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Preliminary Results of the
Socio-Economic and Food Security Survey 2018

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## Methodology

### Sampling Design

The Survey Sample is Three stages stratified cluster systematic random sample of households residing in Palestine. The sample of the survey is based on the sample of 2013 round "Panel Sample for the 3rd rounds" (2013, 2015, 2018) plus the split households from rounds (2013, 2015).

### Target Population

All Palestinian households and individuals with regular residency in Palestine during the survey period (2018). In addition to the individuals aged 18 years and above to complete the individual model.

### Sampling Framework

Sampling was based on 2007 census. In the survey design, Primary Sampling Units (PSUs) was adapted to 2017 enumeration areas to be fit with the GIS database.
## Sample Size

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Round</th>
<th>Panel Sample</th>
<th>Splits Sample</th>
<th>Additional Sample</th>
<th>Respond Sample</th>
<th>Response Rate</th>
<th>Individuals</th>
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<tr>
<td>2013</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>7,503</td>
<td>100%*</td>
<td>41,303</td>
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<tr>
<td>2015</td>
<td>7503</td>
<td>783</td>
<td>739</td>
<td>8,244</td>
<td>91%</td>
<td>45,960</td>
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<td>2018</td>
<td>8,225</td>
<td>2,783</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>9,926</td>
<td>90%</td>
<td>50,629</td>
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*Area Sample*
Results
Water Public Networks

94% of HH Connected with Water Public Networks

Networks Disrupted (Percentage Distribution)

Cope with Water Public Networks

- Stored water from Public network: 54%
- Purchased water in tanks: 29%
- Collected rain water: 7%
- Transfer from public tab or spring/Artesian: 4%
- Purchased bottled water: 3%
- Other: 65%

Networks Disrupted

- West Bank: 49%
- Gaza Strip: 95%

95% of HH Connected with Water Public Networks Disrupted (Percentage Distribution)
99% of HH Connected with Electricity

Public Networks Cut
(Percentage Distribution)

Cope with Electricity

%58

Batteries

%13

Dry Batteries

%5

Normal

%5

connect to

a private

network

%4

UPS battery

%4

Wax

There is no alternative
Receiving Assistance (Percentage)

- **Palestine**: 2013: 32%, 2014: 40%, 2018: 31%
- **West Bank**: 2013: 15%, 2014: 16%, 2018: 10%
- **Gaza Strip**: 2013: 66%, 2014: 84%, 2018: 69%
Type of Assistance (Percentage Distribution)

- Food: 38%
- Cash (Money): 26%
- Food parcels/Coupons: 17%
- Vouchers: 7%
- Health Insurance: 6%
- Free Treatment/Medicine: 3%
- Other: 3%

Other include: School nutrition, Electricity charging, housing (shelter, rent, caravan), Employment/job, Drinking water, Clothing
Source of Assistance (Percentage Distribution)

- **UNRWA**: 35%
- **Ministry of Social Development**: 25%
- **Charitable/Religions associations**: 9%
- **International/Development agency**: 8%
- **Other PNA Institutions**: 4%
- **Family and Relatives**: 4%
- **Zakat Committees**: 4%
- **Political Parties/Factions**: 4%
- **Friends/ Acquaintance/neighbors/doers of good deed**: 3%
- **Labor Unions**: 3%

(%2) Other include: Arab states, private sector
Satisfaction on Assistance (Percentage Distribution)

West Bank:
- Very Satisfied/Satisfied: 68%
- Very Dissatisfied/Dissatisfied: 32%

Gaza Strip:
- Very Satisfied/Satisfied: 81%
- Very Dissatisfied/Dissatisfied: 19%
How long the HH that can withstand financially in the future (Percentage Distribution)

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<th>Duration</th>
<th>West Bank</th>
<th>Gaza Strip</th>
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<tr>
<td>It can sustain regardless of time</td>
<td>73</td>
<td>25</td>
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<tr>
<td>One year</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>4</td>
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<tr>
<td>For a few months only</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>8</td>
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<tr>
<td>We barely make it</td>
<td>14</td>
<td>43</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Suffer serious financial constraints</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>19</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>and we don't know how we can make it</td>
<td>6</td>
<td>1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>I don't Know</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
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Loan/ Advanced Payment/Debt (Percentage)

Palestine: 33%

Dier Al-Balah: 59%
Khan Yunis: 55%
Gaza: 54%
North Gaza: 50%
Rafah: 46%
Tubas & Northern Valleys: 34%
Jenin: 26%
Bethlehem: 25%
Nablus: 24%
Hebron: 22%
Jericho and Al Aghwar: 21%
Tulkarm: 21%
Qalqiliya: 18%
Ramallah and Al-Bireh: 18%
Jerusalem: 13%
Salfit: 11%
Main Source of Income (Percentage Distribution)

Other include: Property Income, Transfers from abroad, insurance (Jerusalem)
## Income Generating Projects (Percentage)
(During the Last 12 Months)

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<tr>
<th>Activity</th>
<th>West Bank</th>
<th>Gaza Strip</th>
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<tr>
<td>Crop Production Activity</td>
<td>11</td>
<td>5</td>
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<tr>
<td>Animal Production Activity</td>
<td>6</td>
<td>7</td>
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<td>A Private Project</td>
<td>8</td>
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Main Shocks (Percentage) (During the first half of 2018)

- **Shortage of water**: 31% in Gaza Strip, 54% in West Bank
- **Inability to pay treatment cost**: 10% in Gaza Strip, 51% in West Bank
- **Loss of part/all of salary/income**: 8% in Gaza Strip, 36% in West Bank
- **Inability to receive health care due to lack of medicine/equipment**: 7% in Gaza Strip, 37% in West Bank
- **Delay in salary payment**: 6% in Gaza Strip, 35% in West Bank
- **Inability to repay loans**: 6% in Gaza Strip, 27% in West Bank
- **Stop some/all of assistance**: 4% in Gaza Strip, 16% in West Bank
- **Stop getting a work permit**: 7% in Gaza Strip, 1% in West Bank
Coping strategies for Palestinian Household days ago (Percentage) 7

- Refrain From Consuming Expensive and Resort to Alternatives (Buying Cheaper Kind of Food) West Bank: 16, Gaza Strip: 66
- Purchased Low Quality Markets "Leftover" West Bank: 12, Gaza Strip: 57
- Reduce the Amount of Food Per Meal for the Whole Family West Bank: 8, Gaza Strip: 44
- Reduced the number of meals for all household members per day West Bank: 10, Gaza Strip: 44
- Reduced the Quantity of Meals Eaten by Adults in Favor of Children West Bank: 6, Gaza Strip: 38
- Borrow Food or Rely on Help from Family and Friends West Bank: 5, Gaza Strip: 33
During the last 30 days

Coping strategies for Palestinian Household

(Percentage)

West Bank

Gaza Strip

Buy food on credit, borrow food
Reduce HH expenditures on health, education, clothing
Not pay bills/utilities
Borrow money
Looking for secondary job
Used life savings
Re-organize the HH members to save money (live or eat together)
Sell off assets jewelry, productive assets, etc
Send children to eat somewhere else, eating in groups
Other

16 9 15 10 12 6 1 1
57 56 49 32 28 22 17 11 5 5