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The Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS) and the Palestine Monetary Authority (PMA) announced the preliminary results of the International Investment Position (IIP), and External Debt statistics for Palestine as of end of the Fourth quarter 2023.

The primary results of the IIP (external assets – foreign liabilities) for Palestine at the end of the Fourth quarter 2023 revealed that the net IIP amounted to USD 4,576 million.

57% of the total external assets of the Palestinian economy are currency and deposits at the End of the Fourth Quarter of 2023, due to the absence of a Palestinian national currency, also an increase of 38% of clearance held by Israel compared with previous quarter

The total stocks of External Assets for Palestinian economy amounted to USD 10,575 million, the Foreign Direct Investment Abroad contributed to 3%, and Portfolio Investments abroad reached 16%, while Other Foreign Investments Abroad (mainly currency and deposits) reached 68% and Reserve Assets amounted to 13%.

53% of the total foreign liabilities on the Palestinian economy at the End of the Fourth Quarter of 2023 are foreign direct investment

The total stocks of Foreign Liabilities in Palestine (stocks of non-residents invested in Palestine) amounted to USD 5,999 million, the Foreign Direct Investment in Palestine contributed to 53%, Portfolio Investments in Palestine reached 12%, and Other Investments in Palestine (mainly loans and deposits from abroad) amounted to 35%. At sectoral level, the foreign investments in banks sector contributed a major value in the foreign liabilities, represented by 35% of the total value of foreign liabilities on Palestinian economy.

The Government's External Debt stock stabilized at about 1.3 billion US dollars at the end of the Fourth quarter of 2023

The Gross External Debt on the Palestinian economic sectors reached USD 2,128 million increased by 1% compared with previous quarter. Debt on government sector represented 62%, while debt on the banking sector (deposits of non-residents in banks operating in Palestine) reached 35%, and debt on other sectors (non-bank financial corporations, non-financial corporations, NGOs and households sector) amounted to 2%, and the lending between affiliated companies reached 1%.

The International Investment Position (IIP) is an accounting sheet that records the investments stocks for the residents in Palestine (individuals, institutions and government) invested in the rest of the world (abroad) under the name of (assets), and compares them to the investments stocks owned by residents outside Palestine (individuals, institutions and government) invested in Palestine under the name of (liabilities).

The Balance of Payments Manual - fifth edition, issued by the International Monetary Fund in 1993, divides the assets and liabilities into direct investment (investment by 10% and more in the non-resident capital), and portfolio investment (investment less than 10% in the non-resident capital as well as investment in bonds), and other investments. It divides these other investments into stocks of trade credit, loans, currency and deposits and any other assets or liabilities), in addition to the Reserve Assets, i.e. Stocks held by the Central Banks/ Monetary Authorities to address the imbalances in the balance of payments, it is worth mentioning that the reserve assets are only included in the asset side.

The External Debt is an accounting sheet that records the debt stocks on Palestinian economic sectors due to non-residents. These include (loans from non-residents, deposits of non-residents deposited in the banks operating in Palestine, the Palestinian bonds purchased by non-residents, debt transactions between the non-resident enterprises and fellow enterprises in Palestine. They encompass as well any other liabilities on Palestinian economy) the data of external debt have been extracted from the liabilities side in the international investment position matrix (debt items). Preparing, classifying and publishing of the data are based on (External Debt Statistics Manual) issued by IMF in 2003, this manual is harmonized with the fifth edition of Balance of Payments Manual.

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Table 1: International Investment Position (IIP) Stock by Economic Sectors for Palestine, at the end of the Fourth Quarter, 2023

Value in million USD

Economic Sector Investments Stocks by Type of Investment	Monetary Authorities (PMA)	Government Sector	Banks Sector	Other Sectors		TOTAL
				Non-bank Financial Corporations, Non-Financial Corporations, and NGOs Sector	House- Holds Sector	
International Investment Position (net)*	1,572	200-	4,861	598-	1,059-	4,576
Total External Assets	1,572	1,121	6,954	890	38	10,575
Foreign Direct Investment Abroad	0	0	0	292	0	292
Portfolio Investments Abroad	160	0	1,034	509	0	1,703
Other Investments Abroad	89	1,121	5,920	89	38	7,257
<i>Of which: currency and deposits**</i>	89	0	5,881	5	38	6,013
Reserve Assets	1,323	0	0	0	0	1,323
Total Foreign Liabilities	0	1,321	2,093	1,488	1,097	5,999
Foreign Direct Investment in Palestine	0	0	1,160	933	1,097	3,190
Foreign Portfolio Investments in Palestine	0	0	184	508	0	692
Foreign Other Investments in Palestine:	0	1,321	749	47	0	2,117
<i>Of which: loans from abroad</i>	0	1,321	75	47	0	1,443
<i>Of which: currency and deposits***</i>	0	0	674	0	0	674

Notes:

- The data in the above table are close to the nearest integer.

- The data does not include the value of land owned by non-residents.

* International investment position (net): equals total external assets minus total foreign liabilities.

** Currency and deposits: Include the resident's deposits in banks abroad, in addition to foreign exchange in Palestinian economy.

*** Currency and deposits: Include the deposits of non-residents deposited in resident banks.

**Table 2: Gross External Debt Position on Palestine, at the End of the
Third Quarter, 2023 and Fourth Quarter, 2023**

Value in million USD

Economic Sector	Stock at the end of the Third Quarter 2023	Stock at the end of the Fourth Quarter 2023
General Government	1,298	1,321
Short-term	274	297
Long-term	1024	1024
Monetary Authorities	0	0
Short-term	0	0
Long-term	0	0
Banks	764	749
Short-term	411	345
Long-term	353	404
Other Sectors	47	47
Short-term	0	0
Long-term	47	47
Direct Investment: lending between affiliated companies	11	11
Debt liabilities to affiliated companies	0	0
Debt liabilities to direct investors	11	11
Gross External Debt Position	2,120	2,128