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Poverty indicators in Palestine

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Since the outbreak of the second Palestinian Intifada in September 2000, and the 2006 election of a new Palestinian legislative council, political, economic, and social conditions have sharply deteriorated for the Palestinian people. Israeli imposed closure, the withholding of Palestinian customs revenues, and the freezing of international aid donations is prompting a climate of desperation amongst the democratically public.

The victims of these policies and procedures are, of course, the people. Poverty rates have risen significantly.

In light of these considerations, the paper will research the extent of poverty as a direct result of recent political events, as well as address means as to potential alternative alleviation of such problems. Data sources will include the Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS), World Bank reports, UNRWA data and reports, as well as field interviews with members of the public.

It is this paper's aim to help improve understanding in the determining factors of poverty in order to better identify policies promoting poverty eradication.