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UNICEF-occupied Palestinian territory (oPt)

SELECTED STATISTICS

CORE COUNTRY DATA

- Palestinian child population in oPt: 2,121,132
- Under-five mortality rate: 28.3* with an increase in Gaza Strip by 3.6** from year 2000
- Infant mortality rate: 24.2*
- Net primary school enrolment: 89.9%
- Primary school enrolment for girls: 89.7%
- Under 1yr fully immunized (DPT) : 96.5%
- Under-five children stunted: 9.9%

(Source: Country Office database and DHS 2004))

*per 1000 live births; **per 100,000 live births

Closures:

- 518 closures which include checkpoints, partial checkpoints, road blocks, earth mounts and gates as of June, 2006 an increase by 11% from January 2006 (471 closures)
(Source: Territorial Fragmentation of the West Bank, OCHA, June, 2006))

Health:

- 3,000 children die every year from mainly preventable diseases
- 2600 children U5 die every year from preventable diseases out of which 2,000 who die are less than 28 days of age (neonatal mortality)
- 100,000 children are born every year
- Malnutrition for children U5 is 10%, with the most vulnerable age group children aged 12-23 months with stunting reaching 16%

EDUCATION IN oPt IN NUMBERS

- 144 schools disrupted during the scholastic year 2005/2006 resulting in the disruption of schooling for 64,712 students and 2470 teachers

HOPE FOR FUTURE GENERATION

Palestinian children hope for a better future. In a survey of about 4,300 Palestinian youths aged 10-24:

- 58.9% say their first concern is education
- 13.3% use the computer and 5.8% the Internet
- 91% say they are optimistic about the future

Source: PCBS/UNICEF/UNFPA Youth Survey 2003

THE DECLINE OF THE WEST BANK & GAZA STRIP IN NUMBERS

- 54 children (53 Palestinians & 1 Israeli) killed since beginning of this year till 20 July, 2006
- More than 70% of children killed this year are from Gaza. 26 out of 35 Palestinian children killed in 2006 are from the Gaza Strip.
- 1/3 of the children have experienced violence and 1/5 have experienced violence in their home
- 1/4 of families indicate that their children have behavioural problems such as difficulty concentrating in school, aggressive behaviours or withdrawal
- Some 360 Palestinian children are still in Israeli detention centers

Source: DCI-PS, B'tselem*, PCRS**

SOCIO-ECONOMIC SITUATION SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THE INTIFADA

- 70.3% of Palestinians are living below poverty line during the second quarter of 2006,: **This figure is 7.4% higher than in the first quarter of 2006** (poverty line: USD477 per family of four per month)
- Poverty has more than tripled since 1999
- 40.2% of Palestinian households are living in deep poverty in 2005 (less than 385USD per month)
- 41.3% of households whose head of household is unemployed

(Source : PCBS- 2006)

THE GAZA STRIP

Palestinian pop.: 1.443,814
Pop under 18: 838,285
Pop growth: >3.8% per year
Area: 365 sq km
Sources: PCBS, 2006