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SOCIO-ECONOMIC REPORT – JULY 2009

Since 1996 UNSCO has continually monitored and reported on socio-economic conditions in the occupied Palestinian territory and in the process established an extensive socio-economic database. UNSCO does not create raw data but rather uses available data which, in the occupied Palestinian territory is relatively abundant. However, the data that is available tends to remain dispersed and is not always automatically shared between institutions. The objective of the database is to bring together in one place a wide variety of data on socio-economic conditions and by doing so present a broader, more detailed perspective on socio-economic conditions. The purpose of this report is to: 1) broaden the access to this database through publication of the most recent data gathered; and 2) provide readers with up to date information on socio-economic conditions in the occupied Palestinian territory.

The report is divided into three sections:

Section 1 consists of a one-page fact sheet which provides a snapshot view of the socio-economic situation for the current and previous reporting period and it provides, for reference purposes, base line figures for the period just prior to the outbreak of the second *Intifada*.

Sections 2 and 3 report on the Macro-economic situation, the Private sector and the banking modules of the UNSCO database. They provide data on the last six reporting periods for each indicator as well as base line data, which is pre *Al-Aqsa intifada*. In addition, summary analysis on observed trends is given below each table.



SOCIO-ECONOMIC FACT SHEET – JULY 2009

A. GENERAL		Previous period	Current period	B. FISCAL SITUATION		Baseline	Previous period	Current period
Indicator		Q4-2008	Q1-2009	Indicator (US\$ millions)		Q4-1999	Q1-2009	Q2-2009 (budget)
1. GDP (\$US)		1,145.0	1,189.5. ¹	1. Revenue	235	335.0	355.7	
2. GDP per capita (\$US)		314.9	324.8	2. Expenditure	235	300.6	189.3	
				3. Net lending	0	75.5	109.3	
				4. Balance	0	-377.4	-270.6	
				5. External Budget support (including TIM)	0	259.1	148.3	
Source: PCBS				Source: World Bank- Ministry of Finance				
C. MACRO-ECONOMIC	Baseline	Previous period	Current period	D. PRIVATE SECTOR	Baseline	Previous period	Current period	
Indicator²	Aug-2004	June 2009	July 2009	Indicator				
1. Consumer Price Index ³				1. New Company Registrations	Q2-2000	Q1-2009	Q2-2009	
Total		123.48	124.22	Total	568	512	521	
West Bank		120.32	121.43	West Bank	288	456	434	
Gaza Strip		128.64	129.00	Gaza Strip	280	56	87	
2. Truck movement ⁴	Aug-2000	June - 2009	July - 2009	2. Area Licensed for new Construction (dunums)	Q2-2000	Q1-2009	Q2-2009	
<u>Imports</u>				Total	739.7	468.9	521.4	
Karni	4,373	643	486	West Bank	665.3	468.9	521.4	
Sufa	4,384	0	0	Gaza Strip	74.4	0.0	0.0	
Rafah	953	13	4	3. Banking (US\$ thousands)	Q2-2000	Q1-2009 ⁵	Q2-2009	
Kerem Shalom	0	1,807	1,526	Loans	1,234	1,842	2,100	
Nahal Oz	904	212	215	Deposits	3,328	6,165	6,390	
<u>Exports</u>				Loans/Deposits Ratio	37.1 %	29.88%	32.86%	
Karni	2,460	0	0					
Kerem Shalom	0	0	0					
Source: PCBS (1), Ministry of National Economy, General Petroleum Corporation				Source: Ministry of National Economy (1), Engineering Offices and Consulting Firms (2), Palestine Monetary Authority (3)				
E. LABOUR FLOWS	Baseline	Previous period	Current period	F. CLOSURE	Baseline	Previous period	Current period	
Indicator	Q2-2000	Q1-2009	Q2-2009	Indicator	Aug-2000	Jun- 2009	July-2009	
1. Labour Force size				1. Effective closure days ⁷				
Total	706,174	934,000	949,800	Karni (goods)	0 %	100%	100%	
West Bank	483,796	620,400	649,600	Erez (workers)	0 %	100%	100%	
Gaza Strip	222,378	313,600	300,200	Sufa (aggregates)	0 %	100%	100%	
2. Unemployment	8.8 %	25.4%	22.2%	Rafah (passenger)	0 %	100%	100%	
3. Adjusted Unemployment ⁶	18.5 %	30.6%	28.0%	Rafah (commercial)	0 %	100%	100%	
Source: PCBS				Nahal Oz (fuel)	0 %	100%	85 %	
				Kerem Shalom	0 %	15 %	11 %	
				Source: UNSCO				

¹ These numbers may be adjusted

² For a more detailed report on sections C (Macro-economy) and D (Private sector), see data below.

³ CPI Base year 2004 = 100

⁴ MoNE data does not include aggregates or aid flows in Aug 2000.

⁵ * Please note that data for Q3-2008 has been adjusted by the PMA for all bank credit categories.

⁶ Adjusted unemployment is calculated by adding discouraged workers (i.e. unemployed but no longer seeking work) to the ILO standard.

⁷ Effective closure days are calculated by adding all days when a crossing was fully or partially closed excluding weekend and holidays.



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MACRO-ECONOMIC UPDATE – JULY 2009

- Exchange rate
- Consumer Index by region and expenditure group
- Truck Movement
- Palestinian Imports and Exports
- Volume of registered fuel sales

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Indicator	Baseline Aug-00	Feb-09	Mar-09	Apr-09	May-09	June -09	July -09
Exchange Rate							
Exchange Rate	4.05	4.11	4.10	4.19	4.07	3.93	3.90
Source: PCBS							

The exchange rate between the US dollar and the NIS declined by approximately 0.76% in July 2009 compared to June 2009.

Indicator	Baseline Aug-00	Feb-09	Mar-09	Apr-09	May-09	June -09	July -09
Volume of Registered Fuel sales in the Gaza Strip (x 1000 liters/ton)							
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Petrol 95 (Liter)	878.3	0.0	40.0	30.0	30.0	30.0	90.5
Petrol 96 (Liter)	2,310.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Diesel (Liter)	11,342.6	391.3	300.0	298.4	100.0	300.4	572.4
Gas (Ton)	1.9	1.7	3.9	3.5	5.4	2.6	4.7
White diesel (Liter)	243.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Source: General Petroleum Corporation and Ministry of Finance							

The volume of registered fuel sales in the Gaza Strip continued to increase in July 2009. This month, for the first time since 3 November 2008, an amount of 40,000 liters of petrol and 22,000 liters of diesel were allowed into Gaza, and there was a significant increase in the amount of imported cooking gas with 4,7 tones (+ 76.8% compared to June 2009). During the reporting period. 50,500 liters of Petrol, 401,000 liters of diesel were imported for UNRWA. And 149,410 liters of diesel were imported for M.O.H.

Indicator	Baseline Aug-04	Feb-09	Mar-09	Apr-09	May-09	June -09	July -09
Palestinian Consumer Price Index (by region and expenditure group)							
Major Groups of Expenditure (Occupied Palestinian Territory – excluding Jerusalem)							
Food and soft drinks		136.48	138.99	138.04	138.01	137.94	138.86
Alcoholic Beverages and tobacco		125.48	126.18	126.84	137.23	139.04	140.80
Textiles, clothing and footwear		103.05	103.12	103.39	103.97	104.52	104.66
Housing		118.52	119.76	118.85	118.95	119.06	120.57
Furniture, household goods		110.69	111.48	111.30	110.43	111.54	112.21
Medical care		113.89	113.22	112.84	113.35	112.96	113.12
Transportation		114.87	114.81	116.18	116.07	118.47	119.44
Communications		109.89	109.80	109.83	109.78	109.75	109.89
Recreational, cultural goods & services		100.39	101.00	101.03	100.91	101.15	101.15
Education		101.28	101.26	101.30	101.30	102.12	102.12
Restaurants and cafes		130.02	130.94	131.21	132.30	132.62	132.34
Miscellaneous goods and services		111.88	113.79	114.27	114.21	113.97	114.04
All items of consumer price index		121.54	122.82	122.55	123.05	123.48	124.22
Major Groups of Expenditure (Jerusalem)							
Food and soft drinks		134.22	136.29	135.77	138.39	137.73	137.40
Alcoholic Beverages and tobacco		110.36	111.38	112.78	125.83	127.23	128.81
Textiles, clothing and footwear		103.73	104.91	104.58	105.17	107.38	107.45
Housing		114.59	114.94	115.01	115.13	115.28	116.70
Furniture, household goods		101.22	102.90	103.18	102.08	103.26	104.78
Medical care		120.55	121.15	120.65	121.44	121.23	121.04
Transportation		116.38	116.67	117.45	119.11	121.99	122.79
Communications		106.65	106.65	106.75	106.82	106.71	107.06
Recreational, cultural goods & services		102.74	103.57	103.63	103.59	104.00	104.90
Education		107.07	107.07	107.07	107.07	107.07	107.07
Restaurants and cafes		143.71	143.67	143.77	144.70	146.33	145.46
Miscellaneous goods and services		105.79	106.53	107.32	107.76	106.62	107.64
All items of consumer price index		118.66	119.76	119.79	121.50	121.90	122.33
Major Groups of Expenditure (Rest of the West Bank)							
Food and soft drinks		130.54	133.82	132.03	131.74	132.50	134.66
Alcoholic Beverages and tobacco		119.35	119.34	119.36	134.27	135.36	137.57
Textiles, clothing and footwear		95.49	94.84	94.69	94.88	93.96	94.23
Housing		126.18	128.01	126.21	126.11	126.28	127.98
Furniture, household goods		103.12	101.93	101.07	100.48	100.37	99.59
Medical care		111.97	109.64	108.52	108.38	107.55	107.97
Transportation		111.70	111.95	114.14	114.05	116.70	117.92
Communications		111.45	110.95	111.05	111.30	110.93	110.89
Recreational, cultural goods & services		92.30	92.64	92.56	92.49	92.00	91.14
Education		94.64	94.59	94.59	94.59	96.66	96.66
Restaurants and cafes		123.81	124.61	124.85	126.02	126.23	126.01
Miscellaneous goods and services		119.57	122.97	122.26	121.99	122.13	119.95
All items of consumer price index		118.58	119.98	119.16	119.77	120.32	121.43
Major Groups of Expenditure (Gaza Strip)							
Food and soft drinks		147.15	148.54	147.81	147.10	145.48	145.59
Alcoholic Beverages and tobacco		145.11	145.20	145.65	149.91	152.48	154.09
Textiles, clothing and footwear		109.31	110.40	112.23	113.06	113.08	112.70
Housing		112.79	115.56	113.33	113.57	113.59	114.42
Furniture, household goods		131.15	133.15	133.79	133.54	135.20	136.99
Medical care		98.82	98.28	98.81	99.23	99.00	98.81
Transportation		124.15	122.98	124.24	121.84	123.73	124.77
Communications		107.46	107.81	107.70	106.89	107.43	107.41
Recreational, cultural goods & services		98.11	98.71	99.23	98.92	99.94	99.36
Education		100.51	100.51	100.56	100.56	100.37	100.37
Restaurants and cafes		139.42	142.74	143.50	143.77	144.10	144.07
Miscellaneous goods and services		112.96	116.63	117.54	116.82	117.25	117.91
All items of consumer price index		127.93	129.15	129.09	128.78	128.64	129.00

Source: PCBS

The Palestinian CPI reached 124.22 in July 2009, an increase of 0.60% compared to June 2009, with most of the increase being experienced in the West Bank. Increases were recorded in the food and soft drink group (1.63%) in the medical care group (0.39 %) in Housing (1.34 %) and in Textiles, clothing and footwear (0.29 % each). Furniture, household goods experienced a 0.77% decline, Miscellaneous goods and services index declined by 1.78%, and a price decrease was also recorded in Recreational, cultural goods & services 0.93 %.

Indicator	Baseline Aug-00	Feb-09	Mar-09	Apr-09	May-09	June -09	July -09
Truck Loads Movement							
Al Montar/ Karni commercial crossing							
Total Truck Loads Exports	992	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Truck Loads Imports	2,923	762	751	554	642	643	486
Karem Abu Salem / Kerem Shalom commercial crossing							
Total Truck Loads Exports	0	1	9	5	0	0	0
Total Truck Loads Imports	0	2,185.5	2,516	1,902	2,023	1,807	1,526
Sufa commercial crossing							
Total Truck Loads Exports	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Truck Loads Imports	4,384	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nahel Oz commercial crossing (fuel)							
Total Truck Loads Imports	904	80	173	157	231	121	215
Source: Baseline: Ministry of National Economy; General Petroleum Corporation and Ministry of Finance							

Truckloads movement into Gaza has been restricted to humanitarian supplies since 12 June 2006. At the same time, exports have stopped altogether except for limited agricultural exports. On February 2nd 2009 and in time for Valentine's day, Israel allowed Gaza to export 50,000 flowers to Europe. In April 2009, 5 truckloads of flowers (204,000 flowers) were exported. July 2009 data indicates a decline in the total of imported truckloads to the Gaza Strip by approximately 13%, when compared to June 2009. The 486 truckloads that crossed in through Al Montar/ Karni were limited to animal feed 77%, chickpeas 2%, and wheat 21%. Of the 1,526 truckloads crossing in through Karem Abu Salem / Kerem Shalom, 390 truckloads (or 25.56%) were humanitarian and 1,136 truckloads (or 74.44%) were for the private sector, Food items made up the majority of imported goods (1,045 truckloads, or 68%) while 481 truckloads, or 32%, were for non food items.



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PRIVATE SECTOR AND BANKING UPDATE – JULY 2009

- Number of Company Registrations by region and legal status
- Area licensed for Construction
- Bank Credit
- Value of loans and deposits

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Indicator	Baseline Q2-2000	Feb-09	Mar-09	Apr-09	May-09	June -09	July -09
Number of new Company Registrations (by region and legal status)							
Gaza Strip							
Private	162	6	14	5	10	10	6
Private Limited	46	14	18	21	23	18	13
Public Limited	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Foreign	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	212	20	32	26	33	28	19
West Bank							
Private	66	65	76	57	51	57	72
Private Limited	163	93	86	107	66	87	66
Public Limited	0	0	0	1	0	1	1
Foreign	0	3	2	2	2	3	0
Total	229	161	164	167	119	148	139
Source: Ministry of Economy							

The number of new company registrations is used as a proxy indicator for the vitality of the local economy as well as the ability of the local economy to create new employment. New company registrations in the West Bank declined in July 2009 by 6.08%, when compared to June 2009. If compared to pre-Intifada levels, new company registrations have dropped by approximately 39.30 %. As for Gaza, figures from the Ministry of Economy in Ramallah show that no new companies were registered, while data from the authorities in Gaza indicate 19 new registered companies for July 2009. If considering data from authorities in Gaza, the number of newly registered companies in Gaza declined by approximately 32.14% compared to June 2009.

Indicator	Baseline Aug-00	Feb-09	Mar-09	Apr-09	May-09	June -09	July -09
Area licensed for new construction (Gaza Strip, dunums)							
Northern District	27,902	2,800	30,500	3,540	1,950	2,120	1,820
Gaza	50,116	3,120	6,180	2,860	4,700	3,350	2,950
Al Wastah	15,984	600	1,160	870	1,100	1,170	830
Khan Younis	51,146	800	5,150	690	3,650	3,200	1,050
Rafah	39,429	670	6,120	2,390	5,320	4,350	4,410
Gaza Strip Total	184,577	7,990	49,110	10,350	16,720	14,190	11,060

Source: Engineering Offices and Consulting Firms

Indicator	Baseline Aug-00	Feb-09	Mar-09	Apr-09	May-09	June -09	July -09
Area licensed for new construction (West Bank, dunums)							
Ramallah & Al- Bireh & Jerusalem		31,149	73,345	35,865	61,273	69,932	99,172
Nablus		30,380	42,005	44,555	61,230	66,003	73,174
Tulkarm		19,704	34,739	34,248	29,398	24,334	35,194
Hebron		21,789	29,250	33,554	39,385	36,299	91,799
Bethlehem		12,929	9,032	14,069	16,070	15,594	14,530
Jenin		10,180	14,367	9,128	18,595	17,549	17,773
Qalqilya		366	7,763	369	1,054	1,709	7,752
Salfit		0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	345,685	126,497	210,501	171,788	227,005	231,420	339,394

Source: Engineering Offices and Consulting Firms

Similar to new company registrations, the area licensed for new construction is also used as a proxy indicator for economic vitality. July 2009 data shows an increase in the area licensed for new construction of approximately 44.66% compared to the previous month in the West Bank. When compared to pre *intifada* levels, area licensed for new construction has decreased by 1.82 %.

Indicator	Baseline Q2-00	Q1-2008	Q2-2008	Q3-2008	Q4-2008	Q1-2009	Q2-2009
Area licensed for new construction (by region and by type, x 1000 m²)							
Non-residential							
West Bank	122.0	n.a	78.5	127.8	115.4	113.1	126.2
Gaza Strip	5.5	n.a	0.7	0.0	0.0	0	0
Total Palestinian territory	127.5	107.0	79.2	127.8	115.4	113.1	126.2
Residential							
West Bank	543.3	n.a	270.4	331.0	270.2	355.8	395.2
Gaza Strip	68.9	n.a	5.2	0.0	0.0	0	0
Total Palestinian territory	612.2	423.1	275.6	331.0	270.2	355.8	395.2

Source: PCBS

If disaggregated by type, and if compared with Q1-2009, it appears that in Q2-2009 non-residential and residential construction increased in the oPt by 11.58 %, while residential construction has increased by 11.07 %. It is worth noting that obtaining data for Gaza is not possible due to the closing of the PCBS office in Gaza.

Indicator	Q3-08*	Q4-08	Q1-09	Q2-09
Bank Credit				
Bank Credit by economic activity (x million US\$)				
Agriculture	33	48	40	41
Manufacturing & Mining	83	72	165	174
Real estate and Lands	237	234	190	219
General Trade	304	330	312	351
Transportation	25	14	18	16
Tourism, Hotels & Restaurants	26	26	29	31
Public Services	238	250	240	252
Financial Services & Facilitations granted to financial institutions	128	120	45	46
Financing granted to the investment of the shares	51	51	67	66
Finance the purchase of cars	32	40	43	48
Total Public Sector	545	534	582	749
Financing for consuming purposes	70	70	66	60
Others in the private sector	37	40	45	47
GRAND TOTAL	1,807	1,830	1,842	2,100
Total Excluding theirs in the Public Services and Total Public Sector	1,024	1,045	1,020	1,099
Bank Credit by economic activity (as percentage of total)				
Agriculture	1.8%	2.6%	2.2%	2.0%
Industry & Mining	4.6%	3.9%	9.0%	8.3%
Real estate and Lands	13.1%	12.8%	10.3%	10.4%
General Trade	16.8%	18.0%	16.9%	16.7%
Transportation	1.4%	0.8%	1.0%	0.8%
Tourism, Hotels & Restaurants	1.4%	1.4%	1.6%	1.5%
Public Services	13.2%	13.7%	13.0%	12.0%
Financial Services & Facilitations granted to financial institutions	7.1%	6.5%	2.4%	2.2%
Financing granted to the investment of the shares	2.8%	2.8%	3.7%	3.2%
Finance the purchase of cars	1.8%	2.2%	2.4%	2.3%
Total Public Sector	30.1%	29.2%	31.6%	35.7%
Financing for consuming purposes	3.9%	3.8%	3.6%	2.8%
Others in the private sector	2.0%	2.2%	2.5%	2.3%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%
Bank Credit by Economic Branch (excluding Total public sector and Public Services) (% of total)				
Agriculture	3.2%	4.6%	3.9%	3.8%
Manufacturing and Mining	8.1%	6.9%	16.2%	15.8%
Real estate and Lands	23.1%	22.4%	18.6%	20.0%
General Trade	29.7%	31.6%	30.5%	31.9%
Tourism, Hotels & Restaurants	2.4%	1.4%	1.8%	1.5%
Transportation	2.6%	2.5%	2.8%	2.8%
Financial Services & Facilitations granted to financial institutions	12.5%	11.4%	4.4%	4.2%
Financing granted to the investment of the shares	5.0%	4.9%	6.6%	6.0%
Finance the purchase of cars	3.1%	3.8%	4.2%	4.3%
Financing for consuming purposes	6.8%	6.7%	6.4%	5.4%
Others in the private sector	3.6%	3.8%	4.4%	4.3%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%
* Please note that data for Q3-2008 has been adjusted by the PMA for all bank credit categories.				
Source: PMA				

Data on bank credit is another proxy indicator for economic progress and business confidence (increasing use of bank credit, particularly in the main productive sectors) or decline (decreasing use of bank credit). The Palestine Monetary Authority provides adjusted data once every three months. In relative terms, general trade and Public Services show a decrease in the use of credit. Bank credit to the public sector also indicates an increase of approximately 28.75% in Q2-2009 when compared with Q1-2009. (Please note the PMA has adjusted the indicators for bank credit by economic activities starting Q3-2008. Due to such significant changes in the methodology, current trends cannot be compared to those prior to 2008.)

Indicator	Baseline Jun-00	Q1-08	Q2-08	Q3-08	Q4-08	Q1-09	Q2-09
Bank Credit							
Bank Credit by type (million US\$)							
Loans	512	1,061	1,066	1,109	1,113	1,159	1,339
Overdrafts	653	701	669	688	707	673	751
Leasing	0	11	11	10	10	10	10
BA & Discounted Bills	69	4	0	0	0	0	0
Total	1,234	1,777	1,747	1,807	1,830	1,842	2,100
Bank Credit by type (as percentage of total)							
Loans	41%	60%	61.1%	61.4%	60.8%	62.9%	63.8%
Overdrafts	53%	39%	38.3%	38.1%	38.6%	36.5%	35.8%
Leasing	0%	1%	0.6%	0.6%	0.6%	0.6%	0.5%
BA & Discounted Bills	6%	0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Source: PMA							

Disaggregating bank credit by the type of credit, the data shows an increase in loans and overdrafts. Loans currently represent 63.8 % of all credit extended compared to only 41% in the *pre-Intifada* period.

Indicator	Baseline Jun-00	Q1-08	Q2-08	Q3-08*	Q4-08	Q1-09	Q2-09
Bank Credit							
Bank Credit by borrowing entity (million US\$)							
Businesses	752	1,124	1,009	1,024	1,045	1,020	1,099
Consumers	429	501	511	545	534	582	749
Public Services	52	152	227	238	250	240	252
Total	1,234	1,777	1,747	1,807	1,830	1,842	2,100
Bank Credit by borrowing entity (as percentage of total)							
Businesses	61%	63%	57.7%	56.7%	57.1%	55.4%	52.3%
Consumers	35%	28%	29.3%	30.1%	29.2%	31.6%	35.7%
Public Services	4%	9%	13.0%	13.2%	13.7%	13.0%	12.0%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
* Please note that data for Q3-2008 has been adjusted by the PMA							
Source: PMA							

Disaggregating bank credit by borrowing entities shows that consumer lending has increased in Q2 -2009 compared to Q1-2009.

Indicator	Baseline Aug-00	Q1-08	Q2-08	Q3-08	Q4-08	Q1-09	Q2-09
Bank Deposits (excluding deposits of the PMA and commercial banks)							
Distribution of Public sector deposits by depositor and type (million US\$)							
Public Institutions and Local Auth.							
Current Accounts	23.9	75.1	70.2	60.9	54.6	57.9	65.1
Time Deposits	49.7	69.5	67.0	60.1	72.4	74.4	78.6
Sub-total	73.6	144.7	137.2	121.0	127.1	132.3	143.7
Government							
Current Accounts	39.8	206.7	172.7	220.8	276.6	243.2	199.5
Time Deposits	74.8	181.3	191.8	213.4	191.3	152.7	158.3
Sub-total	114.6	388.1	364.5	434.2	467.9	395.9	357.9
Total Public sector deposits	188.2	532.7	501.7	555.3	595.0	528.1	501.6
Distribution of Private sector deposits by residency and type (million US\$)							
Residents							
Current Accounts	865.3	1,610.3	1,682.9	1,756.8	1,686.7	1,704.2	1,794.5
Savings Accounts	454.3	1,264.0	1,350.9	1,439.8	1,364.7	1,366.9	1,474.4
Time Deposits	2,084.3	1,884.2	1,915.3	1,978.4	2,047.0	1,939.9	1,925.1
Sub-total	3,403.9	4,758.5	4,949.1	5,174.9	5,098.4	5,011.0	5,194.0
Non-Residents							
Current Accounts	9.5	40.5	39.0	39.8	41.1	100.7	139.9
Savings Accounts	3.6	16.3	18.7	21.5	24.8	31.1	40.5
Time Deposits	22.8	58.3	69.1	58.9	65.0	76.2	88.1
Sub-total	35.9	115.1	126.8	120.2	130.9	208.0	268.5
Total Private sector deposits	3,439.8	4,873.6	5,075.9	5,295.1	5,229.3	5,219.0	5,462.5
Total Deposits (public and private)	3,628.0	5,406.3	5,577.6	5,850.4	5,824.3	5,747.1	5,964.1

Source: PMA

Bank deposits for the Q2- 2009 indicate a decrease in public sector deposits of approximately 5.03% and increase in private sector deposits 4.67% compared with the Q1- 2009.

Indicator	Baseline Jun-00	Q1-08	Q2-08	Q3-08	Q4-08	Q1-09	Q2-09
Value of Loans and Deposits (million US\$)							
Total Loans	1,234	1,777	1,747	1,807	1,830	1,842	2,100
Total Deposits	3,328	6,067	6,035	6,307	6,269	6,165	6,390
Loans/Deposits (ratio)	37.06%	29.29%	28.94%	28.66%	29.19%	29.88%	32.86%

Source: PMA

In a functioning economy, an increase in the loans versus deposits ratio is perceived as a positive sign, as monies are not saved but invested or consumed, each of which acts as a stimulant for the economy. Since September 2006, this ratio had steadily declined in the oPt signaling little optimism in the prospects for the Palestinian economy.,Q2- 2009 figures however marked the second quarterly increase after two years of decline, with a 13.97% jump from Q1- 2009.

Indicator	Baseline Aug-00	Feb-09	Mar-09	Apr-09	May-09	June -09	July -09
Palestinian Securities Exchange							
Volume of trade							
Number of shares traded (x million)	n.a.	50.4	31.0	16.8	11.2	26.7	11.9
Value of shares traded (x million US\$)	n.a.	66.3	92.5	46.5	28.8	70.2	19.9
Indices							
Al-Quds index	n.a.	510.35	514.61	517.70	512.03	524.85	488.77
Source: Palestinian Securities Exchange (PSE)							

Similar to bank credit and deposits, data on the Palestinian stock exchange is used as a proxy indicator of Palestinian perceptions vis-à-vis the state of the national economy. Data for July 2009 shows a decline in trade at the stock exchange in terms of value of approximately 55.39 % and in terms of number of stocks traded of approximately 71.58 %. The Al-Quds index declined by 6.87 % from June 2009.