

## GENERAL FACT SHEET – FEBRUARY 2009

### I. Quick Facts: Country profile

Indicator	Data	Source / Year
Under-five mortality rate 2007 (per 1,000 live births)	27	SOWC 2009
Infant mortality rate 2007 (per 1,000 live births)	24	SOWC 2009
Annual no. of under-5 deaths, 2007 (thousands)	4	SOWC 2009
Maternal mortality ratio	No data	SOWC 2009
GNI per capita (US\$, 2007)	1,230	SOWC 2009
Population annual growth rate 1990-2007 (%)	4.2	SOWC 2009
Life expectancy 2007	73	SOWC 2009



#### Other relevant indicators:

- Total population: 3.9 million; 2.4 million in the West Bank and 1.4 million in Gaza (*Palestinian Central Bureau for Statistics, Palestine in Figures 2007*)
- Total child population: 2.2 million, including 1.4 million in the West Bank and 840,000 in the Gaza Strip (*Palestinian Central Bureau for Statistics, Palestine in Figures 2007*)

### Child deaths and injuries

As at end November 2008, at least 80 Palestinian children had been killed and 516 injured in the conflict with Israel since the beginning of the year. There were four Israeli children killed in the attack on the Mercuz Harav yeshiva in Jerusalem on 6 March (*OCHA Humanitarian Monitor Number 31*)

431 children and 114 women were among the casualties in the Gaza offensive in December 2008 and January 2009. Of the 5,380 injuries, 1,872 were among children and 800 among women. (*Gaza Ministry of Health*)

### Children in detention

389 children were being detained in Israeli facilities as at end January 2009, including five children being held without charges or trial. More than 6,000 Palestinian children have been held in Israeli detention centers since September 2000. Almost all children in Israeli detention centers are between 15 and 17 years old. (*Defense for Children International, Palestine Section*).

### Health & Nutrition

10% of children across oPt are stunted, up from 7.5% in 2000 (*Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics, December 2007*).

The prevalence of mild to moderate Anemia among children 9 - 12 months old of age is 65.8%; prevalence among pregnant woman, 35.8% (*Nutrition Department / MoH / PNA; Nutrition Surveillance System Report, 2006*).

Around one-fifth of school children are iodine deficient (*Nutrition Department / MoH / PNA, 2007*) and 22% of children 12 - 59 months old lack Vitamin A (*MoH / PNA and MARAM Project, 2004*). . 34% of Palestinians are food insecure with an additional 12% at risk (*Comprehensive Food and Security and Vulnerability Analysis January 2007*).

In Gaza, eight out of 10 families already relied on food assistance to meet their daily needs in 2008.

### Education

Basic education enrolment rates have dropped from 96.8 per cent in 2000–2001 to 91.2 per cent in 2006–2007 (*Palestinian Central Bureau for Statistics, 2007*). Learning achievement rates are plummeting.

In 2008, only 19.7 per cent of 16,000 sixth-graders in Gaza passed standardized tests in Arabic, mathematics, science and English, compared with around 50 per cent of their peers in Nablus and Jenin (UNICEF-oPt).

At least 30 per cent of adolescents do not enrol in secondary school (*Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics, 2007*).

## Water and Sanitation

The proportion of households with access to safe water has dropped by 8% since 2000 (*World Bank, 2007*).

Total water supply declined in 2007 compared with 2006 with Palestinians receiving about half (65.3 l/c/d in the West Bank and 80.5 l/c/d in Gaza) the 150 l/c/d international standard (*OCHA 2008*).

About two-thirds of households are not connected to a sewerage network and 70 percent to 80 percent of domestic wastewater is discharged into the environment without treatment (*UNRWA, Water and Sanitation Hygiene Monitoring Programme, WASH 2006*).

## Poverty & Economy

The poverty rate has increased more than 10.4 percentage points since the beginning of the second Intifada. The proportion of Gazans in deep poverty has risen from 21.6% in 1998 to nearly 35%. If remittances and food aid are excluded and poverty is based only on household income, the poverty rate in Gaza jumps to almost 67 percent (*UNSCO, Humanitarian and Development Situation in oPt: Background paper for the AHLC, May 2008*).

Unemployment stood at 22 percent in 2007, up from 10 percent before the second Intifada (2000).

Unemployment is highest in Gaza, at 33 percent, and young people are hardest hit, with 36 percent of those between the ages of 20 and 24 unemployed. Young women are worst off, with an unemployment rate of 46 percent (*UNSCO, Humanitarian and Development Situation in oPt: Background paper for the AHLC, May 2008*).

## Access and movement

There were 642 obstacles to movement across the West Bank in November 2008, up from 376 when the Access and Movement Agreement was signed in November 2005 (*OCHA Humanitarian Monitor No.31*).

Restrictions on UN operations are tightening further, with the installation of Israeli civilian police at checkpoints causing significant delays and security concerns (*Briefing to the Security Council on the Situation in the Middle East, 23 April 2008*).

57% of the 723-km barrier's planned route is completed (*OCHA Humanitarian Monitor, No. 31*).

When construction is completed, 80% of the Barrier route will run inside the West Bank and approximately 9.5% of the West Bank land will be isolated by the Barrier (*UNSCO, Humanitarian and Development Situation in the occupied Palestinian territory*).