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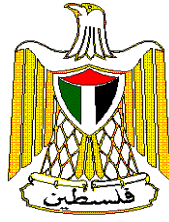
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Press Release

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Preliminary Findings

23.3% of ever married women stated that they were Exposed at least for one time to physical violence action in the Palestinian Territory during 2005, while 61.7% they were Exposed at least for one time to psychological violence at during 2005.

In a recent one-of-a kind study in the Arab world, the Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics is pleased to announce the findings of the Domestic Violence Survey conducted between December 18th , 2005 and January 18th , 2006 on a sample of 4,212 households, distributed as 2,772 in the West Bank and 1,440 in Gaza Strip.

The main objective of the survey is to provide comprehensive statistics on domestic violence in general and to diagnose the phenomenon of violence in the Palestinian society against the woman, spouse, children, and elderly in particular since such phenomenon is under registered and can not often be reported due to prevalent traditions, habits, and culture of the Palestinian society.

Ever-married women

Results showed that 23.3% of women stated that they were exposed to physical violence at least for one time during 2005, 61.7% to psychological violence and 10.5% to sexual violence in the Palestinian Territory. The percentage of women who were exposed to psychological violence in the West Bank is higher than of Gaza Strip (68.8 % and 49.7%) respectively. While Exposure to physical violence in the West Bank was 23.7% and 22.6% in Gaza Strip. Rural women suffer more from psychological violence (64.8%) compared to Urban and Refugee women (62.8% and 52.3%) respectively.

Results showed a drop in exposure to physical violence against women among high school diplomas and higher 19.1%, Compared to 25.8% of women with elementary and lower education.

Data showed that women outside the labor force were exposed to physical violence at 23.9% compared to 16.8% for women inside labor force.

Unmarried women (18 years and over)

Data showed that 24.6% of unmarried women aged 18 years and over were exposed to physical violence and 53.5% to psychological violence in the Palestinian Territory; in Gaza Strip they were less subjected to psychological violence compared with the West Bank (47.3% and 56.1%) respectively, while their exposure to physical violence in the West Bank and Gaza Strip was quite close results (24.4% and 25.1%) respectively. Nevertheless, data showed a rise in psychological violence in urban areas, followed by refugee camps and rural areas (56.5%, 54.6%, and 46.8%) respectively.

Children (5-17) Years

Data showed that 51.4 % of Mothers stated that one of their children aged (5-17) years was exposed to Violence during 2005, distributed by 53.3% in the West Bank and 48.5% in Gaza Strip. Data showed that Rural Children were the more exposed to violence at 56.4%, in Urban 50.1% and 47.3% in Refugee Camps. Data Showed that children were exposed to assault mainly at home at 93.3%, followed by school at 45.2%, and 41.1% exposed to assault at the street.

Data revealed that the household members were the main source of practicing assault against children at 93.3%, followed by boys and girls at street at 39.4%, then the teacher at 34.6%.

Elderly (65 years and over)

Data showed that 6.4% of the elderly reported that they were exposed to insulting and cursing, 2.0% reported suffering armed twisting, forceful pulling, or pushing by a household member. Moreover, 5.8% of them were made to feel undesired by a household member.

Concepts and Definitions

Domestic violence	<p>Violence is any act or intended act of a household member against another member for the purpose of causing psychological or physical harm or any other types of pain and abuse. The study discussed different types of psychological, physical, and sexual violence practiced by the household members against each other.</p> <p>It is worth mentioning that other sources use terms like abuse, assault, and aggression and other terms and concepts to describe different types of violence and harm-causing. The concepts may slightly differ; however, they mean the same with respect to causing harm, psychological, and physical assaults. The study uses the term <i>violence</i> to illustrate all types of assaults and harm-causing.</p>
Physical violence	<p>A behavior directed against the body. Physical violence is done through punching, hair-pulling, arm-twisting, pinching, slapping, kicking, strangling, scorching, pulling, dragging, killing, and beating. It is used to express physical power. The victim of physical violence is usually the weaker person.</p>
Psychological violence	<p>It is a type of violence reflected in a psychological behavior or bad treatment, disdain, and despise of people. It is done through the use of cursing and insults by the person who practiced violence., breaking things that belong to the person, shouting and yelling at, name-calling, mocking using demeaning names, forcing to do specific acts, throwing out of the house, locking up in the house, terrorization, continuous threatening, and forcing. Psychological violence is used to cause anxiety fear, psychological damage, degrading, making one feel negative, weaken physical and mental capacities, harming other people and destroy capabilities, shaking self-confidence, undermining self-respect,. Psychological violence destroys self-confidence, causes body harm, loss of self-confidence.</p>
Sexual violence	<p>An act of using various aggressive Actions for the purpose of sexual abuse and causing harm. It is a human rights violation. Sexual violence is done through sexual harassment, rape, husband's refusal to use contraceptives during sexual intercourse with his wife, using physical force to compel the wife to have sexual intercourse, threatening to use sharp tools and beating to force her to have sexual intercourse, and using violent and harmful means. The purpose of this type of violence is to abuse the victim and use force to control the victim who is usually the woman; it occurs because there aren't any strict rules taken against the perpetrators.</p>

جدول 1: نسبة النساء اللواتي سبق لهن الزواج وتعرضن على الأقل لمرة واحدة لأفعال العنف من قبل الزوج حسب

أشكال العنف المختلفة والمنطقة ونوع التجمع، 2005

Table1: Percentage of Ever Married Women Exposed At least Once to One Violence Action by Husband, Different Types of Violence, Region and Type of Locality, 2005

Region and Type of Locality	Type of Violence			المنطقة ونوع التجمع
	العنف الجنسي Sexual Abuse	العنف النفسي Psychological Abuse	العنف الجسدي Physical Abuse	
Region				المنطقة
Palestinian Territory	10.5	61.7	23.3	الأراضي الفلسطينية
West Bank	11.5	68.8	23.7	الضفة الغربية
Gaza Strip	9.7	49.7	22.6	قطاع غزة
Type of Locality				نوع التجمع
Urban	11.2	62.8	23.2	حضر
Rural	10.9	64.9	23.0	ريف
Camps	9.8	52.3	24.1	مخيم

جدول 2 : نسبة النساء اللواتي سبق لهن الزواج وتعرضن على الأقل لمرة واحدة لأحد أفعال العنف من قبل الزوج حسب

أشكال العنف المختلفة وبعض الخصائص الخلفية، 2005

Table 2: Percentage of Ever Married Women Exposed At least Once to One Violence Action by Husband, Different Types of Violence and Background Characteristics, 2005

Background Characteristic	Type of Violence			الخصائص الخلفية
	العنف الجنسي Sexual Abuse	العنف النفسي Psychological Abuse	العنف الجسدي Physical Abuse	
Educational qualifications for wife				الحالة التعليمية للزوجة
Elementary and Less	12.0	62.5	25.8	ابتدائي فأقل
Preparatory	12.2	64.3	25.1	إعدادي
Secondary and above	8.5	58.4	19.1	ثانوي فأكثر
Labour Force Status for wife				الحالة العملية للزوجة
Inside Labour Force	7.2	62.8	16.8	داخل قوة العمل
Outside Labour force	11.2	61.5	23.9	خارج قوة العمل
Refugee Status for Wife				حالة اللجوء للزوجة
Refugee	10.0	56.1	22.5	لاجئة
Non Refugee	11.5	65.5	23.9	ليست لاجئة
Household Size				حجم الأسرة
2	8.7	45.5	13.6	2
3	13.0	51.0	21.1	3
4	10.5	61.4	21.8	4
5	10.7	64.2	21.5	5
6	9.8	64.7	23.0	6
+7	11.3	64.0	25.8	+7
Age				العمر
15-24	14.0	62.1	24.9	24-15
25-34	12.3	66.7	26.4	34-25
35-44	10.2	61.2	21.9	44-35
45-54	8.0	57.1	20.5	54-45
55-64	3.1	47.6	14.9	64-55

جدول 3: نسبة النساء اللواتي سبق لهن الزواج وتعرضن لاعتداء من قبل الزوج حسب بعض أفعال وأشكال العنف في الأراضي الفلسطينية، 2005

Table 3: Percentage of Ever Married Women Exposed to Violence From Husband By certain Types and actions of Violence in the Palestinian Territory, 2005

Practiced Types and Actions of Violence By Husband	النسبة Percentage	أفعال وأشكال العنف الممارس من قبل الزوج
Physical Abuse		العنف الجسدي
Pushed strongly	11.5	الدفع بقوة
Threw something toward that could have hurt	7.6	رمي أشياء يمكن أن تؤذي
Attacking with a knife, hatchet, shovel, or similarly sharp and dangerous objects	1.5	التهجم بالسكين أو القطاعة أو الطورية أو أي جسم آخر مشابه لها بالحدة والخطورة
Twisted arm or pulling hair	7.2	لوى الذراع أو شد الشعر
Strangling or tried to strangle	1.8	الخنق أو محاولة الخنق
Slapping the face	9.7	الصفع على الوجه
Psychological Abuse		العنف النفسي
Saying things in order to provoke and upset	27.9	قول أشياء بهدف الاغظة وإثارة الغضب
Cursing or insulting	32.1	الشتيم أو الأهانته
Yelled or shouting	56.4	الصياح أو الصراخ
Sexual Abuse		العنف الجنسي
Used physical power to enforce copulate	3.9	استعمال القوة الجسدية للإجبار على إقامة العلاقة الزوجية

جدول 4: نسبة الرجال الذين تعرضوا للعنف من قبل الزوجة حسب بعض أشكال العنف في الأراضي الفلسطينية، 2005

Table 4: Percentage of Men Exposed to Violence From Wife by Some Types of Violence in the Palestinian Territory, 2005

Practiced Violence by Wife	النسبة Percentage	العنف الممارس من قبل الزوجة
Physical Abuse		العنف الجسدي
Pushed strongly	2.6	الدفع بقوة
Threw something toward that could have hurt	0.9	رمي أشياء يمكن أن تؤذي
Twisted arm during fight in-between	0.3	لوي الذراع بقوة أثناء الشجار بين الزوجين
Strangled or tried to strangle	1.0	الخنق أو محاولة الخنق
Psychological Abuse		العنف النفسي
Cursing or insulting	6.0	الشتيم أو الإهانة
Yelled or shouting	15.1	الصياح أو الصراخ

جدول 5: نسبة النساء اللواتي تعرضن على الأقل لمرة واحدة لأفعال العنف من قبل الزوج حسب بعض الجهات التي توجهت لها أو الأساليب التي اتبعنها لطلب المساعدة ومدى رضاها عن المساعدة التي تلقتها في الأراضي الفلسطينية، 2005

Table 5: Percentage of Women Exposed At least Once to One Violence Action from Husband by Sought Institution and Taken Measures for Assistance and Satisfaction of Received Assistance in the Palestinian Territory, 2005

Sought Institutions and taken measures for assistance	الرضى عن المساعدة			توجهت لطلب المساعدة	الجهات التي توجهت لها المرأة المعنفة أو الأساليب المتبعة لطلب المساعدة
	Satisfaction of received Assistance				
	غير راضية	بدرجة متوسطة	كثيراً		
Not Satisfied	Moderate	Too Much	Seeking Assistance		
Went to a center for abused women.	6.8	42.5	50.7	0.6	مركز للنساء المعنفات
Sought counseling at women institution	13.4	29.1	57.5	1.1	مؤسسة نسوية لطلب الاستشارة
A complain against husband at the police station in neighborhood	24.8	32.4	42.8	1.2	مكتب الشرطة في منطقة السكن لتقديم شكوى ضد الزوج
Sought counseling and protection at the police station in your neighborhood	18.5	28.2	53.3	0.6	مكتب الشرطة في منطقة السكن لطلب الاستشارة والحماية
Telephoned an institution for counseling	0.0	44.0	56.0	0.5	الاتصال مع إحدى المؤسسات لتلقي الاستشارة عبر الهاتف
Talked with husband and asking to stop violence	5.1	36.4	58.4	42.9	التحدث مع الزوج لطلب منه وقف العنف
Talked with neighbors about husband's violence	11.1	41.9	47.0	5.3	التحدث مع الجيران عن اعتداء الزوج
Went to the court seeking consultation against Husband Violence	0.0	29.8	70.2	2.1	التوجه للمحكمة بهدف تقديم شكوى ضد الزوج.
Went to the court seeking consultation	0.0	52.2	47.8	0.7	التوجه للمحكمة لطلب الاستشارة
Sought protection from the neighbors	12.8	52.1	35.1	1.4	التوجه للجيران لطلب الحماية

جدول 5- تابع: نسبة النساء اللواتي تعرضن على الأقل لمرة واحدة لاحد أفعال العنف من قبل الزوج حسب بعض الجهات التي توجهت لها أو الأساليب التي اتبعنها لطلب المساعدة ومدى رضاها عن المساعدة التي تلقتها في الأراضي الفلسطينية، 2005

Table 5- (Cont) : Percentage of Women Exposed At least Once to One Violence Action from Husband by Sought Institution and Taken measures for Assistance and Satisfaction of Received Assistance in the Palestinian Territory, 2005

Sought Institutions and taken measures for assistance	الرضى عن المساعدة			توجهت لطلب المساعدة	الجهات التي توجهت لها المرأة المعنفة أو الأساليب المتبعة لطلب المساعدة
	Satisfaction of received Assistance				
	غير راضية	بدرجة متوسطة	كثيراً	Seeking Assistance	
Not Satisfied	Moderate	Too Much			
Left home and went to father's home or to one of brothers' homes for at most one week	9.9	39.6	50.5	30.4	ترك البيت والذهاب لبيت الوالد أو أحد الاخوه لأيام معدودة (أسبوع على الأكثر)
Left home and went to a relative's (uncle, aunt, etc.) home for a few days	13.3	42.4	44.3	3.8	ترك البيت والذهاب لبيت أحد الأقارب لأيام معدودة(عم/ة، خال/ة، جدة، أو ما شابه)
Did not leave home but spoke with parents about the case	5.8	37.7	56.5	26.0	عدم ترك البيت ولكن تم إعلام الوالدين عن الامر
Did not leave home but spoke with a relative about the case	5.2	41.9	52.9	13.0	عدم ترك البيت ولكن تم إعلام الأقارب عن الأمر
Left home and went to father's home or to one of brothers' homes for few weeks or months	8.8	30.9	60.3	9.9	ترك البيت والذهاب لبيت الوالد أو أحد الاخوه لعدة أسابيع أو اشهر
Left home and went to a relative's (uncle, aunt, etc.) home for few of weeks or months	2.8	31.6	65.6	1.6	ترك البيت والذهاب لبيت أحد الأقارب(عم/ة، خال/ة، جدة، أو ما شابه) لعدة أسابيع أو اشهر

جدول 6: نسبة النساء (18 سنة فأكثر) غير المتزوجات واللواتي يسكن مع الأسرة وتعرضن على الأقل لمرة واحدة لأحد

أفعال العنف حسب أشكال العنف المختلفة والمنطقة ونوع التجمع، 2005

Table 6: Percentage of Never Married Women Aged (18 Years and over) who Lived with Household Members and Exposed to At least Once to One Violence Action by Different Types of Violence, Region and Type of locality, 2005

Region and Type of Locality	أشكال العنف		المنطقة ونوع التجمع
	العنف النفسي Psychological Abuse	العنف الجسدي Physical Abuse	
Region			المنطقة
Palestinian Territory	53.5	24.6	الأراضي الفلسطينية
West Bank	56.1	24.4	الضفة الغربية
Gaza Strip	47.3	25.1	قطاع غزة
Type of Locality			نوع التجمع
Urban	56.5	24.9	حضر
Rural	46.8	24.0	ريف
Camps	54.6	25.1	مخيم

جدول 7: نسبة النساء (18 سنة فأكثر) غير المتزوجات واللواتي يسكن مع الأسرة وتعرضن لبعض أشكال العنف الجسدي

والنفسية من قبل أحد أفراد الأسرة في الأراضي الفلسطينية، 2005

Table 7: Percentage of Never Married Women Aged (18 Years and over) who Lived with Household and Exposed Certain Type of Physical, Psychological Violence from Member of Household in the Palestinian Territory, 2005

Practice violence by house hold members	النسبة Percentage	العنف الممارس من قبل أفراد الأسرة
Physical Abuse		العنف الجسدي
Throwing something toward that could have hurt	7.7	رمي أشياء يمكن أن تؤذي
Twisting arm or pulling hair	11.1	لوي الذراع أو شد الشعر
Attacking resulted in bruises, scratches, light wounds, injuries, or joints pain	3.8	تهجم نتج عنه آلام في المفاصل، أو رضوض، أو خدوش أو جروح بسيطة
Pushed strongly	11.8	الدفع بقوة
Attacking with a knife, hatchet, shovel, or similarly sharp and dangerous objects	2.3	التهجم بالسكين أو القطاعة أو الطورية أو أي جسم آخر مشابه لها بالحدة والخطورة
Beat on head resulted in coma	2.5	الضرب على الرأس الذي ينتج عنه إغماء
Beat with a belt, stick, or similarly sharp objects	5.0	الضرب بحزام، عصا، أو ما شابه ذلك
Strangled or tried to strangle	2.3	الخنق أو محاولة الخنق
Psychological Abuse		العنف النفسي
Said things in order to provoke and upset	29.5	قول أشياء بهدف الإغاضة وإثارة الغضب
Cursing or insulting	26.3	الشتيم أو الإهانة
Saying thing as fat or ugly	10.5	أقوال مثل سميئة أو قبيحة
Yelled or shouting	41.6	الصياح أو الصراخ
Destroyed or spoiled own property	11.3	تحطيم أو إتلاف ممتلكات خاصة

جدول 8: نسبة الأمهات اللواتي تعرض أحد أطفالهن (5-17) سنة لأحد أشكال العنف وفق رأي الأم حسب عمر الطفل والمنطقة، 2005

Table 8: Percentage of Women who's Exposed Children to Violence According to Mother Perception by Child Age and Region, 2005

Region and Type of Locality	Child Age			عمر الطفل	المنطقة ونوع التجمع
	المجموع	17-15	14-10		
Region	Total				المنطقة
Palestinian Territory	51.4	38.2	51.6	57.1	الأراضي الفلسطينية
West Bank	53.3	41.9	53.7	58.0	الضفة الغربية
Gaza Strip	48.5	32.2	48.3	55.7	قطاع غزة
Type of Locality					نوع التجمع
Urban	50.1	38.1	49.1	56.6	حضر
Rural	56.4	43.1	59.2	60.2	ريف
Camps	47.3	27.8	47.5	53.6	مخيم

جدول 9: نسبة الأمهات اللواتي تعرض أحد أطفالهن (5-17) سنة لأحد أشكال العنف وفق رأي الأم حسب مكان وقوع الاعتداء على الطفل والمنطقة، 2005

Table 9: Percentage of Women who's Children Exposed to Violence by Place where it took place 2005

Place where Violence took Place	Region			المنطقة	مكان وقوع الاعتداء
	قطاع غزة	الضفة الغربية	الأراضي الفلسطينية		
	Gaza Strip	West Bank	Palestinian Territory		
On home	93.2	93.3	93.3		في البيت
In the neighborhood	35.3	38.3	37.1		الحي
At School	44.3	45.7	45.2		المدرسة
On the road	43.0	39.9	41.1		الشارع
At friends' homes	10.0	6.4	7.7		بيوت الأصدقاء
Percentage of children Exposed to Violence	48.5	53.3	51.4		نسبة الأطفال الذين تعرضوا لاعتداء

جدول 10: نسبة الأمهات اللواتي تعرض أحد أطفالهن (5-17) سنة لأحد أشكال العنف وفق رأي الأم حسب الشخص الذي مارس الاعتداء على الطفل والمنطقة، 2005

Table 10: Percentage of Women who's Children Exposed Violence by Person Practiced Assault, 2005

Person Practiced Assault	Region			الشخص الذي مارس الاعتداء
	قطاع غزة Gaza Strip	الضفة الغربية West Bank	الأراضي الفلسطينية Palestinian Territory	
A household member	93.2	93.3	93.3	أحد أفراد الأسرة
A relative	26.2	23.9	24.7	أحد الأقارب
A neighbor	21.2	19.3	20.0	أحد الجيران
A teacher	34.8	34.5	34.6	المعلمين
A friend	32.7	32.2	32.4	الأصدقاء
Boys/ girls on the road	39.9	39.0	39.4	الأولاد في الشارع
Percentage of children Exposed to Violence	48.5	53.3	51.4	نسبة الأطفال الذين تعرضوا لاعتداء

جدول 11: نسبة كبار السن الذين يتعرضون لبعض أشكال العنف في الأراضي الفلسطينية من قبل أحد أفراد الأسرة

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Table 11: Percentage of Elderly People Exposed to Certain Types of Violence from Member of Household in the Palestinian Territory, 2005

Type of Violence	Region			أشكال العنف
	قطاع غزة Gaza Strip	الضفة الغربية West Bank	الأراضي الفلسطينية Palestinian Territory	
Cursing or insulting	5.6	6.7	6.4	الشتيم أو الإهانة
forcing to do something that aren't willing	4.3	3.6	3.9	الإجبار على القيام بأشياء غير مرغوبة
Any member ever made you feel unwanted	3.8	6.8	5.8	أشعرك أحداً أنه غير مرغوب بك
Twisting arm or pushed strongly	2.6	1.6	1.9	لوي الذراع أو الدفع بقوة
Attacking resulted in bruises, scratches, light wounds, injuries, or joints pain	1.0	0.8	0.9	تهجم نتج عنه آلام في المفاصل، أو رضوض، أو خدوش أو جروح بسيطة
Destroyed or spoiled Own things	3.2	3.2	3.2	تخطيم أو إتلاف أشياء خاصة
Breaking Bones resulted from attack	0.5	0.2	0.3	كسر أحد العظام نتيجة اعتداء وتهجم أحد أفراد الأسرة