In the 2023 olive harvest season, more than 96,000 dunums of olive-cultivated land remain unharvested due to restricted access. In the governorates of Tulkarm, Qalqiliya, and Nablus, 26-27 per cent of all olive-cultivated lands remained inaccessible. It is estimated that over 18,000 dunums (about 20 per cent out of total restricted areas in 2023) are located in areas where the Israeli authorities require a scheduled permission (referred to as “prior coordination”) for Palestinians to access. Almost half of these areas are in Nablus governorate, followed by Salfit and Qalqiliya.

Farmers suffered an estimated total loss of more than 1,200 metric tons of olive oil this year, resulting in a direct financial setback of US$10 million. Farmers are concerned that the current closures may affect upcoming agricultural activities such as ploughing, pruning, and weeding.

Source, Food Security Sector, OCHA.

Approx. 12,000 dunums of olive groves 150 m on the WB side of the Barrier mostly not accessible in 2023.