

# WEST BANK DEMOLITIONS AND DISPLACEMENT: AN OVERVIEW

FEBRUARY 2022



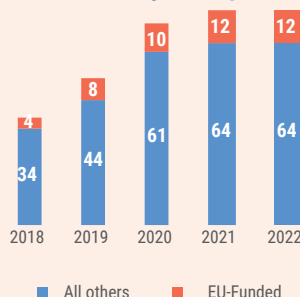
## HIGHLIGHTS

- The number of structures demolished or seized increased from 60 in January to 91 in February 2022.
- Six of the structures targeted in February were funded by the EU or its Member States and five others are at risk of demolition.
- The high proportion of buildings demolished by their owners in East Jerusalem continues.

## OVERVIEW

### STRUCTURES DEMOLISHED/SEIZED

#### Monthly Averages



### FEBRUARY FIGURES

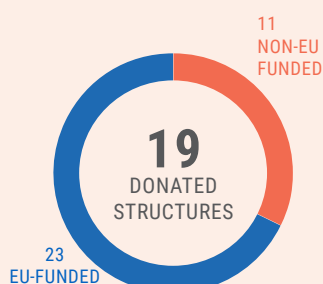
#### STRUCTURES TARGETED

|                |    |
|----------------|----|
| East Jerusalem | 10 |
| Area C         | 80 |
| Area B         | 0  |
| Area A         | 1  |

#### PEOPLE IMPACTED

|           |     |
|-----------|-----|
| Displaced | 102 |
| Affected  | 701 |

### ASSISTANCE DEMOLISHED/SEIZED IN 2022



In February, the Israeli authorities demolished, forced people to demolish or seized 91 Palestinian-owned structures across the West Bank, including East Jerusalem. This resulted in the displacement of 102 people, including 43 children, and affected the livelihoods, or access to services, of over 700 others. All but two of the structures were targeted for lacking building permits, which are nearly impossible for Palestinians to obtain. The monthly average number of people displaced and of structures targeted in the first two months of 2022 is approximately the same as the 2021 average, which witnessed the highest number of demolitions recorded in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem, since 2016.

The incident resulting in the most structures targeted occurred on 1 February, near Al Jalama checkpoint in Jenin where the Israeli authorities seized 22 market stalls (15 per cent of all structures targeted this month). These stalls supported the livelihood of 85 people, including 35 children.

Another 17 structures in seven Area C communities were demolished on the basis of Military Order 1797, which provides for the demolition of structures deemed 'new', as soon as 96 hours after the issuance of a notice, leaving little possibility for legally challenging the order. These included six under-construction homes, and 11 livelihood- and service-related structures. Since coming into effect in July 2019, Military Order 1797 has served for the demolition of 191 structures in Area C.

Nine of the structures targeted in February were in four herder communities located in areas designated by the Israeli authorities as 'firing zones' for military training, which comprise nearly 30 per cent of Area C. In two such communities, Khallet Athaba' (in Massafer Yatta, Hebron) and Arab ar Rashayida al Barriya (in Bethlehem), the Israeli authorities demolished four water cisterns, an agricultural structure and a latrine, and damaged a water network.

In total, six of the structures targeted in February in Area C were funded by the EU or its Member States, for a total value of about 21,600 euros. Additionally, over 170 olive saplings which were provided with EU funding to farmers in three communities, were

destroyed, uprooted, or stolen by people known or believed to be Israeli settlers. Finally, five structures funded by the EU or its Member States for 68,400 euros, including a school in the Ras at Tin Bedouin community in Ramallah, received renewed demolition orders. Currently, there are 54 schools in Area C and East Jerusalem with pending demolition or stop-work orders.

Eight structures, including four homes, were demolished in East Jerusalem: three by the Jerusalem Municipality and five by the owners, following the issuance of demolition orders, to avoid financial penalties and the destruction of their belongings.

Also in February, the Israeli authorities demolished, sealed, or damaged on punitive grounds, three homes in Silat al Harithiya village (Jenin) and one in the Shu'fat refugee camp (East Jerusalem), displacing four Palestinian families, comprising 21 people, including ten children. In the Jenin incident, one home was targeted and two others, in the same building, were damaged. The targeted properties were home to the families of Palestinians prosecuted for the killing of two Israelis in November and December 2021.

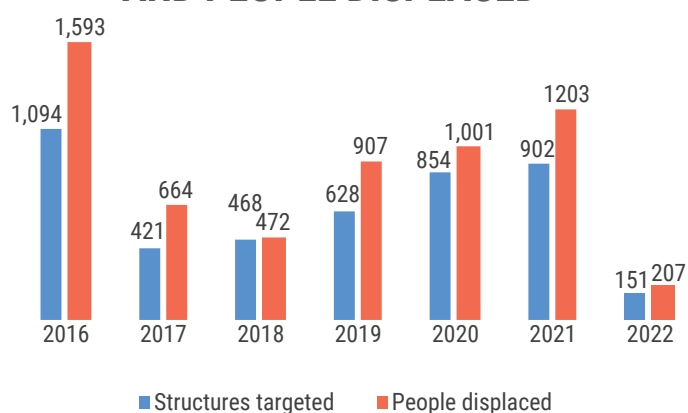
## WEST BANK DEMOLITIONS / SEIZURES FEBRUARY 2022

|                | Structures demolished | People displaced* |           | People Affected** |            |
|----------------|-----------------------|-------------------|-----------|-------------------|------------|
|                |                       | All               | Children  | All               | Children   |
| East Jerusalem | 10                    | 28                | 12        | 36                | 18         |
| Area C         | 80                    | 59                | 24        | 665               | 326        |
| Area B         | 0                     | 0                 | 0         | 0                 | 0          |
| Area A         | 1                     | 15                | 7         | 0                 | 0          |
| <b>TOTAL**</b> | <b>91</b>             | <b>102</b>        | <b>43</b> | <b>701</b>        | <b>344</b> |

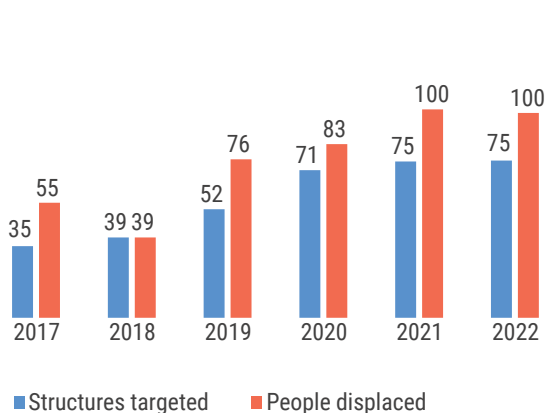
\* Includes all people who had a structure demolished which was used as their habitual place of residence.

\*\* 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.

### TOTAL STRUCTURES TARGETED AND PEOPLE DISPLACED\*



### MONTHLY AVERAGES OF STRUCTURES TARGETED AND PEOPLE DISPLACED



## DEMOLITION/SEIZURE OF EU-FUNDED AID STRUCTURES FEBRUARY 2022

| Date         | Community                       | Governorate | Type of structure                  | Number of structures | Type of incident | Estimated cost in Euros |
|--------------|---------------------------------|-------------|------------------------------------|----------------------|------------------|-------------------------|
| 3 February   | Deir Nidham Bedouins - Al Hossa | Ramallah    | 2 homes                            | 2                    | Demolition       | 5,919.12                |
| 7 February   | Arab ar Rashaiyda, al Barriya   | Bethlehem   | Latrine                            | 1                    | Demolition       | 655                     |
| 15 February  | AL Lubban ash Sharqiya          | Nablus      | Agricultural Road (600-metre-long) | 1                    | Demolition       | 10,843                  |
| 15 February  | Khirbet Fakheit                 | Hebron      | Metal storage shed                 | 1                    | Demolition       | 1,398                   |
| 17 February  | Duma                            | Nablus      | Agricultural Structure             | 1                    | Demolition       | 2,873                   |
| <b>Total</b> |                                 |             |                                    | <b>6</b>             |                  | <b>21,688.03</b>        |

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\*\* The occupied Palestinian territory Humanitarian Fund, funded by Belgium, Sweden, Germany, Switzerland, and Italy.

## DEMOLITION/STOP-WORK ORDERS AFFECTING EU-FUNDED AID STRUCTURES FEBRUARY 2022

| Date         | Community    | Governorate | Type of structure | Number of structures | Type of incident   | Estimated cost in Euros |
|--------------|--------------|-------------|-------------------|----------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|
| 6 February   | Ein Al Hilwa | Tubas       | 3 homes           | 3                    | Stop-work order    | 11,789                  |
| 14 February  | Ras Al Tin   | Ramallah    | School            | 1                    | Demolition Order** | 50,000                  |
| 16 February  | Al Buweib    | Hebron      | 1 home            | 1                    | Stop-work order    | 6,630                   |
| <b>Total</b> |              |             |                   | <b>5</b>             |                    | <b>68,419</b>           |

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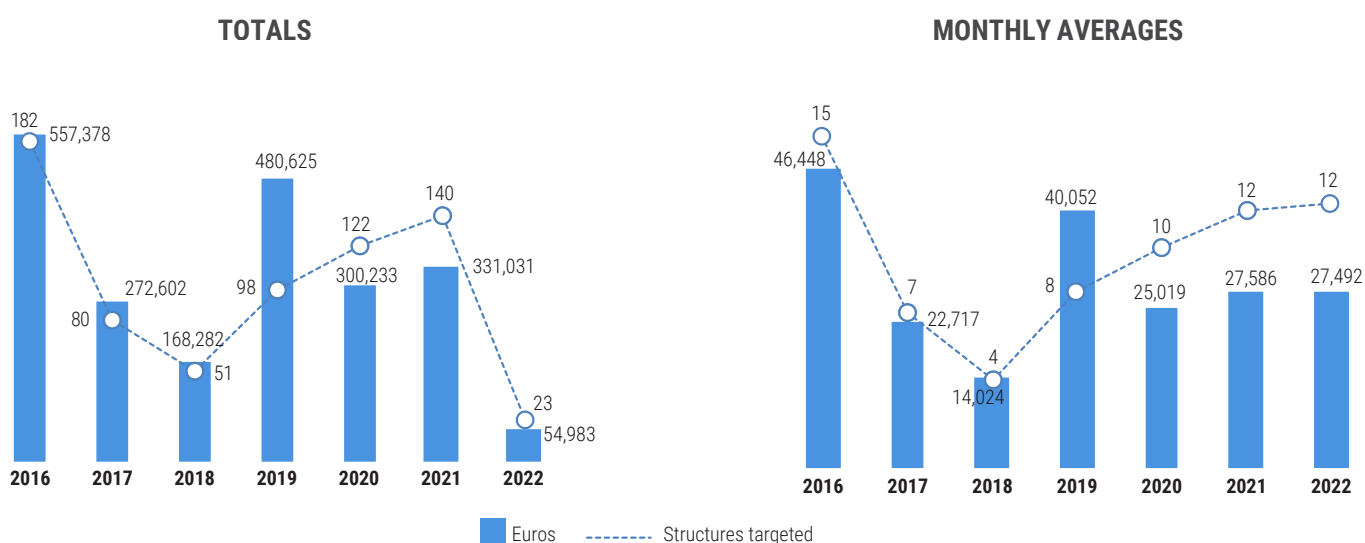
\*\* This new demolition order amends a demolition order issued in September 2020.

## OTHER AFFECTED EU-FUNDED ITEMS FEBRUARY 2022

| Date         | Community      | Governorate | Type of structure | Number of structures | Type of incident                           | Estimated cost in Euros |
|--------------|----------------|-------------|-------------------|----------------------|--|-------------------------|
| 9 February   | Salfit city    | Salfit      | 60 Olive Saplings | 60                   | Vandalized as a result of settler violence | 511                     |
| 3 February   | Khallet Athaba | Hebron      | 70 Olive Saplings | 70                   | Vandalized as a result of settler violence | 595.86                  |
| 3 February   | Yasuf          | Salfit      | 42 Olive Saplings | 42                   | Vandalized as a result of settler violence | 311.5                   |
| <b>Total</b> |                |             |                   | <b>172</b>           |  | <b>1,418</b>            |

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## EU-FUNDED AID STRUCTURES DEMOLISHED/SEIZED AND CUMULATIVE LOSSES\*



\* The amounts include the cost of items such as trees, water tanks, fencing units and uninstalled equipment, which are not counted as structures in OCHA's tracking system.