



# Near East Consulting

## BASELINE SURVEY

### The Rafah Agreement and the Impact on the Humanitarian Conditions in the Gaza Strip

December 2005

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R4- Concentration Code	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>			
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R6- Neighborhood/Street				
R7- Date of interview	Day	Month	Year	
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R10 – Coordinator Code	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>			
R11 – Coordinator Name				
R12 – Coder Code	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>			
R13 – Coder Name				
R14 – Data Entry Person Code	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>			
R15 – Data Entry Person Name				

D1- Number of house members <input type="checkbox"/>	D4- # of HHM under 15 yrs <input type="checkbox"/>
D2- # of HHM over 18 yrs. <input type="checkbox"/>	D5- # of females over 18 yrs. <input type="checkbox"/>
D3- # of HHM under 18 yrs. <input type="checkbox"/>	D6- # of females under 15 yrs. <input type="checkbox"/>

	Question	Answer
Q1	<b>In general, how optimistic are you about the future?</b>	1. Very optimistic 2. Optimistic 3. Pessimistic 4. Very Pessimistic 99. DK/NA
Q2	<b>In general, do you feel secure?</b>	1. I feel secure ( <b>Skip to Q. 4</b> ) 2. I feel rather secure 3. I feel rather insecure 4. I do not feel secure 5. There is no security whatsoever 99. DK/NA
Q3	<b>Why do you feel insecure? <u>I am insecure because.....</u></b>  <b>(Select only one AND DO NOT READ THE ANSWERS)</b>	1. There are no signs of socio-economic improvement 2. Because of regional insecurity 3. Because of the Israeli military occupation 4. Because of continuing Israeli control over borders 5. Because of the armed groups 6. Because of poverty 7. Because of unemployment 8. Because of health reasons 9. Other _____ 88. Not applicable 99. DK/NA
Q4	<b>How did your life or that of your family suffer in the past six months? <u>(Before the signing of the Agreement on Movement and Access)</u></b>	
	A Inability to market products within the Gaza Strip areas	1. Yes      2. No      9. DK/NA
	B Inability to market products outside the Gaza Strip areas	1. Yes      2. No      9. DK/NA
	C Obstacles buying raw materials or products	1. Yes      2. No      9. DK/NA
	D Difficulties reaching the workplace	1. Yes      2. No      9. DK/NA
	E Inability to pay bank loans	1. Yes      2. No      9. DK/NA
	F Damage to agricultural lands	1. Yes      2. No      9. DK/NA
	G Inability to treat sick members of the household	1. Yes      2. No      9. DK/NA
	H Inability to send household members abroad for education	1. Yes      2. No      9. DK/NA
	I Inability to send household members to the West Bank for education	1. Yes      2. No      9. DK/NA
	J Inability to send household members to the West Bank for work	1. Yes      2. No      9. DK/NA
	K Inability to send household members to Israel for work	1. Yes      2. No      9. DK/NA
Q5	<b>In the past six months (prior to the Agreement on Movement and Access), did your household income increase, decrease, or remain the same?</b>	1. It increased 2. It remained the same 3. It decreased 99. DK/NA
Q6	<b>If your household income decreased in the past six months, what were the most important causes for this change?</b>	1 Job loss of breadwinner 2 Working hour loss 3 Damage to land 4 Damage to business 5 Detention of a member of the household 6 Death of a household member 7 Health problems of a family member 8 Other 88. Not applicable 99. DK/NA

Q7	<b>State your HH income from each of the following sources in NIS</b>																																					
	A Salaries from long-term jobs B Salaries from short-term jobs (less than 3 months) C Income from small economic activities D Renting of property E Selling property F Financial help from family members living in Palestine G Financial help from family members living abroad H Dividends I Financial help from either the PA, or from local or international organizations J Other sources of income	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>																																				
Q8	How much money (in NIS) would you say your household needs monthly to be able to meet basic life necessities?	NIS_____																																				
Q9	How long would you say you could keep up financially in the future?	1 For more than a year 2 For about one year 3 For only few months 4 We can barely manage now 5 Our situation is serious and we do not have enough to live on 99 DK/NA																																				
Q10	Did you invest money in a business since the Intifada started?	1 Yes 2 No 99 DK/NA																																				
Q11A	To what extent would you say that restrictions on your mobility were a problem for you and your family in the past six months (prior to the Agreement on Movement and Access?)	1 A lot 2 A little 3 Not at all 99 DK/NA																																				
Q11B	What about today, do the restrictions on mobility cause problems to you and your household members? How much?	1 Yes. A lot 2 Yes. A little 3 Not at all 99 DK/NA																																				
Q12	How did the fence surrounding the Gaza Strip affect you and your household ? DID IT .....	<table border="0"> <tr> <td>A. Had a direct effect</td> <td>1 Affected</td> <td>2 Did not affect</td> </tr> <tr> <td>B. It separated us from relatives</td> <td>1 Affected</td> <td>2 Did not affect</td> </tr> <tr> <td>C. It separated us from our land</td> <td>1 Affected</td> <td>2 Did not affect</td> </tr> <tr> <td>D. It prevented household members from reaching their place of work</td> <td>1 Affected</td> <td>2 Did not affect</td> </tr> <tr> <td>E. It prevented household members from getting educated</td> <td>1 Affected</td> <td>2 Did not affect</td> </tr> <tr> <td>F. It prevented household members from seeking medical help</td> <td>1 Affected</td> <td>2 Did not affect</td> </tr> <tr> <td>G. It cut our land from water</td> <td>1 Affected</td> <td>2 Did not affect</td> </tr> <tr> <td>H. It forced members of our household to move to another place</td> <td>1 Affected</td> <td>2 Did not affect</td> </tr> <tr> <td>I. It made it difficult/impossible to market agricultural produce</td> <td>1 Affected</td> <td>2 Did not affect</td> </tr> <tr> <td>J. It made it difficult/impossible to use land for agricultural purposes</td> <td>1 Affected</td> <td>2 Did not affect</td> </tr> <tr> <td>K. It greatly increased the price of raw material</td> <td>1 Affected</td> <td>2 Did not affect</td> </tr> <tr> <td>L. It made it more difficult or impossible to obtain some food items</td> <td>1 Affected</td> <td>2 Did not affect</td> </tr> </table>	A. Had a direct effect	1 Affected	2 Did not affect	B. It separated us from relatives	1 Affected	2 Did not affect	C. It separated us from our land	1 Affected	2 Did not affect	D. It prevented household members from reaching their place of work	1 Affected	2 Did not affect	E. It prevented household members from getting educated	1 Affected	2 Did not affect	F. It prevented household members from seeking medical help	1 Affected	2 Did not affect	G. It cut our land from water	1 Affected	2 Did not affect	H. It forced members of our household to move to another place	1 Affected	2 Did not affect	I. It made it difficult/impossible to market agricultural produce	1 Affected	2 Did not affect	J. It made it difficult/impossible to use land for agricultural purposes	1 Affected	2 Did not affect	K. It greatly increased the price of raw material	1 Affected	2 Did not affect	L. It made it more difficult or impossible to obtain some food items	1 Affected	2 Did not affect
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Q13	Was it possible for you or any of your family members <b>to go to work</b> in the past 6 months <b>prior to the Agreement on Movement and Access</b> ?	1 Yes, without difficulty 2 Difficult 3 Very difficult 4 Almost impossible 88 Not applicable 99 DK/NA
Q14	Was it possible for you or your family members <b>to cultivate land</b> in the past 6 months <b>prior to the Agreement on Movement and Access</b> ?	1 Yes, without difficulty 2 Difficult 3 Very difficult 4 Almost impossible 88 Not applicable 99 DK/NA
Q15	Which of the following, in your opinion, are the <b><u>two most important needs</u></b> of your household?  1 Health 2. Employment 3. Food 4. Poverty alleviation 5. Public order 6. Psycho-social support 7. Housing 8. Education 99. DK/NA	<div>Q15A The first most important need : _____</div> <div>Q15B The second most important need : _____</div>
<b>THE AGREEMENT</b>		
Q16	Have you heard about the Agreement on Movement and Access?	1. Yes 2. No 99. DK/NA
Q17	Have you read the Agreement on Movement and Access?	1. Yes 2. No 99. DK/NA
Q18	How much do you know about the Agreement on Movement and Access ?	1. I know a lot 2. I know a little 3. I do not know a lot about it 4. Not applicable 99. DK/NA
Q19	In general, do you think that the Agreement on Movement and Access is...	1. An agreement that will help a lot in easing the suffering of the people in the Gaza Strip 2. An agreement that will help to a certain extent in easing the suffering of the people in the Gaza Strip 3. An agreement that will not make much difference to the daily lives of the people in the Gaza Strip 4. An agreement that will bring harm to the Palestinian people in the Gaza Strip 99. DK/NA
Q20	In what ways do you think that this agreement will help the people ( <b>PLEASE SPECIFY ONLY THE MOST IMPORTANT</b> )	1. Help people move more freely 2. Help goods and services to move more easily 3. Improve the general well-being of people 4. Improve the living standard 5. Help to ease tensions 6. (do not prompt) Some or all of the above 99. DK/NA

Q21	<b>Do you think the Agreement on Movement and Access will...</b>					
	A. Boost the economy of the Gaza Strip	(1) Definitely yes	(2) Probably yes	(3) Definitely no	(4) Probably no	(99) DK/NA
	B. Help the treatment of patients that cannot find treatment in the Gaza Strip	(1) Definitely yes	(2) Probably yes	(3) Definitely no	(4) Probably no	(99) DK/NA
		<b>C :</b>				
	C. Help the alleviation of poverty	(1) Definitely yes	(2) Probably yes	(3) Definitely no	(4) Probably no	(99) DK/NA
		<b>C :</b>				
	D. Ease the unemployment situation	(1) Definitely yes	(2) Probably yes	(3) Definitely no	(4) Probably no	(99) DK/NA
		<b>C :</b>				
	E. Help the movement of students	(1) Definitely yes	(2) Probably yes	(3) Definitely no	(4) Probably no	(99) DK/NA
		<b>C :</b>				
	F. Help the movement of people between the West Bank and the Gaza Strip	(1) Definitely yes	(2) Probably yes	(3) Definitely no	(4) Probably no	(99) DK/NA
		<b>C :</b>				
	G. Help the movement of goods between the West Bank and the Gaza Strip	(1) Definitely yes	(2) Probably yes	(3) Definitely no	(4) Probably no	(99) DK/NA
		<b>C :</b>				
	H. Help the humanitarian situation in general	(1) Definitely yes	(2) Probably yes	(3) Definitely no	(4) Probably no	(99) DK/NA
		<b>C :</b>				
Q22	In your opinion, do you think that the Agreement on Movement and Access will be implemented properly?	1. Definitely yes 2. Probably yes 3. Probably no 4. Definitely no 99. DK/NA				
Q23	If you think that the Agreement will not be implemented properly, what makes you think that? (Only the main reason)	<hr/> <hr/> 99. DK/NA				
Q24A	Have you used the Rafah crossing?	1. Yes, before the agreement 2. Yes, after the agreement 3. Yes, before and after 4. No 99. NA				
Q24B	If yes, how easy was it to use it?	1. Very easy 2. Rather easy 3. Rather difficult 4. Very difficult 88. Not applicable 99. DK/NA				

Q25	Have any of your household members used the Rafah crossing?	1. Yes, before the agreement 2. Yes, after the agreement 3. Yes, before and after 4. No 99. NA					
Q26	How do you view the EU Border Assistance Mission on the Rafah crossing?	1. Very positive 2. Positive 3. Negative 4. Very negative 5. I do not know about such presence 99. DK/NA					
Q27	<b>How would you evaluate the following :</b>						
	<b>A</b> Crossing procedures on the Palestinian side	1. V. Good	2. Good	3. Bad	4. V. Bad	9. DK/NA	
	<b>B</b> Crossing procedures on the Egyptian side	1. V. Good	2. Good	3. Bad	4. V. Bad	9. DK/NA	
	<b>C</b> Facilities on the Palestinian side	1. V. Good	2. Good	3. Bad	4. V. Bad	9. DK/NA	
	<b>D</b> Facilities on the Egyptian side	1. V. Good	2. Good	3. Bad	4. V. Bad	9. DK/NA	
	<b>E</b> Efficiency on the Palestinian side	1. V. Good	2. Good	3. Bad	4. V. Bad	9. DK/NA	
	<b>F</b> Efficiency on the Egyptian side	1. V. Good	2. Good	3. Bad	4. V. Bad	9. DK/NA	
	<b>Q28 How about the cost factor?</b>	1. V. expensive	2. expensive	3. Inexpensive	4. V. Inexpensive	9. DK/NA	
Q29	If you intend to use the Rafah crossing, what are the two most important purposes you would use it for?  1. For personal reasons 2. For business reasons 3. For treatment 4. For education 5. For travel/recreation 6. I do not intend to use it (Go to Q.28 else to Q. 29) 99. DK/NA	Q29A  First use : _____					
		Q29B  Second use : _____					
Q29C	Why do you not want to use it?	1. There is no reason to use it 2. I prefer to use other means like the Allenby Bridge 3. I cannot afford to use it 4. It is still difficult to use it 5. Other reasons : _____ 88. Not applicable 99. DK/NA					
Q30	Have you used the Karni crossing before the Agreement on Access and Movement, after the Agreement, both, or have you never used it?	1. I have used it before the Agreement 2. I have used it only since the Agreement 3. I have used it both before and after the Agreement 4. I have never used it 99. DK/NA					
Q31	If yes, how easy was it to use it?	1. Very easy 2. Rather easy 3. Rather difficult 4. Very difficult 88. Not applicable 99. DK/NA					

## P O L I T I C S

Q32	Which political or religious faction do you trust most?	Faction I trust most : <hr/> 77. Do not trust any ( <b>Do not read</b> ) 98. Refuses to answer 99. DK/NA
Q33	Which political or religious leader do you trust most?	Leader I trust most <hr/> 77. Do not trust any ( <b>Do not read</b> ) 98. Refuses to answer 99. DK/NA
Q34	Which country in the World would you like the future Palestinian state to be modeled after?	Name of country you would like Palestine to be modeled after : _____ 99. DK/NA
Q35	What about a peace agreement? Would you say you strongly support it, support it, oppose it, or strongly oppose it?	1. I strongly support it 2. I support it 3. I oppose it 4. I strongly oppose it 5. I do not know enough to decide 99. DK/NA
Q36	Will you vote in the upcoming PLC elections?	1. Yes 2. No 3. I will decide later 98. Refused to answer 99. DK/NA
Q37	Which of the following blocs will you vote for?	1. Fateh Block 2. Hamas Block 3. Third Way (Dr. Salam Fayyad) 4. The Palestinian Initiative (Dr. Moustafa Barghouti) 5. Al Badeel 6. I will vote only for independents 7. (do not prompt) I will decide later 8. (do not prompt) I will not vote 99. DK/NA
Q38	I will vote for this bloc because...	1. I support this faction/bloc 2. Because I am not satisfied with the work of other blocs/factions 88. Not applicable 99. DK/NA
Q39	Who do you mainly blame for the chaos in the security situation?	<hr/> 99. DK/NA
Q40	Which of the following projects you believe are most important for the area you live in?	1. Improve/Establish sewage network 2. Improve the quality of drinking water 3. Provide larger quantities of water for other uses 4. Improve/Establish road networks 5. Improve electricity network 6. Improve telephone network 99. DK/NA

Q41	What is the most important type of assistance that your family needs?	1. Medical 2. Food 3. Education 4. Employment 5. Financial 6. Other 7. Do not need any assistance 99. DK/NA
Q42	Which is the most important type of assistance your household received in the past six months?	1. Medical 2. Food 3. Education 4. Employment 5. Financial 6. Other 88. Not applicable 99. DK/NA
Q43	What is the main source of this assistance?	1. UNRWA 2. Palestinian Authority 3. International organization 4. Labor unions 5. Charitable societies 6. Municipality 7. Other 8. Religious organization 9. Local NGO 10. Friends and relatives 99. DK/NA
Q44	What is your level of satisfaction with this assistance?	1. Satisfied 2. Somewhat satisfied 3. Dissatisfied 4. Very dissatisfied 88. Not applicable 99. DK/NA
Q45	In general, how do you evaluate the health services of UNRWA?	1. Very Good 2. Good 3. Bad 4. Very bad 88. Not applicable 99. DK/NA
Q46	In general, how do you evaluate the education services of UNRWA?	5. Very Good 6. Good 7. Bad 8. Very bad 88. Not applicable 99. DK/NA
Q47	In general, how satisfied are you with the UNRWA services?	1. Satisfied 2. Somewhat satisfied 3. Dissatisfied 4. Very dissatisfied 88. Not applicable 99. DK/NA



DEMOGRAPHICS		
D7	Are you currently employed or not?	1. I am employed full-time 2. I am employed part-time 3. I am employed for few hours/day 4. I am not employed neither today nor before 5. I am not employed, but I used to be before 6. I am a homemaker 7. I am a student 8. I am retired 99. DK/NA
D8	A. If you are unemployed (4 or 5 in Q5), since what <u>year</u> have you been unemployed?	1. Since before the intifada 2. Since the intifada started 3. For more than three years 4. For more than two years 5. Since last year 6. For less than six months 88. Not applicable 99. DK/NA
	B. Please specify the period of unemployment in months	_____ months of unemployment
D9	Employment category (or past employment for the unemployed)?	1. Professional (physician, engineer, etc...) 2. Skilled worker 3. Unskilled worker 4. Technician 5. Employee 6. Self-employed 7. Others _____ 88. Not applicable 99. DK/NA
D10	Type of employment (or last type for the unemployed)	1. Government employee 2. Employed by an international agency 3. Employed by an international NGO 4. Employed by a local NGO 5. Employed by the private sector 6. Self-employed in petty trade of agricultural products 7. Self-employed in petty trade of manufactured products 8. Other self-employed 88. Not applicable 99. DK/NA
D11	How do you financially consider yourself and your household?	1. Better-off than the people around me 2. About the same as the people around me 3. Worse-off than the people around me 99. DK/NA
D12	How much is your family income per month?	1. NIS 5000 and over 2. Between NIS 4500-4999 3. Between NIS 4000-4499 4. Between NIS 3500-3999 5. Between NIS 3000-3499 6. Between NIS 2500-2999 7. Between NIS 2000-2499 8. Between NIS 1500-1999 9. Between NIS 1000-1499 10. Between NIS 500-999 11. Less than NIS 500 99. DK/NA

D13	Are you a refugee or descendant of a refugee family?	1. Yes, I am a refugee or a descendant of a refugee family 2. No, we have never been displaced from our place of origin 99. DK/NA						
D14	Age of respondent	Age: _____						
D15	Gender	1 Male                      2 Female						
D16	What is your level of education?	1. Never went to school                      5. Some college 2. Until elementary                              6. College & above 3. Until preparatory                              99. DK/NA 4. Until secondary						
D17	Place of residence	1. City 2. Village 3. Refugee camp 99. DK/NA						
D18	What is your marital status?	4. Single 5. Married 6. Divorced 7. Widower 8. Separated 99. DK/NA						
S1	Please put an (x) under the column that best describes how you felt in the past two weeks							
		1 Always	2 Most of the time	3 A little more than half the time	4 A little less than half the time	5 Seldom	6 Never	99 DK/NA
A	I was happy and in a good mood.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
B	I was feeling relaxed	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
C	I was feeling lively	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
D	I woke up feeling lively and rested	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
E	My days were filled with things dear to my heart	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Q49	INTERVIEWER: Duration of interview (in minutes):	_____ minutes						