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Gaza Children are poorer than the West Bank Children

Poverty average among Palestinian households according to patterns of consumption is 21.4 percent in 2010; 16.0 percent in the West Bank and 31.9 percent in Gaza Strip, children who are suffering from poverty form the proportion of 26.9 percent out of all children which is 19.0 percent in the West Bank and 38.4 percent in Gaza Strip for the same period. It is notable that the increase of poverty among Gaza households who have children; 53.8 percent of the total poor households who have children versus 46.2 percent in the West Bank.

Children in the Labor Market

About 65 thousand child; 6.0 percent out of the average number of children aged 5-14 years are working children paid or unpaid in 2010; 8.0 percent in the West Bank and 3.1 percent in Gaza Strip, and it is clear that male children who are engaged in working is higher; 7.7 percent compared to 4.2 percent female children.

The proportion of children attending school and also engaged in child labor was 5.6 percent in 2010; 7.5 percent in the West Bank and 3.0 percent in Gaza Strip, and it was 7.2 percent among male children attending school compared to 4.0 percent among females.

Higher drop out from secondary school level among females:

The drop out proportion in the elementary schools for the academic year 2009/2010 was 1.0 percent among male children compared to 0.7 percent among females. In secondary schools the proportion was 1.9 percent among males compared to 2.1 percent

among females. On the other hand, failed proportion in elementary schools for the year 2009/2010; was 1.8 percent among

males and 1.6 percent among females. While in secondary level the proportion was 1.2 percent among males and 1.0 percent among females.

Male children with disabilities are higher than females ...

1.5 percent out of children in Palestinian territory with disabilities in 2011; 1.6 percent in the West Bank and 1.4 percent in Gaza Strip, concerning the disability percentage

distribution according to sex it was 1.8 percent among males children 1.3 percent females children.

Congenital causes are the most common reasons behind disability among children

The main cause for disability was congenital 29.6 percent; 31.4 percent in the West Bank and 26.5 percent in Gaza Strip, comes after diseases causes 24.0 percent; 25.3 percent in the West Bank and 21.6 percent in Gaza Strip .

High anemia among children under five

19.4 percent out of children aged 6-59 months in Palestinian territory suffer of anemia in 2010; 13.4 percent in the West Bank compared to 25.6 percent in Gaza Strip.

Infant and children mortality is higher among males than it is among females

There are 20.6 death cases among infants for every one thousand a life birth in 2010 in Palestinian territory; 18.8 in the West Bank compared to 23.0 in Gaza Strip, these rates was 23.3 for every one thousand life birth among males versus 17.8 for females, on the other hand, the mortality rate among children under five years old was 25.1 for every one thousand a life birth in the Palestinian territory 22.1 in the West Bank compared to 29.2 in Gaza Strip, and these rates was 29.2 for



every one thousand a life birth among males compared to 20.9 among females .

Females got married at the age of childhood ...

Concerning married status for children of the age group 12-17 years, the percentage was for married children 0.9 percent; 1.6 percent for females and 0.2 percent for males. As for the region level, the West Bank was 0.3 percent for males and 1.2 percent for females. While in Gaza Strip it was 0.1 percent for males and 2.1 percent for females for the same age group .

Children form around half of the Palestinian society

The number of individuals under the age of 18 years old was two million child which form 48.2 percent of the total population in the Palestinian territory for the year 2011; 46.1 percent in the West Bank and 51.5 percent in Gaza Strip.

The age structure of Palestinian society in general and children in particular indicates that the Palestinian society is still young where the children under five years old form the percentage of 14.7 percent among the total population residing in the Palestinian territory and 13.4 percent for children aged 5-9 years old, 12.7 percent in the age group of 10-14 years and 7.3 percent in age group 15-17 years old .

About half of the children are refugees...

About 45 percent of the children under 18 years old in the Palestinian territory are refugees; 28.5 percent in the West Bank compared to 68.8 percent in Gaza Strip .

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