# WEST BANK DEMOLITIONS AND DISPLACEMENT: AN OVERVIEW

#### **SEPTEMBER 2021**

demolitions and displacement since June 2017.

28 per cent more people were displaced.

seized this year compared with 2020.

However, 21 per cent more structures were demolished or seized in the first nine months of 2021 compared with the equivalent period in 2020;

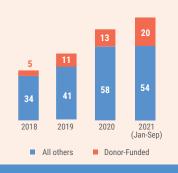
No donated structures were demolished this month; however, there is an 96 per cent increase in the number of donated structures destroyed/

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**STRUCTURES DEMOLISHED/SEIZED** 

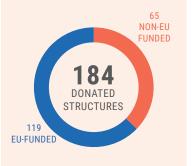
**Monthly Averages** 



#### SEPTEMBER FIGURES

| STRUCTURES TARGETED |    |  |  |  |
|---------------------|----|--|--|--|
| East Jerusalem      | 5  |  |  |  |
| Area C              | 3  |  |  |  |
| Area B              | 0  |  |  |  |
| Area A              | 0  |  |  |  |
| PEOPLE IMPACTED     |    |  |  |  |
| Displaced           | 2  |  |  |  |
| Affected            | 50 |  |  |  |

**ASSISTANCE DEMOLISHED/** SEIZED IN 2021



#### **OVERVIEW**

In September, the Israeli authorities demolished, forced people to demolish, or seized eight Palestinian-owned structures across the West Bank, including East Jerusalem. This resulted in the displacement of two people, and affected the livelihoods or access to services of about 50 others. All the structures were targeted due to the lack of building permits, which are nearly impossible for Palestinians to obtain in Area C and East Jerusalem.

The number of structures demolished or seized, and people displaced in September was the lowest recorded since June 2017. The decline may be partially attributed to the Jewish holidays. However, the number of structures demolished or seized, and people displaced, so far in 2021 represents an increase of 21 and 28 per cent respectively, compared with the equivalent figures in 2020. In 2021, 311 structures, or 56 per cent of all structures targeted in Area C, have been seized without, or with very short, prior notice, utilizing various military orders, effectively preventing people from objecting in advance.

Three structures were demolished In Area C, the lowest number recorded since mid-2018. All the structures were houses under construction, two of which were demolished on the basis of Military Order 1797, providing a 96-hour notice only, and very limited grounds, for legally challenging a demolition.

All the five structures in East Jerusalem were demolished by their owners, including two home extensions where an elderly woman and a girl were displaced. The total number of such demolitions carried out by the owners since the beginning of the year in East Jerusalem has reached 68.

No donated structure was demolished or seized in September. Nevertheless, the number of such assets demolished or confiscated has increased by almost 96 per cent so far in 2021 compared with the equivalent period in 2020 (from 94 to 184). A renewed warning was issued against an EU-funded school, which remains under threat of demolition.

While no donated structures were demolished/seized in September in the context of Israel's permit regime, some were destroyed during a mass settler attack in

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**Coordination Saves Lives** 

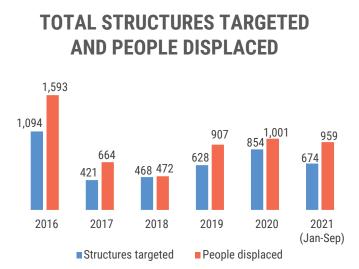
the Palestinian village of Umm Fagarah, Hebron, on 28 September. This incident resulted in the injury of nearly 30 Palestinians and extensive property damage, including damage to donated solar panels, a water network, and other WASH materials provided by the EU or its member states.

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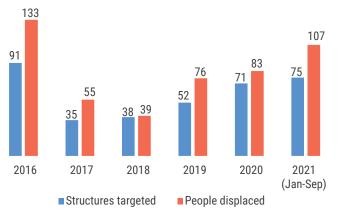
|                | Structures | People displaced* |          | People Affected** |          |
|----------------|------------|-------------------|----------|-------------------|----------|
|                | demolished | All               | Children | All               | Children |
| East Jerusalem | 5          | 2                 | 1        | 28                | 17       |
| Area C         | 3          | 0                 | 0        | 22                | 12       |
| TOTAL          | 8          | 2                 | 1        | 50                | 29       |

\* Includes all people who had a structure used as their habitual place of residence demolished.

\*\* Includes all people who had any of their property, other than their residence, demolished. Displaced and affected are mutually exclusive categories, i.e. people counted under the former are not included in the latter.



#### MONTHLY AVERAGES OF STRUCTURES TARGETED AND PEOPLE DISPLACED



## DEMOLITION/STOP-WORK ORDERS AFFECTING DONOR-FUNDED AID STRUCTURES SEPTEMBER 2021

| Date         | Community            | Governorate | Type of structure  | Number of structures | Type of incident                                      | Estimated cost in<br>Euros |
|--------------|----------------------|-------------|--|----------------------|---|----------------------------|
| 12 September | Hammamat<br>al Maleh | Tubas       | School/ Kindergarten<br>(including school yard<br>and WASH facilities) | 1                    | Warning to stop<br>damaging an<br>archeaological site | 45,961                     |
| Total        |                      |             |  | 1                    |   | 45,961                     |

# **TARGETED DONOR-FUNDED AID STRUCTURES**

