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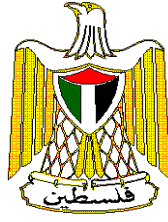
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## **Notice to users of this report**

*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, October-December 2004**

**About half of the Palestinian households lost more than 50% of their usual income, and about 16.1% of them suffered from highly critical living conditions**

PCBS conducted the 11<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 Fourth Quarter 2004.

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 3,934 households, of which 3,324 households completed the interview. The completed interviews are distributed by region as 2,158 in the West Bank and 1,166 in Gaza Strip.

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

Results indicate that the median monthly income in the Palestinian Territory has decreased from NIS 2,500 before *Alaqsa Intifada* to NIS 1,500 during 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2004. This decrease varies by region, the median monthly income decreased in the West Bank from NIS 3,000 to NIS 1,600 while in Gaza Strip it decreased from NIS 1,700 to NIS 1,000.

Results of the survey indicate that 55.6% of the Palestinian households decreased their income during *Al-Aqsa Intifada*, of which 55.3% lost more than 50% of their usual income during *Al-Aqsa Intifada*, while 56.0% of the households decreased their income in the West Bank compared with 54.7% in Gaza Strip.

#### **The Income Sources**

Results of the survey indicate that the main income source of the Palestinian households during 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2004 was wages and salaries from private sector, (31.7%), followed by wages and salaries from public sector employment (21.6%) and from households projects (11.4%).

#### **Coping Strategies**

The results indicated that during the last 12 months, 58.2% of the households in the Palestinian Territory reduced their expenditure on basic needs, 60.4% in the West Bank and 53.7% in Gaza Strip.

The results indicate also that 81.1% of the households took various coping measures during the last 12 months depending on the monthly family income. This was manifested in delaying payment of bills 66.7% and reduced expenditure by 60.0%.

The survey indicates that 16.9% of the households in the West Bank can cope with the situation for more than one year, compared with 32.7% in Gaza Strip.

**Humanitarian aid**

Results show that 22.0% of interviewed households reported that they received humanitarian assistance during 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2004, of which 14.0% in the West Bank and 37.8% in Gaza Strip.

On the other hand, 67.5% of the households reported that they need assistance, of which 66.7% in the West Bank and 68.9% in Gaza Strip.

About 24.5% of the households receiving humanitarian aid reported that the total amount of assistance received is less than NIS 100, while 53.1% of them have received less than NIS 200, 67.6% have received less than NIS 300.

However, the frequency of providing the assistance for households, UNRWA is rated highest rank at 41.9%, then comes PNA institutions (including Ministry of Social Affairs) by 22.7%, while relatives by 15.4%, charity institutions and committees (including Zakat) by 10.5%, and labour union by 4.5%.

The results reveal also that 56.1% of the total assistance is provided in the form of food supplies, and 26.8% in cash.

**Priority Needs of Households**

The results reveal that 48.7% of households reported the need for food as top priority during 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2004, while 18.3% of households reported the need for work, and 15.7% of households expressed the need for money, and 6.7% of households expressed the need for education as their first priority, and 4.9% of households expressed the need for medicine as their first priority.

**Access to Health Services**

The results indicate that 53.6% of the households have access problem to health Services because of military checkpoints, 52.5% due to the Israeli closure, 44.2% because of the high cost of medical treatment, and 10.7% 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	Jan.-Feb. 2002	April – May 2003*	July-Aug. 2003	October- December 2003	January- March 2004	April-June 2004	July- September 2004	October- December 2004
<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	71.9	66.0	58.1	63.8	60.6
The median amount of money that a Household need to satisfy its basic needs (NIS)	1800	1500	1700	2000	2000	2000	2000	2000	2000	2000	2000
The median of Household's income before Intifada (NIS)	2300	2500	2500	2500	2500	2800	2500	2500	2500	2300	2500
The median of Household's income during last month (NIS)	1200	1300	1500	1200	1400	1600	1200	1200	1600	1500	1500
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	48.7	62.5	53.4	55.3
<b>Assistance</b>											
Percentage of Households who indicated their need for assistance	-	79.1	73.4	81.2	78.9	79.3	70.0	72.0	71.8	73.7	67.5
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	36.5	36.1	41.0	46.0
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	76.9	67.2	72.9	76.5
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	87.1	83.9	84.4	85.5
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	12.9	16.1	15.6	14.5
Median of total in-kind assistance in US\$	17	15	15	16	17	18	22	33	33	33	22
Median of total in-cash assistance in US\$	146	146	244	140	63	44	66	49	65	-	67
<b>Source of Humanitarian Aid</b>											
Frequency of providing assistance by UNRWA (%)	60.4	63.6	49.8	55.2	26.8	30.2	22.5	19.5	25.6	28.9	41.9
Frequency of providing assistance by Ministry of Social Affairs (%)	4.6	1.5	1.6	2.8	6.6	5.4	12.3	13.4	19.4	20.2	15.5
Frequency of providing assistance by other PNA Institutions (%)	17.8	6.8	3.3	5.2	5.1	1.6	4.4	3.5	9.4	6.3	7.2
Frequency of providing assistance by Charity (Zakat) Committees (%)	6.2	3.5	2.2	4.9	2.2	1.4	3.8	2.3	1.3	2.0	3.5
Frequency of providing assistance by Political Parties (%)	3.8	3.6	1.4	2.5	1.8	1.0	2.4	2.5	1.4	2.4	1.4
Frequency of providing assistance by Charity Institutions (%)	5.3	4.1	3.1	3.6	1.3	1.8	7.7	4.5	6.7	6.8	7.0



Indicators	March 2001	May-June 2001	July-August 2001	Jan.-Feb. 2002	April – May 2003*	July-Aug. 2003	October-December 2003	January-March 2004	April-June 2004	July-September 2004	October-December 2004
Frequency of providing assistance by Relatives, Friends, Neighbors.	-	6.8	14.5	5.6	14.4	13.9	24.4	23.3	18.0	17.7	15.4
Frequency of providing assistance by Arab Countries directly (%)	-	1.4	0.6	2.0	0.9	1.2	1.4	0.1	2.3	-	-
<b>Median Value of Assistance in US\$ by Source</b>											
UNRWA	17	15	15	16	17	19	26	33	33	33	22
Ministry of Social Affairs	17	24	24	21	21	22	26	33	33	22	33
Other PNA Institutions	146	24	24	23	21	28	33	44	64	33	67
Charity (Zakat) Committees	24	24	24	23	21	25	22	49	39	27	30
Political Parties	24	24	20	23	17	35	22	22	44	22	22
Charity Institutions	24	24	24	23	21	22	22	24	33	33	22
Arab Countries	-	37	43	28	100	122	100	90	22	-	11
Relatives	-	298	366	28	63	89	66	44	44	67	45
Friends and Neighbors	-	488	293	27	63	44	43	33	44	44	45
<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	49.4	67.5	52.8	40.3	56.1
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	32.5	28.6	32.2	26.8
<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	34.5	35.8	38.4	36.7	48.7
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	21.5	18.9	24.6	15.7
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	21.4	19.9	20.3	18.3
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	7.3	6.4	5.4	4.9
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	4.0	5.1	3.9	3.2

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\* 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 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2004. This number amounted to (620,342 households) and (3,920,058 individuals).

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

Indicators	March 2001	May-June 2001	July- August 2001	Jan.-Feb. 2002	April – May 2003*	July-Aug. 2003	October- December 2003	January- March 2004	April-June 2004	July- September 2004	October- December 2004
<b>The Impact of the Current Situation on the Household's Income:</b>											
Percentage of Households below poverty line	55.7	56.6	50.5	57.8	53.7	51.8	65.9	61.6	51.8	53.5	52.2
The median amount of money that a Household need to satisfy its basic needs (NIS)	2000	2000	2000	2000	2000	2125	2000	2000	2000	2000	2000
The median of Household's income before Intifada (NIS)	2600	3000	3000	3000	3000	3000	3000	3000	3000	3000	3000
The median of Household's income during last month(NIS)	1500	1500	1700	1500	1500	2000	1500	1500	2000	1929	1600
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	53.0	61.9	52.1	54.9
<b>Assistance</b>											
Percentage of Households who indicated their need for assistance	-	74.9	67.3	78.7	76.5	76.1	68.3	70.7	71.7	73.0	66.7
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	25.4	27.2	43.4	37.8
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	64.0	59.0	70.0	68.2
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	79.1	80.2	82.4	81.6
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	20.9	19.8	17.6	18.4
Median of total in-kind assistance in US\$	24	37	24	23	21	31	33	33	35	33	34
Median of total in-cash assistance in US\$	37	146	488	140	84	91	70	67	96	-	67
<b>Source of Humanitarian Aid</b>											
Frequency of providing assistance by UNRWA (%)	40.2	30.1	35.7	32.5	18.3	18.8	22.7	15.1	22.7	27.6	21.8
Frequency of providing assistance by Ministry of Social Affairs (%)	4.7	2.6	3.0	4.1	9.0	9.7	11.0	15.2	23.2	26.9	21.9
Frequency of providing assistance by other PNA Institutions (%)	25.5	16.7	12.3	13.3	8.9	3.8	5.4	5.9	14.4	7.2	13.6
Frequency of providing assistance by Charity (Zakat) Committees (%)	12.1	9.1	7.5	12.7	3.3	3.2	5.2	4.6	2.2	3.0	5.6
Frequency of providing assistance by Political Parties (%)	7.5	8.8	4.6	6.3	2.9	2.0	3.6	4.9	2.0	1.6	2.3
Frequency of providing assistance by Charity Institutions (%)	5.2	4.3	4.8	5.4	1.0	4.1	4.7	3.4	3.7	3.9	5.1
Frequency of providing assistance by Relatives, Friends, Neighbors.	-	16.6	20.8	2.0	24.3	29.0	22.9	32.9	14.8	19.1	15.5

Indicators	March 2001	May-June 2001	July-August 2001	Jan.-Feb. 2002	April – May 2003*	July-Aug. 2003	October-December 2003	January-March 2004	April-June 2004	July-September 2004	October-December 2004
Frequency of providing assistance by Arab Countries directly (%)	-	3.1	1.8	12.9	1.3	1.3	1.9	0.2	4.3	-	-
<b>Median Value of Assistance in US\$ by Source</b>											
UNRWA	37	73	73	58	21	27	28	33	44	27	31
Ministry of Social Affairs	24	24	24	14	31	31	33	33	35	22	33
Other PNA Institutions	29	24	24	23	21	22	42	44	48	33	51
Charity (Zakat) Committees	24	24	24	23	25	31	22	60	39	29	35
Political Parties	24	24	24	23	17	44	22	22	44	18	21
Charity Institutions	24	24	24	23	166	33	24	44	33	57	22
Arab Countries	-	37	37	28	100	133	66	90	22	-	-
Relatives	-	379	732	116	75	111	88	67	110	71	45
Friends and Neighbors	-	604	732	93	63	44	44	44	44	40	104
<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	51.9	55.1	56.4	40.5	52.0
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	44.9	29.3	38.0	39.1
<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	35.5	35.2	42.6	39.7	56.8
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	23.2	18.3	26.4	14.7
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	18.3	14.3	13.7	11.2
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	9.3	7.9	7.8	5.8
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	3.6	4.4	3.7	2.5

-: 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 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2004. This number amounted to (412,053 households) and (2,476,321 individuals).

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

Indicators	March 2001	May-June 2001	July-August 2001	Jan.-Feb. 2002	April – May 2003*	July-Aug. 2003	October- December 2003	January- March 2004	April-June 2004	July- September 2004	October- December 2004
<b>The Impact of the Current Situation on the Household's Income:</b>											
Percentage of Households below poverty line	81.4	79.9	81.5	84.6	83.6	83.4	83.0	75.8	70.6	82.7	77.3
The median amount of money that a Household need to satisfy its basic needs (NIS)	1500	1200	1200	1200	1400	1200	1500	1800	1500	1665	1500
The median of Household's income before Intifada (NIS)	1800	1900	1944	2000	2000	2000	1700	1800	1500	1500	1700
The median of Household's income during last month(NIS)	900	1000	900	883	1200	1200	1000	1000	1200	1000	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	40.3	63.9	55.6	56.1
<b>Assistance</b>											
Percentage of Households who indicated their need for assistance	-	86.7	85.6	86.6	84.0	85.6	73.3	74.8	71.9	74.9	68.9
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	45.2	46.2	36.8	51.3
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	86.9	76.5	77.8	81.9
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	93.3	88.2	87.9	88.1
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	6.7	11.8	12.1	11.9
Median of total in-kind assistance in US\$	17	15	15	16	17	17	22	26	22	33	22
Median of total in-cash assistance in US\$	146	146	244	140	31	44	66	44	33	-	67
<b>Source of Humanitarian Aid</b>											
Frequency of providing assistance by UNRWA (%)	72.4	83.3	54.8	67.5	33.4	36.6	22.3	22.9	28.8	31.1	54.9
Frequency of providing assistance by Ministry of Social Affairs (%)	4.4	0.9	1.1	2.2	4.7	3.0	13.6	11.9	15.1	8.6	11.4
Frequency of providing assistance by other PNA Institutions (%)	13.2	0.9	0.2	0.7	2.1	0.3	3.5	1.7	3.7	4.8	3.0
Frequency of providing assistance by Charity (Zakat) Committees (%)	2.7	0.3	0.4	0.7	1.4	0.5	2.5	0.5	0.3	0.3	2.2
Frequency of providing assistance by Political Parties (%)	1.6	0.5	0.2	0.4	0.9	0.5	1.4	0.7	0.8	3.9	0.9

Indicators	March 2001	May-June 2001	July-August 2001	Jan.-Feb. 2002	April – May 2003*	July-Aug. 2003	October-December 2003	January-March 2004	April-June 2004	July-September 2004	October-December 2004
Frequency of providing assistance by Charity Institutions (%)	5.3	3.9	2.5	2.6	1.5	0.5	10.3	5.4	10.2	11.7	8.2
Frequency of providing assistance by Relatives, Friends, Neighbors.	-	2.4	12.3	2.1	6.8	5.4	25.9	15.7	21.7	15.1	9.6
Frequency of providing assistance by Arab Countries directly (%)	-	0.4	0.3	1.6	0.5	1.1	1.0	-	-	-	0.1
<b>Median Value of Assistance in US\$ by Source</b>											
UNRWA	17	15	15	16	17	19	26	33	44	33	22
Ministry of Social Affairs	15	14	24	23	21	22	22	33	35	24	33
Other PNA Institutions	146	18	24	23	19	59	33	44	48	37	112
Charity (Zakat) Committees	17	16	54	14	17	22	22	42	39	11	22
Political Parties	24	15	15	21	17	18	22	22	48	22	53
Charity Institutions	24	22	15	19	17	20	22	22	33	31	22
Arab Countries	-	39	1300	23	27	122	110	-	22	-	11
Relatives	-	27	244	19	26	44	66	44	110	32	45
Friends and Neighbors	-	488	244	17	52	49	34	10	44	44	45
<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	47.1	77.2	48.7	39.9	58.7
In-cash assistance received by Households as a percentage of overall assistance	14.7	9.4	17.8	11.9	7.4	26.2	33.5	22.8	27.9	22.0	18.8
<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	32.7	37.0	30.6	32.1	35.8
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	18.3	20.1	21.9	17.3
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	27.2	30.2	30.1	29.8
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	3.3	3.6	1.9	3.5
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	4.8	6.4	4.1	4.2

-: 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 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2004. This number amounted to (208,289 households) and (1,443,737 individuals).

## Basic Indicators of Living Standards and Humanitarian by Region

Indicators	Palestinian Territory		The West Bank		Gaza Strip	
	July-September 2004	October-December 2004	July-September 2004	October-December 2004	July-September 2004	October-December 2004
Percentage of households expected financial steadfastness more than one year	27.0	22.2	26.7	16.9	27.7	32.7
Percentage of households suffered from deteriorating living conditions	11.1	15.1	12.5	14.4	8.4	16.5
Percentage of households that decrease their Expenditure	54.6	58.2	60.7	60.4	42.7	53.7
<b>Percentage of households that decrease their Expenditure on the essential needs during last 12 months:</b>						
Food	86.8	87.9	84.4	85.5	93.7	93.2
Clothes	96.5	95.4	96.2	94.2	97.5	98.0
Education	55.6	48.5	50.0	43.6	71.4	59.5
Health	65.4	60.6	60.8	53.6	78.3	76.1
Housing	84.0	79.3	82.5	79.0	88.4	79.9
Travel	74.7	79.2	72.6	71.5	80.6	5.96
<b>Percentage of households that decrease their Expenditure on food:</b>						
Quantity of meat	97.4	97.5	97.4	97.1	97.6	98.3
Quantity of fruit	96.0	94.9	94.9	93.4	98.7	97.9
Quality of food	95.2	95.6	94.6	94.0	96.8	98.9
Quantity of milk	96.2	83.3	85.3	83.3	88.5	83.3
Quantity of food	87.1	85.3	86.3	86.0	89.5	83.8
<b>Percentage Distribution of households by main source of income:</b>						
Wages and income from private sector	34.4	31.7	39.4	34.3	24.4	26.5
Household Projects	12.2	11.4	13.7	12.7	9.3	8.8
Wages and income from public sector	19.1	21.6	14.8	17.5	27.7	29.7
Worked in farming or breeding livestock	4.9	4.5	5.7	5.9	3.2	1.6
Wages and income from Israeli work sector	7.2	9.0	10.2	12.8	1.3	1.7

Indicators	Palestinian Territory		The West Bank		Gaza Strip	
	July-September 2004	October-December 2004	July-September 2004	October-December 2004	July-September 2004	October-December 2004
Receive remittances from inside	8.2	4.5	3.1	2.6	18.4	8.4
Receive remittances from abroad	1.6	1.8	1.8	2.2	1.2	1.1
Social assistances	6.6	8.6	6.2	5.6	7.2	14.5
<b>Percentage of households by household measure to financial stability during the last 12 months:</b>						
Depend on Family income	78.7	81.1	80.9	83.8	74.3	75.9
Decrease the expenditure	55.2	60.0	60.9	62.8	43.8	54.3
Postponed paying bills	61.2	66.7	61.3	67.6	61.0	64.9
Borrowed money from persons	54.2	52.0	49.3	47.1	64.0	61.7
Depend on Family and Friends	24.2	21.1	20.9	19.4	30.7	24.6
Sold jewels or part of it	28.3	27.4	24.5	22.4	35.8	37.4
<b>Percentage of households by first priority needs of the local community:</b>						
Create jobs	50.6	59.8	41.0	50.6	65.0	74.6
Health services	5.2	6.6	9.0	9.1	7.5	2.6
Food assistances	6.1	5.2	8.2	6.5	7.4	3.1

**Table 1: Percentage Distribution of Households Living Under the Estimated Poverty Line During October-December 2004 by Region\***

Region	Below Poverty Line		Above Poverty Line
	(%)	Contribution	(%)
<b>Palestinian Territory</b>	60.6	<b>100.0</b>	39.4
West Bank	52.2	66.4	47.8
Gaza Strip	77.3	33.6	22.7

\* The Estimated Poverty Line for the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of the Year 2004 was 1,850 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	20.0	17.8	24.4
Household that Expenditure not changed	21.8	21.8	21.9
Household that expenditure decreased	58.2	60.4	53.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</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	95.4	94.2	98.0
Food	87.9	85.5	93.2
House	79.3	79.0	79.9
Entertainment activities and travel	79.2	71.5	96.5
Health	60.6	53.6	76.1
Educations	48.5	43.6	59.5
Other things	13.5	4.2	34.2

**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).	97.5	97.1	98.3
Quality of food	95.6	94.0	98.9
Quantity of Fruit	94.9	93.4	97.9
Quantity of food	85.3	86.0	83.8
Quantity of milk and milk products	83.3	83.3	83.3



**Table 5: Percentage Distribution of Households by Main Source of Income and Region ,  
October-December 2004**

Main Source of Income	Palestinian Territory	Region	
		West Bank	Gaza Strip
Agriculture	4.5	5.9	1.6
Household business	11.4	12.7	8.8
Wages and salaries from public sector	21.6	17.5	29.7
Wages and salaries from private sector	31.7	34.3	26.5
Wages and salaries from Israeli work sector	9.0	12.8	1.7
Wages and salaries from UNRWA	1.8	0.9	3.8
Remittances from Palestine	4.5	2.6	8.4
Remittances from abroad	1.8	2.2	1.1
Social aid	8.6	5.6	14.5
Other	5.1	5.5	3.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**Table 6: Percentage Distribution of Households Whose Income decreased During  
October-December 2004 by Region**

Amount of decrease Decrease (%)	Palestinian Territory	Region	
		West Bank	Gaza Strip
Less than 25 percent	12.2	13.1	10.5
25 percent to less than 50 percent	32.5	32.0	33.4
50 percent to less than 75 percent	6.34	36.1	31.6
75 percent or more	20.7	18.8	24.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Percentage of households whose income decreased</b>	<b>55.6</b>	<b>56.0</b>	<b>54.7</b>

**Table 7: 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	81.1	83.8	75.9
Postponed paying bills	66.7	67.6	64.9
Reduced their expenditures	60.0	62.8	54.3
Borrowed money	52.0	47.1	61.7
Sold Jewels or part of it	27.4	22.4	37.4
Used their Saving	18.7	18.4	19.3
Family and Friends	21.1	19.4	24.6
Worked in farming or breeding livestock	16.6	22.1	5.8
Borrowed from banks or financial institution	8.5	5.2	15.2
Sent at least one family member from students to work	7.5	8.3	5.9
Sent at least one family member from others to work	3.5	3.8	3.1
Sold or mortgaged lands or buildings	1.8	1.7	2.1
Sold available of durable goods	2.3	1.7	3.4
Used their Saving in Israeli banks	0.6	0.3	1.1

**Table 8: Percentage Distribution of Households According to Period in which the Household can Financially Cope and Region During October-December 2004**

Period in which the Household can Financially Cope	Palestinian Territory	Region	
		West Bank	Gaza Strip
More than 12 month	22.2	16.9	32.7
7-12 month	15.7	15.2	16.7
4-6 month	13.8	15.0	11.4
Less than 4 month	27.1	29.4	22.6
Suffered from dangers situations and don't know how to live	15.1	14.4	16.5
Don't know	6.1	9.1	0.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**Table 9: Percentage Distribution of Households by Required Amount of Money Needed to Satisfy its Basic Needs (NIS) and Region During October-December 2004**

Amount of Money that a Household Needed to Satisfy its Basic Needs (NIS)	Palestinian Territory	Region	
		West Bank	Gaza Strip
Less than 1000	8.2	6.3	12.0
1000-1499	17.3	12.9	25.7
1500-1999	14.9	12.0	20.6
2000-2499	22.3	23.2	20.5
2500-2999	7.9	8.0	7.6
3000+	29.4	37.6	13.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**Table 10: Percentage Distribution of households by Received Assistance During October-December 2004 and Region**

Received Assistance during June/ 2003	Palestinian Territory	Region	
		West Bank	Gaza Strip
Received Assistance	22.0	14.0	37.8
Not Received Assistance	78.0	86.0	62.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**Table 11: Percentage Distribution of households by Number of Received Assistance During October-December 2004 and Region**

Access to Health Resources	Palestinian Territory	Region	
		West Bank	Gaza Strip
1	60.3	69.6	53.5
2	25.3	17.2	31.2
3+	14.4	13.2	15.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**Table 12: Percentage Distribution of Assistance that the Households Received During October-December 2004 by Assistance Type and Region**

Assistant Type	Palestinian Territory	Region	
		West Bank	Gaza Strip
Food	56.1	52.0	58.7
Money	26.8	39.1	18.8
Healthy Insurance	4.2	2.2	5.5
Jobs	1.9	2.1	1.7
Other	11.0	4.6	15.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**Table 13: Percentage Distribution of households who received Assistance During October-December 2004 by Assistance Value in NIS and Region**

Assistant Value	Palestinian Territory	Region	
		West Bank	Gaza Strip
Lees than 100	24.5	24.5	24.4
100-199	28.6	27.5	29.4
200-299	14.5	12.7	15.8
300+	32.4	35.3	30.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**Table 14: Percentage Distribution of households who received Assistance During October-December 2004 by Degree Satisfaction with Assistance and Region**

Satisfaction with Assistance	Palestinian Territory	Region	
		West Bank	Gaza Strip
Completely Satisfied	34.8	15.6	47.3
Fairly Satisfied	47.3	53.5	43.3
Fairly not Satisfied	10.8	17.5	6.5
Completely not Satisfied	7.1	13.4	2.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**Table 15: Percentage Distribution of households by First Priority Needs of the Households and Region During October-December 2004**

First Priority Needs	Palestinian Territory	Region	
		West Bank	Gaza Strip
Food	48.7	56.8	35.6
Jobs	18.3	11.2	29.8
Money	15.7	14.7	17.3
Education	6.7	7.3	5.8
Treatments	4.9	5.8	3.5
Having a House	3.2	2.5	4.2
Entertainment Activities	1.7	0.7	3.3
Clothes	0.7	0.9	0.5
Others	0.1	0.1	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**Table 16: Percentage Distribution of Households by Source of Human Aid (Frequency of Providing Assistance) and Region During October-December 2004**

Source of Human Aid	Palestinian Territory	Region	
		West Bank	Gaza Strip
UNRWA	41.9	21.8	54.9
Ministry of Social Affairs	15.5	21.9	11.4
Relatives	12.0	15.5	9.6
Labor Unions	4.5	2.2	6.0
Other Palestinian National Authority Institutions	7.2	13.6	3.0
Charity Institutions	7.0	5.1	8.2
International Institutions	1.9	3.9	0.7
Friends, Neighbors, Charitable persons	3.4	5.3	2.2
Political Parties	1.4	2.3	0.9
Charity (Zakat) Committees	3.5	5.6	2.2
Other	1.7	2.8	0.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**Table 17: Percentage of Households by Obstacles Facing Access to Health Services and Region During October-December 2004**

Obstacles Facing Access to Health Services	Palestinian Territory	Region	
		West Bank	Gaza Strip
Treatment costs	44.2	49.3	34.2
Israeli closure	52.5	58.6	40.4
Military checkpoints	53.6	58.5	44.0
Remoteness of health centers	24.5	28.4	16.8
Inability for medical staff to reach health centers	23.5	27.2	16.1
Expansion and Annexation Wall	10.7	16.0	0.3