

WestBank

Shelter Cluster-West Bank Update

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WB HUMANITARIAN OVERVIEW

Following October 7th, the situation in the West Bank and East Jerusalem deteriorated with extra shelter demolition, military operations, and home destruction and damage, particularly in northern refugee camps in Jenin and Tulkarem. In addition to settler violence throughout many areas, primarily Palestinian communities in Area C, hundreds of Palestinian families have been forcibly displaced due to policies and practices implemented by Israeli authorities and settlers. In total, almost **4,000** Palestinians were displaced in 2023, which is the highest known statistic for a single year (**1,023** displaced in 2022, **1,209** displaced in 2021). Access restrictions, limiting livelihood opportunities, and creating a coercive environment continue to impose extra strain on Palestinian communities to leave Area C as witnessed in many areas east of Ramallah, south of Hebron and Nablus.

WB Refugee Camps Shelter Damage Assessment

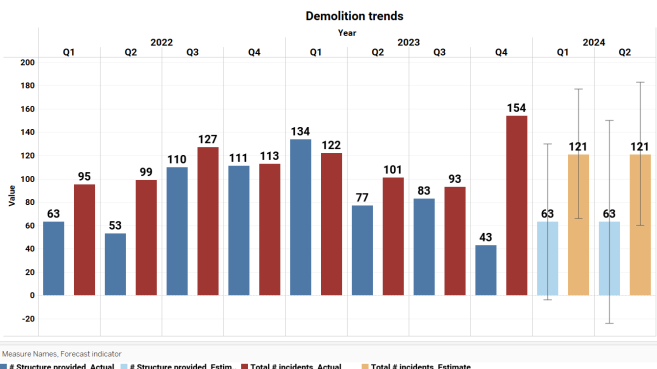
Between December 2023 and January 2024, UNRWA documented multiple large-scale ISF operations in refugee camps, particularly Jenin, Nur Shams, and Tulkarem. Over **2,500** shelters (housing units) in Jenin camp were reportedly affected. Severe damages were also recorded in Nur Shams and Tulkarem, where over **2,100** shelters (housing units) were damaged, with a **60%** reported gap in response to damage repair.

Refugee Camps	No. operations	Minor Damages (HUs)	Severe Damages (HUs)	Demolition (HUs)
WB North Summary	96	3,368	99	183
WB Center Summary	28	164	0	1
WB South Summary	27	684	1	0
Grand Total	151	4,216	100	184



Demolition Trends

Demolition incidents scaled by more than **37%** in the fourth quarter of 2023 compared to the same period in 2022. Additional challenges include access restrictions and material delivery for post-demolition responses.



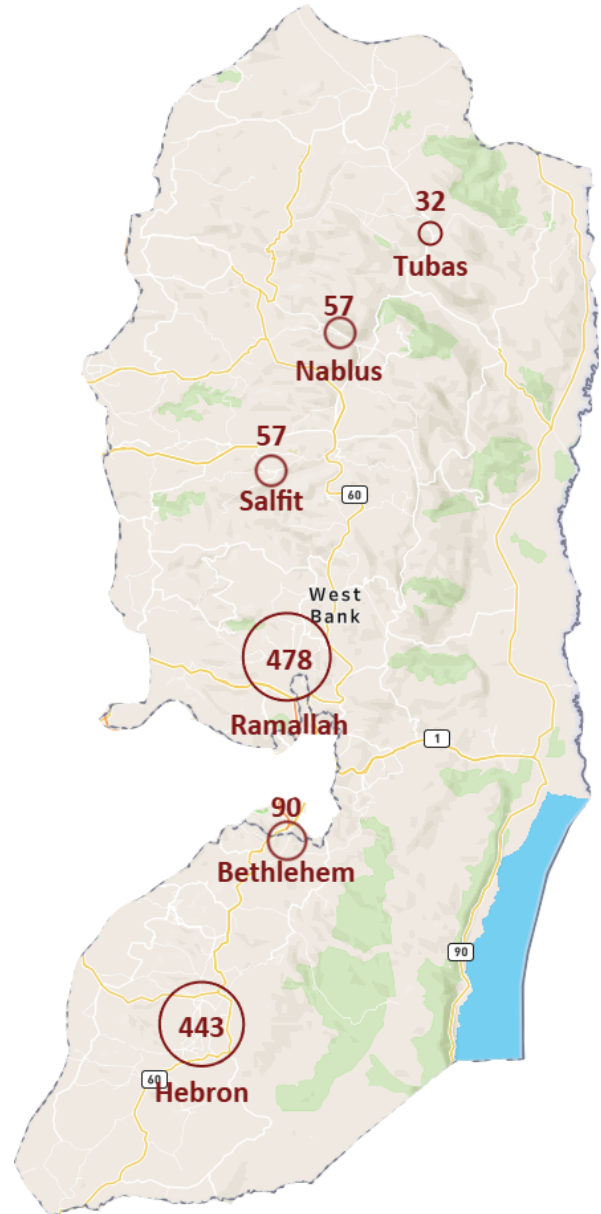
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DISPLACEMENT

Distribution of people entirely displaced from their communities in Area C after October 7th



1,157
People



Displaced

582
Children



GAP

More than **3,000** substandard shelters in Area C and **1,000** in East Jerusalem require rehabilitation and upgrading to meet minimum standards.

UNRWA needs an additional **\$5** million in funding to repair shelter damage caused by military operations in December 2023 and January 2024.

There is a shortage of total SNFIs stockpiling to meet small- to medium scale scenarios. Additional funding should be directed to boosting overall preparedness and stock levels.



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