

OCCUPIED PALESTINIAN TERRITORY

The West Bank including East Jerusalem, and the Gaza Strip
DECEMBER 2014



Palestinian Registered Refugees*

West Bank	~ 925,191 refugees
Gaza	~ 1,328,351 refugees
Lebanon	~ 488,213 refugees
Syria	~ 564,074 refugees
Jordan	~ 2,187,286 refugees

Source: UNRWA



INTRODUCTION

The context in the oPt is a protracted protection crisis with humanitarian consequences, driven by insufficient respect for international law by all sides. Palestinians in the oPt face a range of serious protection threats in the context of Israel's prolonged occupation and periodic escalation of armed conflict, including threats to life, liberty and security, destruction or damage to homes and other property, forced displacement, restrictions on freedom of movement and on access to livelihoods, and lack of accountability and effective remedy. These threats are exacerbated by the inability of the sides to reach a political agreement. The seasonal winter flooding further exacerbates pre-existing humanitarian needs. In 2014, there was a sharp increase in the severity of humanitarian needs in the Gaza Strip as a result of the July-August conflict.

ISSUES OF KEY CONCERN

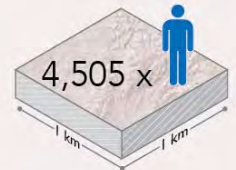
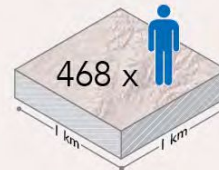
- Threats to life, liberty and security.
- Forced displacement.
- Erosion of livelihoods and lack of economic opportunities and access to food.
- Restricted access to basic services.

POPULATION DENSITY

CAPITA/KM²

West Bank
Area 5,655 km²

Gaza Strip
Area 365 km²



POPULATION



4.55 million Palestinians live in the oPt, with 2.75 million in the West Bank and 1.8 million in the Gaza Strip.¹

UNEMPLOYMENT



43.9% unemployment rate in the Gaza Strip and **17.7%** in the West Bank¹

PALESTINIAN REFUGEES



Nearly 44% of the oPt population are refugees and nearly 50% are below the age of 18.¹

WATER CONSUMPTION



76.4 litres/capita/day (l/c/d) is the average water consumption in the West Bank and **75-80** l/c/d⁴ in Gaza Strip

POVERTY



39% of the population of the Gaza Strip and **16%** of the West Bank live in poverty.³

HOUSEHOLD SIZE



5.8 persons is the average Palestinian household size in the oPt.¹

FOOD INSECURITY



21.6% of the population of the oPt is food insecure.⁴
57% Of the population of Gaza Strip is food insecure.

ISRAELI SETTLEMENTS



556,000 Israeli settlers live in 150 settlements and 100 outposts in the West Bank, in contravention of international law.⁵

1. Source: PCBS 2014
2. Source: SEFSec 2013
3. Source: ICBS 2014
4. Source: CMWU
5. Source: World Bank
6. Source: World Bank Estimate

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