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The report contains statistical data on Israeli settlements which are being annexed to Israel by construction of the expansion and annexation wall. The important indicators are: the location of the formal settlements relative to the wall (inside or outside), and the number of formal settlements and their characteristics according to the various categories of the data base on occupation sites, such as types of formal settlements, geographic location, year of establishment, year of annexation, population groups, etc.

Data indicate that the number of settlers in the West Bank at end of March 2004 reached 425 thousands settlers including 341 thousands of settlers are living in settlements located inside the completed and planned or under construction wall, and 84 thousands settlers are living in settlements located outside the wall. 200 thousands of settlers whom live in settlements located inside the completed and planned or under construction wall where from Jerusalem Governorate, 186 thousands of them in J1 Region (*Includes that part of Jerusalem, which was annexed forcefully by Israel following its occupation of the West Bank in 1967*), and 14 thousands in J2 Region (*Includes the remaining parts of the governorate of Jerusalem*).

Data indicate that, the total area of built-up land of formal settlements in the West Bank was about 142 million m² at the end of the year 2002. Area of Built-up land of formal settlements inside the completed wall is 6 million m², area of Built-up land of formal settlements inside the completed wall in Jenin Governorate represent 31.6% of the total built-up land of formal settlements inside the completed wall. The area of built-up land of formal settlements inside the planned or under construction wall is 66 million m².

According to end of March 2004 data indicate that the number of the formal settlements in the West Bank is 155 formal settlements, at the end of March 2004, of which 6 are formal settlements inside the completed wall, 65 formal settlements are inside the wall that is planned or under construction, and 84 formal settlements are outside the wall. According to the expansion and annexation wall data, all formal settlements that were constructed in Nablus and Jericho Governorates and Tubas Region are located outside the wall.

Data shows that the Jerusalem Governorate is the Governorate most affected by the construction of the expansion and annexation wall. There are 25 formal settlements located inside the wall that is planned or under construction, (there of 3 formal settlements in the J2 region). In the Ramallah and al-Bireh Governorate, there are 14 formal settlements located inside the planned or under construction wall, while in the Salfit region there are 11 formal settlements located inside the planned or under construction wall, and in Bethlehem Governorate there are 8 formal settlements located inside the planned or under construction wall.

Notes

- **Formal settlement:** A settlement, which is considered by the Israeli occupation as legal settlement and meets locality conditions.
- **Inside the Completed Wall:** Includes all occupation sites, which are located inside the completed wall, which extends from northeast Jenin Governorate until the intersection with the Green Line in the western Qalqilya Governorate.
- **Inside the Planned or Under Construction Wall:** Includes all occupation sites, which are located inside the portion of the wall that is planned or under construction and which extends from western Qalqilya Governorate until the end of the wall in the southern Hebron Governorate.
- **Outside the Wall:** Includes all occupation sites that will be located outside the wall when it is completed.