Assistance in US\$ by Source							
UNRWA	37	73	73	58	21	27	28
Ministry of Social Affairs	24	24	24	14	31	31	33
Other PNA Institutions	29	24	24	23	21	22	42
Charity (Zakat) Committees	24	24	24	23	25	31	22
Political Parties	24	24	24	23	17	44	22
Charity Institutions	24	24	24	23	166	33	24
Arab Countries	-	37	37	28	100	133	66
Relatives	-	379	732	116	75	111	88
Friends and Neighbors	-	604	732	93	63	44	44
Types of Humanitarian Aid							
Food assistance received by Households as a percentage of over all assistance	67.8	45.3	35.8	60.1	64.6	47.6	51.9
In-cash assistance received by Households as a percentage of overall assistance	30.1	25.7	27.4	11.4	27.5	37.4	34.4
First Priority Needs of the Households							
Percentage of Households who indicated that food is their first priority	39.5	11.1	8.4	10.1	29.5	28.1	35.5
Percentage of Households who indicated that money is their first priority	21.6	34.2	28.7	27.4	14.2	15.2	25.2
Percentage of Households who indicated that finding jobs is their first priority	13.1	21.1	20.0	23.5	22.5	21.7	19.8
Percentage of Households who indicated that medicine is their first priority	7.9	3.5	3.5	1.9	11.8	8.7	6.7
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	3.2

-: 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 fourth quarter of 2003. This number amounted to (394,038 households) and (2,367,550 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	October-December 2003
The Impact of the Current Situation on the Household's Income:							
Percentage of Households bellow poverty line	81.4	79.9	81.5	84.6	83.6	83.4	83.0
Number of Individuals bellow poverty line	949,000	944,400	963,300	1,050,500	1,102,400	1,132,000	1,200,000
The median amount of money that a Household need to satisfy its basic needs (NIS)	1500	1200	1200	1200	1400	1200	1500
The median of Household's income before Intifada (NIS)	1800	1900	1944	2000	2000	2000	1700
The median of Household's income during last month(NIS)	900	1000	900	883	1200	1200	1000
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	36.7
Assistance							
Percentage of Households who indicated their need for assistance	-	86.7	85.6	86.6	84.0	85.6	73.3
Percentage of total amount of assistance received less than 25 US\$	73.2	88.8	81.5	2.1	87.6	63.0	31.9
Percentage of total amount of assistance received less than 50 US\$	84.5	90.6	82.1	11.4	96.4	95.1	57.4
Percentage of total amount of assistance received less than 100 US\$	86.3	90.6	82.5	38.8	98.8	97.8	75.6
Percentage of total amount of assistance received of 100 US\$ or more	13.7	9.4	17.5	61.2	1.2	2.2	24.4
Median of total in-kind assistance in US\$	17	15	15	16	17	17	22
Median of total in-cash assistance in US\$	146	146	244	140	31	44	66
Source of Humanitarian Aid							
Frequency of providing assistance by UNRWA (%)	72.4	83.3	54.8	67.5	33.4	36.6	22.3
Frequency of providing assistance by Ministry of Social Affairs (%)	4.4	0.9	1.1	2.2	4.7	3.0	13.6
Frequency of providing assistance by other PNA Institutions (%)	13.2	0.9	0.2	0.7	2.1	0.3	3.5
Frequency of providing assistance by Charity (Zakat) Committees (%)	2.7	0.3	0.4	0.7	1.4	0.5	2.5
Frequency of providing assistance by Political Parties (%)	1.6	0.5	0.2	0.4	0.9	0.5	1.4
Frequency of providing assistance by Charity Institutions (%)	5.3	3.9	2.5	2.6	1.5	0.5	10.3
Frequency of providing assistance by Relatives, Friends, Neighbors.	-	2.4	12.3	2.1	6.8	5.4	25.9
Frequency of providing assistance by Arab Countries directly (%)	-	0.4	0.3	1.6	0.5	1.1	1.0

Indicators	March 2001	May-June 2001	July-August 2001	January-February 2002	April – May 2003*	July-August 2003	October-December 2003
Median Value of Assistance in US\$ by Source							
UNRWA	17	15	15	16	17	19	26
Ministry of Social Affairs	15	14	24	23	21	22	22
Other PNA Institutions	146	18	24	23	19	59	33
Charity (Zakat) Committees	17	16	54	14	17	22	22
Political Parties	24	15	15	21	17	18	22
Charity Institutions	24	22	15	19	17	20	22
Arab Countries	-	39	1300	23	27	122	110
Relatives	-	27	244	19	26	44	66
Friends and Neighbors	-	488	244	17	52	49	34
Types of Humanitarian Aid							
Food assistance received by Households as a percentage of over all assistance	85.2	90.4	59.5	79.2	64.6	42.7	47.1
In-cash assistance received by Households as a percentage of overall assistance	14.7	9.4	17.8	11.9	7.4	26.2	33.5
First Priority Needs of the Households							
Percentage of Households who indicated that food is their first priority	15.7	11.0	11.3	15.0	16.5	13.5	32.7
Percentage of Households who indicated that money is their first priority	52.0	41.4	51.0	38.5	39.3	44.2	19.5
Percentage of Households who indicated that finding jobs is their first priority	18.0	18.4	14.0	23.3	29.7	17.8	20.7
Percentage of Households who indicated that medicine is their first priority	0.9	1.8	0.8	0.6	2.3	3.1	5.0
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	8.0

-: 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 4rd quarter of 2003. This number amounted to (197,712 households) and (1,370,345 individuals).

Basic Indicators of Living Standards and Humanitarian by Region

Indicators	Palestinian Territory		The West Bank		Gaza Strip	
	Round Six July-August 2003	Round Seven October- December 2003	Round Six July-August 2003	Round Seven October- December 2003	Round Six July-August 2003	Round Seven October- December 2003
Percentage of households expected financial steadfastness more than one year	18.1	24.8	18.1	24.4	18.2	25.5
Percentage of households suffered from deteriorating living conditions	8.4	15.7	7.4	14.6	10.3	18.0
Percentage of households with decrease Expenditure	62.3	65.4	69.9	67.2	47.1	61.9
Percentage of households that decrease their Expenditure on the essential needs:						
Food	87.1	84.3	83.6	80.5	97.4	92.2
Clothes	96.2	95.6	96.4	94.5	95.8	97.9
Education	43.7	57.5	42.3	56.2	48.0	60.3
Health	43.2	59.2	39.5	58.2	54.3	61.4
Housing	67.3	81.7	69.1	81.3	62.0	82.6
Travel	64.8	81.6	66.0	79.9	61.2	85.2
Percentage of households that decrease their Expenditure on food:						
Quantity of meat	84.8	97.9	82.4	97.8	92.1	98.2
Quantity of fruit	83.5	96.9	78.9	95.9	97.3	98.7
Quality of food	76.0	96.6	69.9	96.1	94.0	97.4
Quantity of milk	72.6	87.5	67.2	83.4	88.9	95.0
Quantity of food	59.2	82.3	51.5	79.2	82.1	88.0
Percentage Distribution of households by main source of income:						
Wages and income from private sector	23.4	30.4	26.7	34.2	16.8	23.1
Household Projects	24.6	10.5	27.0	9.8	19.9	11.7
Wages and income from public sector	16.8	18.5	13.2	12.7	24.1	29.8
Worked in farming or breeding livestock	6.7	6.0	6.7	6.9	6.6	4.3
Wages and income from Israeli work sector	7.8	9.6	9.1	11.7	5.1	5.5
Receive remittances from inside	7.5	3.9	5.7	2.1	11.1	7.4

Indicators	Palestinian Territory		The West Bank		Gaza Strip	
	Round Six July-August 2003	Round Seven October- December 2003	Round Six July-August 2003	Round Seven October- December 2003	Round Six July-August 2003	Round Seven October- December 2003
Receive remittances from abroad	4.1	1.9	5.6	2.3	1.1	1.0
Social assistances	7.1	7.7	5.1	7.4	11.1	8.1
Percentage of households by household measure to financial stability during the last 12 months*:						
Depend on Family income	76.8	72.8	74.1	71.8	82.2	74.9
Decrease the expenditure	69.4	72.0	74.4	73.8	59.4	68.5
Postponed paying bills	61.2	68.0	68.6	67.3	46.4	69.3
Borrowed money from persons	37.4	49.0	41.3	44.7	29.5	57.5
Depend on Family and Friends	21.6	23.8	21.6	23.0	21.6	25.4
Sold jewels or part of it	20.5	26.8	19.5	23.1	22.5	34.0
Percentage of households by first priority needs of the local community:						
Create jobs	66.8	46.9	62.5	41.8	75.3	56.4
Health services	8.0	10.4	11.1	13.9	1.8	3.6
Food assistances	7.0	5.9	5.5	5.3	9.9	6.9

Table 1: Percentage Distribution of Households Living Under the Estimated Poverty Line During October-December 2003 by Region*

Region	Below Poverty Line		Above Poverty Line
	(%)	Contribution	(%)
Palestinian Territory	71.9	100	28.1
West Bank	65.9	59.6	34.1
Gaza Strip	83.0	40.4	17.0

* The Estimated Poverty Line for the 4th Quarter of the Year 2003 was 1,800 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	9.0	7.7	11.5
Household that Expenditure not changed	25.6	25.1	26.6
Household that expenditure decreased	65.4	67.2	61.9
Total	100	100	100

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	95.6	94.5	97.9
Food	84.3	80.5	92.2
House	81.7	81.3	82.6
Entertainment activities and travel	81.6	79.9	85.2
Health	59.2	58.2	61.4
Educations	57.5	56.2	60.3
Other things	8.2	11.4	1.8

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).	97.9	97.8	98.2
Quantity of Fruit	96.9	95.9	98.7
Quality of food	96.6	96.1	97.4
Quantity of milk and milk products	87.5	83.4	95.0
Quantity of food	82.3	79.2	88.0

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	39.0	35.6	45.5
25 percent to less than 50 percent	21.5	23.5	17.8
50 percent to less than 75 percent	22.8	24.4	19.8
75 percent or more	16.7	16.5	16.9
Total	100	100	100
Percentage of households whose income decreased	69.9	73.5	63.0

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	72.8	71.8	74.9
Reduced their expenditures	72.0	73.8	68.5
Postponed paying bills	68.0	67.3	69.3
Borrowed money	49.0	44.7	57.5
Family and Friends	23.8	23.0	25.4
Used their Saving	25.6	25.2	26.3
Worked in farming or breeding livestock	16.6	20.9	8.2
Sold Jewels or part of it	26.8	23.1	34.0
Used their Saving in Israeli banks	1.8	1.5	2.5
Sold available of drabble gods	3.3	2.3	5.2
Borrowed from banks or financial institution	6.0	4.5	8.9
Sold or mortgaged lands or buildings	1.7	2.0	1.2
Sent at least one family member from students to work	5.4	4.8	6.6
Sent at least one family member from others to work	5.7	5.5	6.2

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	24.8	24.4	25.5
7-12 month	13.1	13.7	11.9
4-6 month	8.5	7.8	9.9
Less than 4 month	21.3	18.3	27.3
Suffered from dangers situations and don't know how to live	15.7	14.6	18.0
Don't know	16.6	21.2	7.4
Total	100	100	100

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	9.9	8.9	11.7
1000-1499	18.0	15.5	23.0
1500-1999	18.3	15.9	22.9
2000-2499	19.4	19.2	19.7
2500-2999	6.7	6.8	6.7
3000+	27.7	33.7	16.0
Total	100	100	100

Table 9: Percentage Distribution of households by Received Assistance During October-December 2003 and Region

Received Assistance during June/ 2003	Palestinian Territory	Region	
		West Bank	Gaza Strip
Received Assistance	18.3	15.1	24.7
Not Received Assistance	81.7	84.9	75.3
Total	100	100	100

Table 10: Percentage Distribution of households by Number of Received Assistance During October-December 2003 and Region

Access to Health Resources	Palestinian Territory	Region	
		West Bank	Gaza Strip
1	78.7	86.9	68.7
2	15.9	11.1	21.7
3+	5.4	2.0	9.6
Total	100	100	100

Table 11: Percentage Distribution of Assistance that the Households Received During October-December 2003 by Assistance Type and Region

Assistant Type	Palestinian Territory	Region	
		West Bank	Gaza Strip
Food	49.4	51.9	47.1
Healthy Insurance	8.8	3.5	13.5
Money	33.9	34.4	33.5
Treatments	2.2	3.8	0.7
Clothes	1.3	1.2	1.4
Jobs	0.2	0.1	0.2
Martyrs Family Compensation	0.5	0.5	0.5
More than one type	2.3	2.0	2.6
Others	1.4	2.6	0.5
Total	100	100	100

Table 12: Percentage Distribution of households who received Assistance During October-December 2003 by Assistance Value in NIS and Region

Assistant Value	Palestinian Territory	Region	
		West Bank	Gaza Strip
Lees than 100	19.1	18.5	19.6
100-199	28.0	25.9	30.5
200-299	14.2	15.5	12.7
300+	38.7	40.1	37.2
Total	100	100	100

Table 13: Percentage Distribution of households who received Assistance During October-December 2003 by Degree Satisfaction with Assistance and Region

Satisfaction with Assistance	Palestinian Territory	Region	
		West Bank	Gaza Strip
Completely Satisfied	33.4	17.5	47.6
Fairly Satisfied	47.4	52.0	43.3
Fairly not Satisfied	10.2	16.7	4.4
Completely not Satisfied	9.0	13.8	4.7
Total	100	100	100

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	34.5	35.5	32.7
Jobs	20.2	19.8	20.7
Money	23.2	25.2	19.5
Education	9.2	8.3	10.9
Treatments	6.2	6.7	5.0
Having a House	4.9	3.2	8.0
Entertainment Activities	0.7	0.3	1.6
Clothes	0.8	0.6	1.4
Others	0.3	0.4	0.2
Total	100	100	100

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	60.2	72.5	35.9
Treatment costs	49.0	49.9	47.2
Inability for medical staff to reach health centers	31.5	34.8	25.1
Remoteness of health centers	24.2	26.4	20.0
Military checkpoints	62.4	78.1	31.4
Expansion and Annexation Wall	12.3	18.6	-