# WEST BANK DEMOLITIONS AND DISPLACEMENT: AN OVERVIEW



**APRIL 2020** 



### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Concern over demolition of homes and WASH structures amid COVID-19 emergency.
- Increase in structures targeted in the first week of Ramadan, compared to previous years.
- Ten aid structures, worth almost 20,000, demolished or seized.

# STRUCTURES DEMOLISHED/SEIZED Monthly Averages 11 9 26 34 41 30 2017 2018 2019 2020 (Jan-Apr)

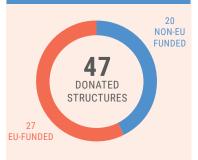
## APRIL FIGURES STRUCTURES TARGETED

| East Jerusalem  | 0  |  |  |  |
|-----------------|----|--|--|--|
| Area C          | 34 |  |  |  |
| Area B          | 0  |  |  |  |
| Area A          | 0  |  |  |  |
| PEOPLE IMPACTED |    |  |  |  |
| Displaced       | Ω  |  |  |  |

### ASSISTANCE DEMOLISHED/ SEIZED IN 2020

203

Affected



### **OVERVIEW**

In April, the Israeli authorities demolished or seized 34 Palestinian-owned structures, displacing eight people and otherwise affecting the livelihoods, or access to services of over 200 others. All structures were located in Area C and were targeted due to a lack of building permits, which are nearly impossible for Palestinians to obtain. No incident was recorded during the month in East Jerusalem.

Of this month's demolitions, 13 occurred in the first week of the Muslim month of Ramadan (24-30 April), the same as in the whole of the 2019 Ramadan and a sharper increase compared to the entire Ramadan of 2018 (one structure) and 2017 (no demolitions).

Over the course of March, the Israeli authorities indicated that they would suspend demolitions of inhabited homes during the current COVID-19 emergency. Nevertheless, on 23 April, they demolished three donor-funded structures, including a mobile home, in the Palestinian Bedouin community of Ein ad Duyuk at Tahta (Jericho), displacing a family of eight, including six children. The structure was provided in March in response to a previous demolition. According to the Israeli authorities, it was erected in an area declared an archeological site and was demolished "according to authorizations and regulations.".

In a nearby Bedouin community, Deir al Qilt, the Israeli authorities demolished another five donor-funded aid structures, including a residential tent, which was not inhabited at the time of the incident due to the seasonal movement of the affected family. The community is located in an area designated as a 'firing zone' for Israeli military training.

Moreover, three of the structures targeted this month were water and hygienerelated structures, which is of particular concern, due to its negative impact on the efforts of already vulnerable communities to prevent the spread of the pandemic. Six of April's demolitions were carried out based on Military Order 1797, which allows for the expedited removal of unlicensed structures deemed as "new", up from two in March. Additional structures have been served notices about their upcoming removal based on this order.

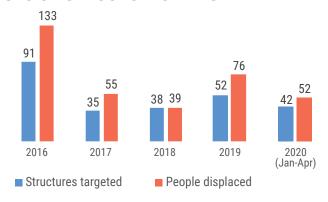
In two incidents in the Bethlehem area, the authorities demolished or seized six structures belonging to farmers from Al Khadr village, affecting 60 people. This village suffers from systematic attacks attributed to Israeli settler, which during April alone, entailed the uprooting of 600 olive saplings, of which 350 had been provided as assistance, exacerbating the pressure on already fragile livelihoods.

### **WEST BANK DEMOLITIONS / SEIZURES / SEALINGS - APRIL 2020**

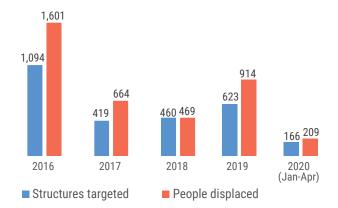
|                | Structures<br>demolished | People displaced* |          | People Affected** |          |
|----------------|--------------------------|-------------------|----------|-------------------|----------|
|                |                          | All               | Children | All               | Children |
| East Jerusalem | 0                        | 0                 | 0        | 0                 | 0        |
| Area C         | 34                       | 8                 | 6        | 203               | 105      |
| Area A         | 0                        | 0                 | 0        | 0                 | 0        |
| Area B         | 0                        | 0                 | 0        | 0                 | 0        |
| TOTAL          | 34                       | 8                 | 6        | 203               | 105      |

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

### MONTHLY AVARAGES OF STRUCTURES TARGETED AND PEOPLE DISPLACED



### TOTAL STRUCTURES TARGETED AND PEOPLE DISPLACED



<sup>\*\*</sup> 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.

### **DEMOLITION/SEIZURE OF DONOR-FUNDED STRUCTURES - APRIL 2020**

| Date     | Community                | Governorate | Type of structure   | Number of structures | Type of incident | Estimated cost in euros |
|----------|--------------------------|-------------|---|----------------------|------------------|-------------------------|
| 26 April | Deir al Qilt             | Jericho     | Residential tents, livelihood tent, metal pen (incl. fencing) | 5                    | Demolition       | 4,195                   |
| 23 April | Ein ad Duyuk at<br>Tahta | Jericho     | Residential caravan, livelihood metal shed, mobile latrine    | 3                    | Demolition       | 10,512                  |
| 2 April  | At Taybe                 | Hebron      | Agricultural structure and mobile latrine (incl. water tank)  | 2                    | Demolition       | 4,985                   |
| Total    |                          |             |   | 10                   |                  | 19,692                  |

# DEMOLITION OR STOP-WORK ORDERS AFFECTING DONOR-FUNDED STRUCTURES – APRIL 2020

| Date     | Community | Governorate | Type of structure   | Number of structures | Type of incident | Estimated cost in Euros |
|----------|-----------|-------------|---|----------------------|------------------|-------------------------|
| 27 April | Al 'Aqaba | Tubas       | Water cistern   | 1                    | Demolition order | 2,530                   |
| 23 April | Isteih    | Jericho     | Residential caravan, mobile latrine (incl. 4 fencing units) | 2                    | Demolition order | 8,108                   |
| Total    |           |             |   | 3                    |                  | 10,638                  |

### **TARGETED DONOR-FUNDED STRUCTURES**

