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Press Release
**On the Main Findings of the Survey on the Perception of Palestinian
Population Towards the Socioeconomic Conditions, January 2005**

**“Although the Palestinians still suffering from the current Israeli measures, Most of
Palestinian families indicate optemestic attitude at the short and median term level ”**

PCBS conducted the 10th round of the survey on the perception of the Palestinian people about the socioeconomic conditions. Data collection took place during the period 2/1/2005-22/1/2005 on a sample composed of 2,964 households, (1,872 in the West Bank and 1,092 in Gaza Strip).

Current Situation

39.9% of interviewed persons reported that the overall well-being of their households is worse in January 2005 compared with a month ago (38.1% in the West Bank and 43.0% in Gaza Strip), while 13.1% reported that it is better (14.9% in the West Bank and 10.1% in Gaza Strip).

19.1% of the households reported that the ability of households' members to move around is easier this week compared with a week ago (24.5% in the West Bank and 10.2% in Gaza Strip), while 11.9% reported that it is harder.

Short-Term Expectations:

The 10th round, (January 2005) showed that there is an optimism expectation in the well being of households at the short run. About 42.2% of the respondents expected that overall well being of the households will be better (39.4% in the West Bank and 46.7% in Gaza Strip), while the expectation during the 9th round, (October 2004), was 21.2% (19.2% in the West Bank and 24.1% in Gaza Strip)

34.1% of interviewed persons expected that the ability of households' members to move around will be better next month compared with interviewing week (36.0% in the West Bank and 30.9% in Gaza Strip), while the expectation during the 9th round, (October 2004), was 16.9% (14.2% in the West Bank and 20.9% in Gaza Strip).

40.2% of interviewed persons reported that they are very optimistic to find a job next month, of which 50.7% in the West Bank and 59.1% in Gaza Strip.

Mid-Term Expectations:

The 10th round showed that there is an optimism expectation in the well being of households at the mid-term run. About 46.8% of the respondents expected that overall well-being of households will be better in six months time (43.7% in the West Bank and 52.0% in Gaza Strip), while the expectation during the 9th round, (October 2004), was 22.9% (19.9% in the West Bank and 27.3% in Gaza Strip).

37.9% of interviewed persons reported that the ability of household members to move around will be better in six months time compared with interviewing week (39.4% in the West Bank and 35.4% in Gaza Strip), while the expectation during the 9th round, (October 2004), was 18.1% (13.9% in the West Bank and 24.4 in Gaza Strip).

Priorities of households:

Data reveal that 48.7% of the households reported the need for food as a first priority, 18.3% the need for work, 15.7% the need for financial assistance, and 6.7% reported the need for educational services, while 4.9% reported the need for health services as a first priority.

Priority Needs of Communities:

About 59.8% of households reported the need for job creation opportunities, and 15.0% reported the need for developing infrastructure services, and 6.6% for providing health services.

Table 1: Main Changes on the Indicators of Attitudes of Palestinians in the Palestinian Territory

Indicator	كانون ثاني 2005 *January %		تشرين أول 2004 *October %		تموز 2004 *July %		أيار 2004 *May (%)		نيسان 2004 *April (%)		آذار 2004 *March (%)		شباط 2004 *February (%)		كانون ثاني 2004 *January (%)		
	خلال السنة شهور القادمة Next six Months	خلال الشهر القادم Next Month	خلال السنة شهور القادمة Next six Months	خلال الشهر القادم Next Month	خلال السنة شهور القادمة Next six Months	خلال الشهر القادم Next Month	خلال السنة شهور القادمة Next six Months	خلال الشهر القادم Next Month	خلال السنة شهور القادمة Next six Months	خلال الشهر القادم Next Month	خلال السنة شهور القادمة Next six Months	خلال الشهر القادم Next Month	خلال السنة شهور القادمة Next six Months	خلال الشهر القادم Next Month	خلال السنة شهور القادمة Next six Months	خلال الشهر القادم Next Month	
Percentage of households who expect better life	46.8	42.2	22.9	21.2	32.8	31.0	20.4	18.4	31.3	27.8	28.0	26.2	28.1	25.7	32.0	29.6	نسبة الأسر المتفائلة بتحسن الوضع العام للأسرة
Percentage of households who expect better mobility (less mobility restrictions)	37.9	34.1	18.1	16.9	26.9	24.9	13.1	11.1	21.3	16.7	20.7	18.3	20.0	18.1	22.9	21.8	نسبة الأسر المتفائلة بتحسين إمكانية الحركة والتنقل
Percentage of unemployed persons who are optimistic to find a job	52.4	40.2	28.6	27.3	41.1	35.5	35.3	33.0	32.5	23.6	38.8	33.2	13.8	13.0	46.0	48.0	نسبة المتعطلين المتفائلين بإيجاد فرصة عمل
Percentage of persons who are optimistic to meet household basic needs	65.0	63.8	48.7	49.1	58.7	55.9	51.5	49.3	56.6	55.0	60.9	58.7	57.2	54.4	56.4	54.7	نسبة المتفائلين بتلبية احتياجات الأسرة
Percentage of persons who are optimistic to meet the community basic needs	58.1	55.1	41.0	39.3	53.2	48.6	42.7	40.3	47.5	43.8	53.8	47.6	47.4	42.8	50.8	47.3	نسبة المتفائلين بتلبية احتياجات التجمع السكاني

* Data Collection for January 2004 took place during 3/1-26/1/2004.

* Data Collection for February 2004 took place during 8/2-20/2/2004.

* Data Collection for March 2004 took place during 1/3-28/3/2004.

* Data Collection for April 2004 took place during 6/4-20/4/2004.

* Data Collection for May 2004 took place during 6/5-20/5/2004.

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* Data Collection for October 2004 took place during 2/10-22/10/2004.

* Data Collection for January 2005 took place during 2/1-22/1/2005.

.2004/1/26-1/3	2004	*
.2004/2/20-2/8	2004	*
.2004/3/28-3/1	2004	*
2004/4/20-4/6	2004	*
2004/5/20-5/6	2004	*
2004/7/22-7/2	2004	*
2004/10/22-10/2	2004	*
2005/1/22-1/2	2005	*

Table 2: Main Changes on the Indicators of Attitudes of Palestinians in the West Bank

Indicator	كانون ثاني 2005 *January %		تشرين أول 2004 *October %		تموز 2004 *July %		أيار 2004 *May (%)		نيسان 2004 *April (%)		آذار 2004 *March (%)		شباط 2004 *February (%)		كانون ثاني 2004 *January (%)		
	خلال الستة شهور القادمة Next six Months	خلال الشهر القادم Next Month	خلال الستة شهور القادمة Next six Months	خلال الشهر القادم Next Month	خلال الستة شهور القادمة Next six Months	خلال الشهر القادم Next Month	خلال الستة شهور القادمة Next six Months	خلال الشهر القادم Next Month	خلال الستة شهور القادمة Next six Months	خلال الشهر القادم Next Month	خلال الستة شهور القادمة Next six Months	خلال الشهر القادم Next Month	خلال الستة شهور القادمة Next six Months	خلال الشهر القادم Next Month	خلال الستة شهور القادمة Next six Months	خلال الشهر القادم Next Month	
Percentage of households who expect better life	43.7	39.4	19.9	19.2	31.2	32.5	18.2	16.7	28.3	27.2	24.5	24.2	24.3	24.0	28.1	28.0	نسبة الأسر المتفائلة بتحسن الوضع العام للأسرة
Percentage of households who expect better mobility (less mobility restrictions)	39.4	36.0	13.9	14.2	30.4	31.7	13.5	13.1	22.9	21.6	23.0	24.2	20.6	21.8	25.7	25.2	نسبة الأسر المتفائلة بتحسن إمكانية الحركة والتنقل
Percentage of unemployed persons who are optimistic to find a job	54.0	50.7	28.5	28.1	37.5	32.4	29.9	28.0	32.4	25.8	34.6	32.8	12.1	11.8	43.9	41.9	نسبة المتعطلين المتفائلين بإيجاد فرصة عمل
Percentage of persons who are optimistic to meet household basic needs	61.0	59.4	46.0	46.7	54.5	54.0	48.5	45.0	52.0	51.6	60.3	60.4	53.1	52.4	55.8	56.4	نسبة المتفائلين بتلبية احتياجات الأسرة
Percentage of persons who are optimistic to meet the community basic needs	50.2	46.7	38.5	37.3	47.7	45.1	38.0	38.1	40.9	39.7	49.8	47.6	40.9	39.0	46.8	45.7	نسبة المتفائلين بتلبية احتياجات التجمع السكاني

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2004/5/20-5/6	2004	*
2004/7/22-7/2	2004	*
2004/10/22-10/2	2004	*
2005/1/22-1/2	2005	*

Table 3: Main Changes on the Indicators of Attitudes of Palestinians in Gaza Strip

Indicator	كانون ثاني 2005 *January %		تشرين اول 2004 *October %		تموز 2004 *July %		ايار 2004 *May %		نيسان 2004 *April %		اذار 2004 *March %		شباط 2004 *February %		كانون ثاني 2004 *January %		
	خلال الستة شهور القادمة Next six Months	خلال الشهر القادم Next Month	خلال الستة شهور القادمة Next six Months	خلال الشهر القادم Next Month	خلال الستة شهور القادمة Next six Months	خلال الشهر القادم Next Month	خلال الستة شهور القادمة Next six Months	خلال الشهر القادم Next Month	خلال الستة شهور القادمة Next six Months	خلال الشهر القادم Next Month	خلال الستة شهور القادمة Next six Months	خلال الشهر القادم Next Month	خلال الستة شهور القادمة Next six Months	خلال الشهر القادم Next Month	خلال الستة شهور القادمة Next six Months	خلال الشهر القادم Next Month	
Percentage of households who expect better life	52.0	46.7	27.3	24.1	35.8	28.2	24.3	21.3	36.8	29.0	34.6	30.1	35.8	29.1	38.3	33.0	نسبة الأسر المتفائلة بتحسن الوضع العام للأسرة
Percentage of households who expect better mobility (less mobility restrictions)	35.4	30.9	24.4	20.9	20.5	12.3	12.6	7.3	18.4	7.4	16.1	7.3	18.6	10.7	17.5	15.4	نسبة الأسر المتفائلة بتحسن إمكانية الحركة والتنقل
Percentage of unemployed persons who are optimistic to find a job	49.7	59.1	28.7	26.3	46.2	39.9	44.2	41.4	33.0	17.9	47.1	33.9	17.3	15.0	50.4	60.6	نسبة المتعطلين المتفائلين بإيجاد فرصة عمل
Percentage of persons who are optimistic to meet household basic needs	71.3	70.9	52.8	52.8	66.4	59.3	57.0	50.7	65.4	61.2	61.7	55.4	65.5	58.2	57.4	51.7	نسبة المتفائلين بتلبية احتياجات الأسرة
Percentage of persons who are optimistic to meet the community basic needs	70.8	68.6	44.4	41.9	62.8	54.5	50.7	44.1	59.2	51.1	60.6	47.6	59.1	49.4	58.0	50.1	نسبة المتفائلين بتلبية احتياجات التجمع السكاني

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2004/5/20-5/6	2004	*
2004/7/22-7/2	2004	*
2004/10/22-10/2	2004	*
2005/1/22-1/2	2005	*

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Table 4: The Attitude of Palestinians Toward the Overall “Quality of Life” Enjoyed by the Households Today Compared with One Month Ago by Region (January, 2005)

Attitude	Gaza Strip	West Bank	Palestinian Territory	
	%	%	%	
A lot better today	1.3	3.2	2.5	/
Somewhat better today	8.8	11.7	10.6	
About the same/ Unchanged	47.0	46.3	46.6	
Somewhat worse today	26.6	28.2	27.5	
A lot worse today	16.4	9.9	12.4	
Don't know	-	0.7	0.4	
Total	100	100	100	

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Table 5: The Attitude of Palestinians Toward the Overall “Quality of Life” Enjoyed by the Households in the Future Compared with Today and Region, (January, 2005)

Attitude	Region and Time Period						
	Gaza Strip		West Bank		Palestinian Territory		
	Next Six Months %	Next Month %	Next Six Months %	Next Month %	Next Six Months %	Next Month %	
A lot better from now	2.9	2.3	5.2	4.2	4.3	3.5	/
Somewhat better from now	49.1	44.4	38.5	35.2	42.5	38.7	
About the same /unchanged	28.9	34.9	29.0	34.4	29.0	34.6	
Somewhat worse from now	8.8	9.2	11.8	13.9	10.7	12.1	
A lot worse from now	6.6	7.1	7.1	6.0	6.9	6.4	
Don't know	3.6	2.2	8.4	6.2	6.6	4.7	
Total	100	100	100	100	100	100	

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Table 6: The Attitude of Palestinians Toward the Overall “Quality of Life” Enjoyed by the Households in the Future by Selected Characteristics (January, 2005)

Characteristics	Time Period				
	Next Six Months %		Next Month %		
	Worse %	Better %	Worse %	Better %	
Age Group					
15-24	17.2	48.5	18.5	44.2	24-15
25-44	17.0	47.9	18.0	42.7	44-25
45+	20.0	41.3	20.1	37.8	+45
Refugee status					
Refugee	18.4	49.9	18.5	45.0	
Non - Refugee	17.1	44.6	18.5	40.2	
Education					
Less than Preparatory	20.1	45.5	21.7	41.0	
Preparatory - secondary	16.5	48.3	17.2	43.3	-
Diploma and above	15.7	44.0	15.7	40.6	

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Table 7: Distribution of Palestinian Households by the Level of Disturbance Caused by Restrictions on Mobility Imposed by Israeli Military Forces and Region, (January, 2005)

Level of Disturbance	Region and Time Period						
	Gaza Strip		West Bank		Palestinian Territory		
	Past Six Months %	Past Month %	Past Six Months %	Past Month %	Past Six Months %	Past Month %	
A lot	21.8	21.6	48.2	41.7	38.1	33.9	
A little	26.1	25.2	27.9	28.5	27.2	27.3	
Not at all	51.5	52.6	22.9	29.0	33.9	38.1	
Don't know	0.5	0.5	1.0	0.8	0.8	0.7	
Total	100	100	100	100	100	100	

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Table 8: Distribution of Palestinian Households by the Need of Medical Care for Households and Region, (January, 2005)

Need for medical care	Region and Period						
	Gaza Strip		West Bank		Palestinian Territory		
	Past Six Months %	Past Month %	Past Six Months %	Past Month %	Past Six Months %	Past Month %	
Yes	75.3	71.7	60.7	58.0	66.3	63.2	
No	24.4	28.3	36.7	41.7	32.0	36.6	
Don't know	0.3	0.1	2.6	0.3	1.7	0.2	
Total	100	100	100	100	100	100	

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Table 9: Distribution of Palestinian Households by Ability for Household Member to Access Necessary Medical Care and Region, (January, 2005)

Ability to access medical care	Region and Time Period						
	Gaza Strip		West Bank		Palestinian Territory		
	Past Six Months %	Past Month %	Past Six Months %	Past Month %	Past Six Months %	Past Month %	
Impossible	0.3	0.3	1.2	0.8	0.8	0.6	
Very difficult	2.7	2.3	8.7	7.1	6.0	5.0	
Difficult	9.7	10.8	17.9	16.3	14.3	13.9	
Few problems	32.6	32.5	24.2	25.3	27.9	28.4	
No problem at all	54.7	54.1	48.0	50.4	50.9	52.0	
Total	100	100	100	100	100	100	

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Table 10: Distribution of Palestinian Households by Ability of Household Member to Reach Work Place and Region (January, 2005)

Ability to reach place of work	Region and Period					
	Gaza Strip		West Bank		Palestinian Territory	
	Past Six Months %	Past Month %	Past Six Months %	Past Month %	Past Six Months %	Past Month %
Impossible	2.3	2.8	2.5	3.6	2.5	3.3
Very difficult	8.0	7.2	14.5	9.9	12.2	9.0
Difficult	8.5	8.4	19.6	18.6	15.6	14.9
Few problems	19.4	17.9	22.6	23.1	21.5	21.2
No problem at all	61.9	63.7	40.2	44.5	48.0	51.4
Don't know	-	-	0.5	0.2	0.3	0.2
Total	100	100	100	100	100	100

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Table 11: Distribution of Palestinian Households by Ability to Cultivate Land and Region (January, 2005)

Ability to cultivate land	Region and Time Period					
	Gaza Strip		West Bank		Palestinian Territory	
	Past Six Months %	Past Month %	Past Six Months %	Past Month %	Past Six Months %	Past Month %
Impossible	30.6	33.3	1.4	5.6	7.9	11.7
Very difficult	10.6	7.2	11.0	7.3	10.9	7.3
Difficult	10.7	10.1	8.6	7.4	9.1	8.0
Few problems	11.5	12.3	15.7	14.4	14.8	14.0
No problem at all	36.5	37.0	62.7	64.6	56.9	58.5
Don't know	-	-	0.6	0.6	0.4	0.4
Total	100	100	100	100	100	100

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Table 12: The Attitude of Palestinians Toward the Ability of Household Members to Move Around this Week Compared to the Last Week by Region (January, 2005)

Ability for household members to move	Gaza Strip %	West Bank %	Palestinian Territory %
Significantly easier this week	2.0	3.9	3.2
Somewhat easier this week	8.2	20.6	15.9
About the same/ Unchanged	77.2	62.2	68.0
Somewhat harder this week	8.9	10.2	9.7
Significantly harder this week	3.0	1.7	2.2
Don't know	0.7	1.4	1.1
Total	100	100	100

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Table 13: The Attitude of Palestinians Toward the Ability of Household Members to Move Around Next Month, Next Six Months Compared to this Week and Region, (January, 2005)

The ability of household members to move	Region and Time Period					
	Gaza Strip		West Bank		Palestinian Territory	
	Next Six Months %	Next Month %	Next Six Months %	Next Month %	Next Six Months %	Next Month %
Significantly easier	2.2	1.9	5.2	4.3	4.1	3.4
Somewhat easier	33.2	29.0	34.2	31.7	33.8	30.7
About the same	56.3	61.1	39.7	44.9	46.1	51.1
Somewhat harder	5.4	5.0	9.5	9.7	7.9	7.9
Significantly harder	1.6	1.9	3.8	2.9	3.0	2.5
Don't know	1.2	1.1	7.6	6.4	5.1	4.4
Total	100	100	100	100	100	100

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Table 14: The Attitude of Palestinians Toward the Ability to Find a Job by Region, (January, 2005)

The Ability to find a job	Region and Time Period						()
	Gaza Strip		West Bank		Palestinian Territory		
	Next Six Months %	Next Month %	Next Six Months %	Next Month %	Next Six Months %	Next Month %	
Very optimistic/ very likely	4.0	2.8	6.8	6.2	5.8	5.0	()
Somewhat optimistic/ likely	45.7	46.3	47.2	44.5	46.6	45.2	()
Neither optimistic/ nor pessimistic	21.3	23.9	15.1	18.9	17.3	20.7	
Somewhat pessimistic/ unlikely	17.9	15.3	16.5	15.7	17.0	15.5)
Very pessimistic/ very unlikely	7.1	10.5	10.4	11.3	9.2	11.0)
Don't know	4.0	1.3	4.0	3.4	4.0	2.6	(
Total	100	100	100	100	100	100	

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Table 15: Distribution of Palestinian Households by the Most Important Need for Household and Region, (January, 2005)

Most important need	Gaza Strip %		West Bank %		Palestinian Territory %		()
	Second Need	First Need	Second Need	First Need	Second Need	First Need	
	Food	16.9	35.6	17.1	56.8	17.0	
Clothes	10.5	0.6	16.7	0.9	14.4	0.8	
Education	11.1	5.8	13.4	7.3	12.5	6.7	
Employment	13.1	29.8	12.0	11.2	12.4	18.3	
Financial assistance	36.4	17.3	21.0	14.7	26.9	15.7	
Health	6.0	3.5	15.4	5.8	11.8	4.9	
Housing	3.6	4.2	3.8	2.5	3.7	3.2	
Entertainment activities	2.1	3.3	0.4	0.7	1.0	1.7	
Other	0.3	-	0.3	0.1	0.3	0.1	
Total	100	100	100	100	100	100	

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Table 16: Distribution of Palestinian Households by the Most Important Need of Locality and Region, (January, 2005)

The Most Important Needs	Gaza Strip %	West Bank %	Palestinian Territory %
Create jobs	74.6	50.6	59.8
Health Services	2.6	9.1	6.6
Food assistances	3.1	6.5	5.2
Education Services	1.2	3.9	2.9
Infrastructure Project	12.1	16.7	15.0
No Need	5.6	9.6	8.1
Don't know	0.7	3.7	2.5
Total	100	100	100

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Table 17: Distribution of Palestinians by their Knowledge about Development Projects Conducted in the Community by Donors and Region, (January, 2005)

Knowledge	Gaza Strip %	West Bank %	Palestinian Territory %
Yes	12.7	16.4	15.0
No	82.7	74.7	77.7
Don't know	4.7	8.9	7.3
Total	100	100	100

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Table 18: The Attitude of Palestinians Toward the Satisfaction on the Development Projects Conducted in the Community and Region, (January, 2005)

Stratification level	Gaza Strip %	West Bank %	Palestinian Territory %
Very satisfied	19.9	39.3	33.1
Somewhat satisfied	56.2	42.1	46.7
Somewhat unsatisfied	20.8	8.9	12.7
Very unsatisfied	2.8	9.1	7.0
Don't know	0.2	0.6	0.5
Total	100	100	100

(2005)

Table 19: Distribution of Palestinians by the Most Important Infrastructure Needs in the Community and Region, (January, 2005)

The most important needs	Gaza Strip %	West Bank %	Palestinian Territory %	
Electricity	10.6	8.8	9.5	
Roads	23.8	19.4	21.1	
Sewage disposal	22.8	18.6	20.2	
Water supply	5.6	6.8	6.3	
Schools	3.9	6.4	5.4	
Health clinics / hospitals	9.7	11.6	10.9	
No Need	22.4	22.8	22.6	
Don't know	1.2	5.5	3.9	
Total	100	100	100	