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Background

This booklet is part of a series of booklets, which contain compiled information about each city, town, and village in Hebron Governorate. These booklets come as a result of a comprehensive study of all localities in Hebron Governorate, which aims at depicting the overall living conditions in the governorate and presenting developmental plans to assist in developing the livelihood of the population in the area. It was accomplished through the 'Village Profiles and Azahar Needs Assessment'; a project funded by the Spanish Agency for International Cooperation for Development (AECID) and the Azahar Program.

The 'Village Profiles and Azahar Needs Assessment' was designed to study, investigate, analyze and document the socio-economic conditions and the needed programs and activities to mitigate the impact of the current unsecure political, economic and social conditions in Hebron Governorate with particular focus on the Azahar program objectives and activities concerning water, environment, and agriculture.

The project's objectives are to survey, analyze and document the available natural, human, socioeconomic and environmental resources, and the existing limitations and needs assessment for the development of the rural and marginalized areas in Hebron Governorate. In addition, the project aims at preparing strategic developmental programs and activities to mitigate the impact of the current political, social, and economic instability with the focus on the agricultural sector.

All locality profiles in Arabic and English are available online at <http://proxy.arij.org/vprofile/>

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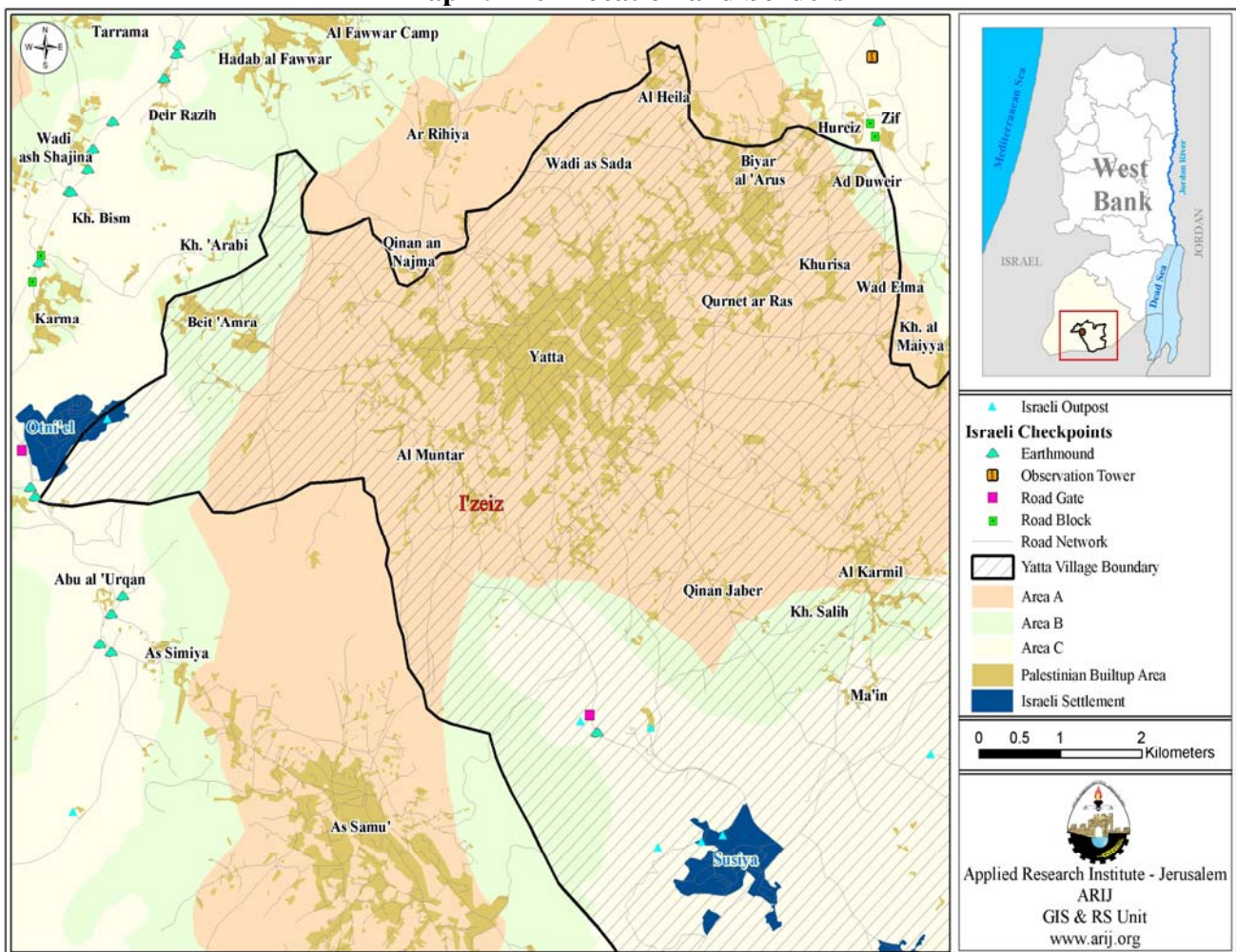
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Location and Physical Characteristics

I'zeiz is a village in the Yatta area. It is located 13 km south of Hebron city in the southern part of the West Bank. I'zeiz village is bordered by Yatta land (Talet Als'umud) to the East, Yatta city to the North, Al Mentar village and Dura village to the West, and the 1949 Armistice Line (Green Line) and Israeli settlement to the South (See map 1).

Map 1: I'zeiz location and borders



The total area of I'zeiz village is around 5,000 dunums, of which 1000 are built-up area, 3,500 are agricultural land and 500 dunums are uncultivated or open land.

I'zeiz village is located on low altitude hills adjacent to the desert at 457 meters above sea level. The mean annual rainfall in I'zeiz is 303 mm; the average annual temperature is 18 °C, and the average annual humidity is about 61% (ARIJ GIS).

I'zeiz village has been governed by a Project Committee since 2004; the committee is composed of four appointed members. The village has no building for the project committee which provides a number of services to the residents of the village, including:

- Water and electricity services.
- Social development services.

History

Izeiz village is an old locality dating back to the Canaanite period. The name of the village is also an old name which the residents have kept until today. The current residents of Izeiz are descended from the original inhabitants of the village.

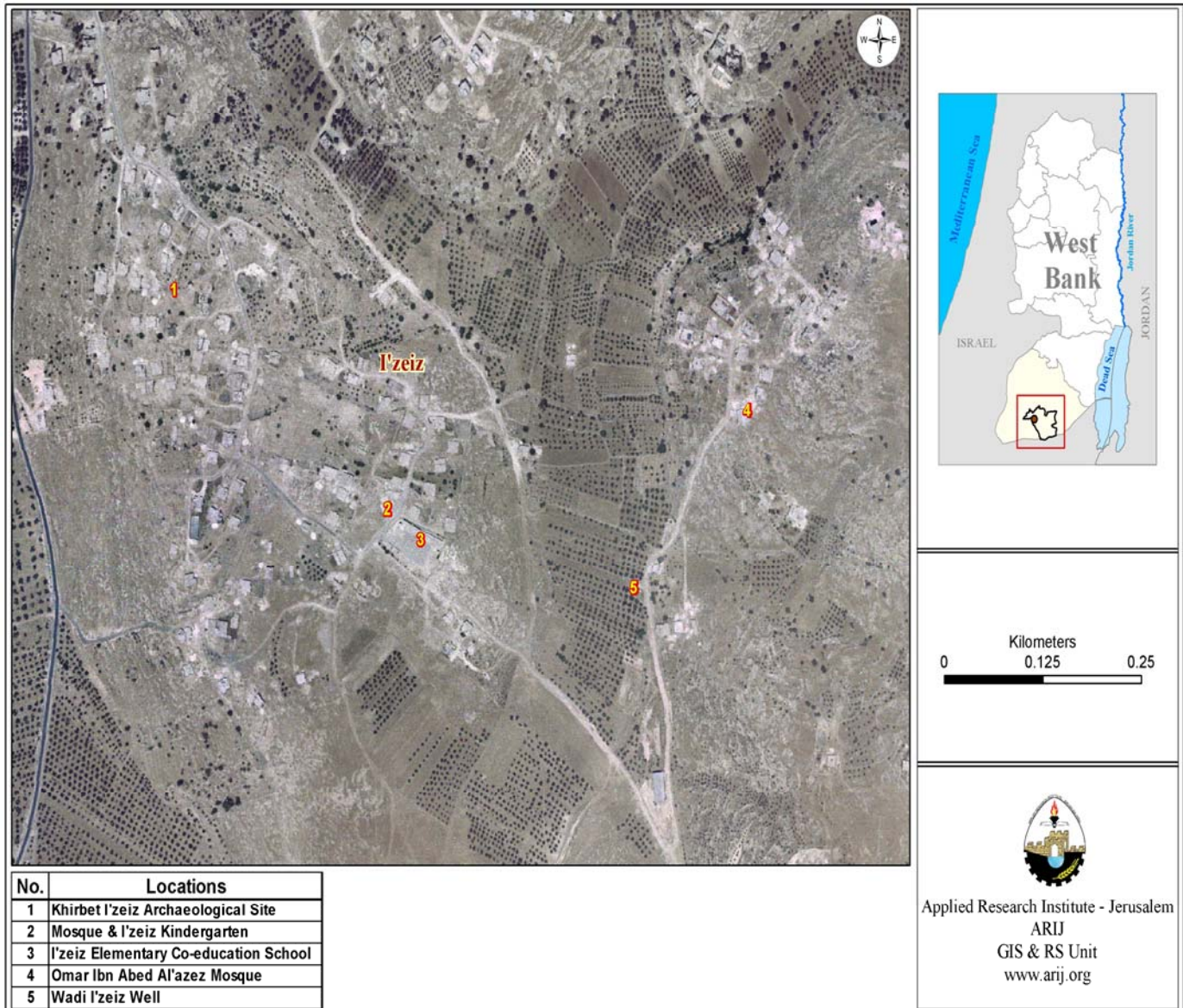
Photos of I'zeiz



Religious and Archaeological Sites

There are two mosques in I'zeiz village, Omar Ibn Abed Al'azez Mosque and I'zeiz Mosque. There is one archeological site in the village; Khirbet I'zeiz .

Map 2: Main locations in Izeiz



Demography and Population

The total population of I'zeiz, in 2007, is estimated to be 752. This is an estimate number based on the Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS) Census of 1997, of which 391 were males and 361 were females.

Families

The residents of I'zeiz belong to three main families. These are Bhe'ee , Abu Ali and Rasheed .

Education

I'zeiz village was not counted as a single locality during the 2007 PCBS Census. Based upon the PCBS divisions, I'zeiz village was counted as part of Yatta city. Therefore, the labor force data for I'zeiz village is not available. Table 1 shows the education status in Yatta, Rafada, Al Muntar, Khurisa, Qurnet ar Ras, Ad Duweir, I'zeiz, Wadi as Sada , Hureiz and Khallet 'Arabi

Sex	Illiterate	Can read & write	Elementary	Preparatory	Secondary	Associate Diploma	Bachelor	Higher Diploma	Master	PhD	Total
M	908	3,216	4,765	3,824	2,009	271	731	8	54	19	15,805
F	2,476	3,136	3,999	3,686	1,699	193	536	3	6	2	15,736
T	3,384	6,352	8,764	7,510	3,708	464	1,267	11	60	21	31,541

Source: PCBS, March 2009. Population, Housing and Establishment Census-2007, Final Results

This data includes population figures from the villages of Yatta, Al Muntar, Khurisa, Qurnet ar Ras, Ad Duweir, I'zeiz, Wadi as Sada , Hureiz and Khallet 'Arabi

According to the field survey and Ministry of Higher Education (MOHE) data there is just one co-education governmental school in I'zeiz village, which is Izeiz Elementary Co-education School. The school provides elementary education to the students.

According to (MOHE) data, by the end of the scholastic year 2006/2007 there were 388 students (302 males and 86 females), 19 teachers (males), and 15 classes.

Field survey data indicated that there is no kindergarten in I'zeiz village, and, as there is no secondary school for students in I'zeiz village, most students are required to complete their school education in Yatta city, which is about 2 km away.

Health Status

I'zeiz village lacks health institutions. According to the field survey there is no health center, health clinic or private physician in the village. I'zeiz residents get their health services mainly from Yatta city (2 km) and neighboring localities.

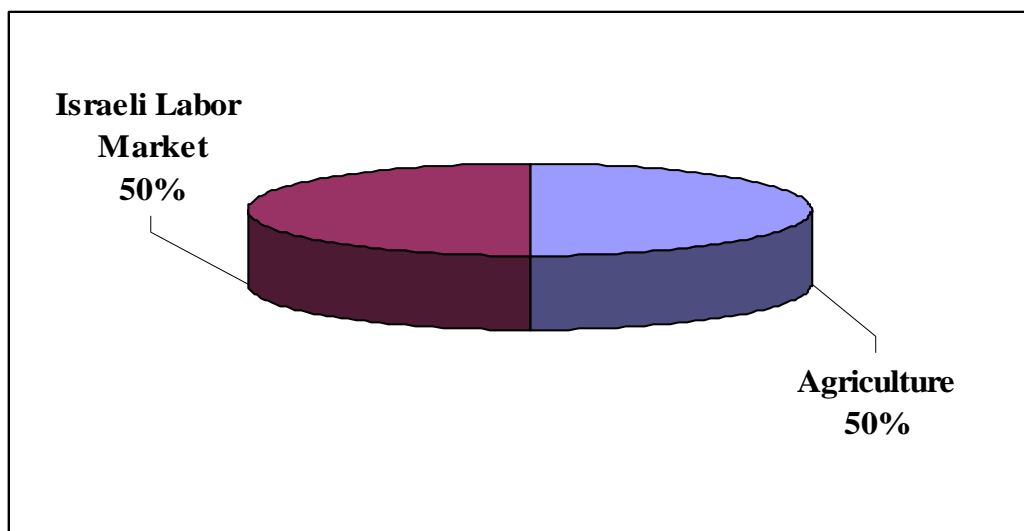
Economic Activities

I'zeiz residents mainly depend on the agricultural sector and on the Israeli labor market; around half of the population work in agriculture and the second half in Israel labor market. The data collected from the village showed that there are no economic institutions in the village; there are no shops, groceries, blacksmiths, and carpenters....etc.

The survey indicated that the share of the population working in the various sectors of the economy is as follows:

- Agricultural sector 50 %,
- Israeli labor market 50%,

Figure 1: Percentage of economic activity in I'zeiz village



Based on a survey conducted in 2007 by ARIJ in Hebron localities, the social groups most affected in the village due to Israeli measures were:

1. Workers that had previously worked in the Israeli labor market.
2. Small-holding farmers.
3. Families with six individuals and more.

Labor Force

I'zeiz village was not counted as a single locality during the 2007 PCBS Census. Based upon the PCBS divisions, I'zeiz village was counted as part of Yatta city. Therefore, the labor force data for I'zeiz village is not available. Table 2 shows the labor force status in Yatta, Rafada, Al Muntar, Khurisa, Qurnet ar Ras, Ad Duweir, I'zeiz, Wadi as Sada , Hureiz and Khallet 'Arabi.

Table 2 Yatta population (10 years and above) by sex and employment status											
Sex	Economically Active				Not Economically Active						Total
	Employed	Currently Unemployed	Unemployed (Never worked)	Total	Students	House keeping	Unable to work	Not working & Not looking For Work	Other	Total	
M	6,432	902	986	8,320	5,853	44	1,009	106	473	7,485	15,805
F	571	22	170	763	5,901	7,987	785	34	266	14,973	15,736
T	7,003	924	1,156	9,083	11,754	8,031	1,794	140	739	22,458	31,541

Source: PCBS, March 2009. Population, Housing and Establishment Census-2007, results

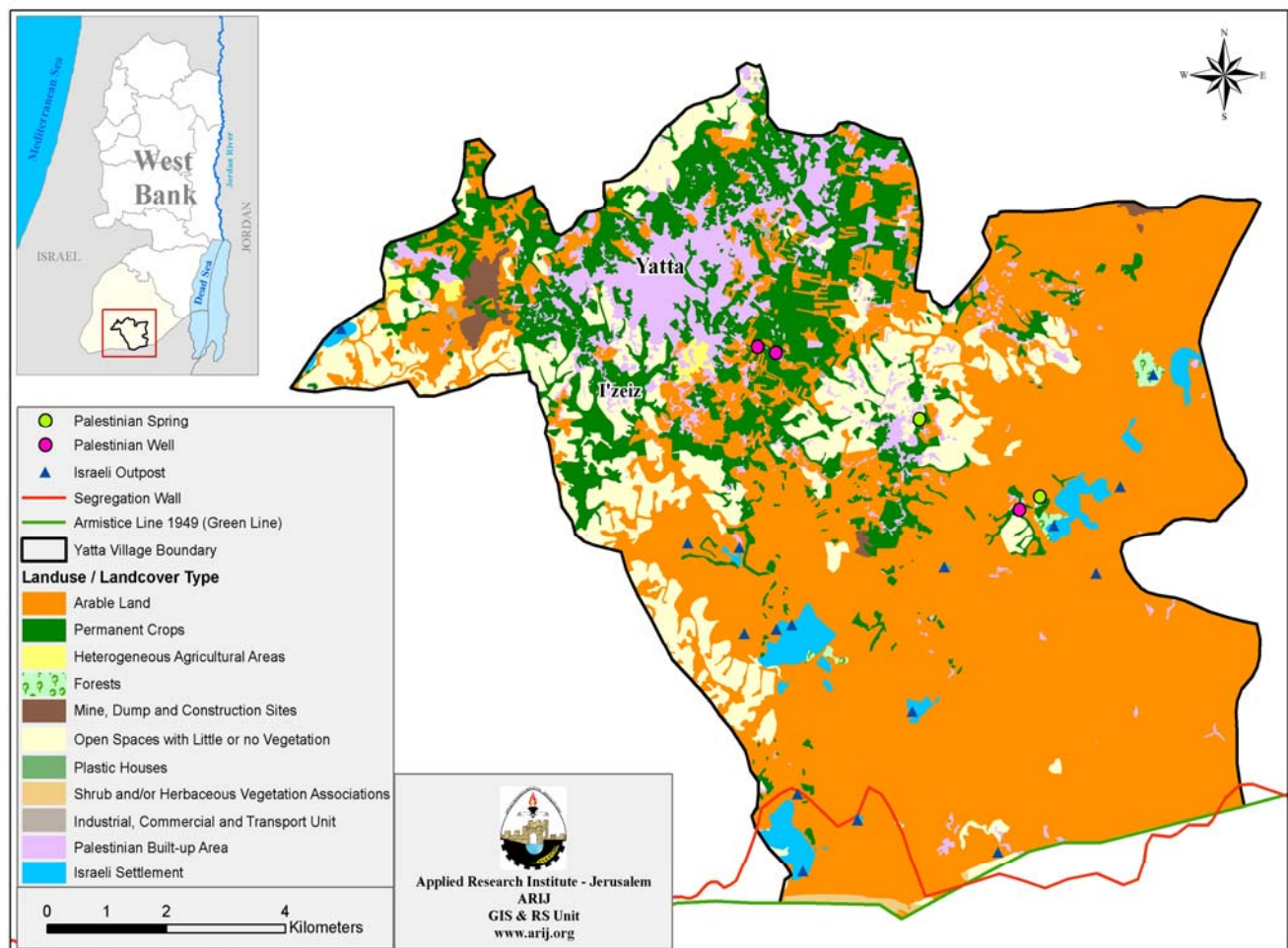
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Agricultural Sector

I'zeiz village lies on a total area of 5,000 dunums. 3,500 dunums are considered to be arable land; however, only 3,150 dunums are used for growing crops. About 80 dunums in the village are agricultural land but unutilized due to shortage of water and investment capital. There are also about 400 dunums which are in need rehabilitation. The main crops cultivated in the village are olive trees, wheat and vegetables.

Data collected from I'zeiz village indicates that I'zeiz residents depend on livestock rearing and dairy production. The data indicates that around 90% of the households rear and keep domestic animals. In total there are about 3,000 goats and 900 sheep in addition to there being 2 poultry farms with approximately 10,000 birds.

Map 3: Land use/land cover in I'zeiz Village



Institutions and Services

I'zeiz is a small rural village; it has no public institutions and residents receive most of their services from Yatta city. However, there is a village project committee that was established in 2004, with four members.

Infrastructure and Natural Resources

- **Telecommunication Services:** Until today I'zeiz village is not connected to the telecommunication network.
- **Water Services:** The village has not been connected to a water network. Cisterns and water tanks provide alternative water resources. In addition to an existing water spring in the village also utilized for human use, the village also possesses a reservoir with a capacity of 60 cubic meters. However, the village faces several problems regarding water sufficiency. These include the unavailability of a water network.
- **Electricity Networks:** I'zeiz village has been connected to an electricity network since 2005, supplied by the South Electricity Company. However, some areas still suffer the lack of electricity since the network does not cover the entire village, and provides weak electricity current.
- **Sewage Disposal Facilities:** There is no sewage network in the village. All housing units in I'zeiz rely on cesspits.
- **Solid Waste Collection Services:** There is no solid waste management system in the village, and residents dispose the generated solid waste on random burning sites.
- **Transportation Facilities:** There are about 7,500 m of roads in I'zeiz village: 4,500 m are main roads of which 3,000 m are surfaced and paved, 1,500 m are internal roads which are not surfaced and 1,500 m are agricultural roads. There are six informal taxis serving the village and sometimes residents are required to travel on foot to reach some places.

Impact of the Israeli Occupation

I'zeiz village is subject to Israeli closure procedures, the village is near to Israeli checkpoints, one on the road leading to the Israeli settlement Swesa and the other on the road of Israeli military base.

Development Plans and Projects

Village officials note that I'zeiz project committee has implemented two projects in the village, one is the paving of a road funded by the Islamic Bank and the second is the restoration of I'zeiz spring and construction of water pumps funded by the Hydrology Group.

Locality Development Priorities and Needs

According to I'zeiz village project committee, the village has suffered from shortages in many infrastructural and service requirements. Table 3 below summarizes development priorities and needs in the village.

Table 3: Development priorities and needs for I'zeiz village						
No.	Sector	Strongly Needed	Needed	Moderately Needed	Not Needed	Notes
Infrastructural Needs						
1	Opening and Pavement of Roads	*				5,500 m
2.	Construction of New Water Networks	*				1 km
3	Rehabilitation of Old Water Networks				*	
4	Construction of Water Reservoirs		*			500 m ³
5	Extending the Water Network to cover New Built up Areas		*			1.5 km
6	Construction of Sewage Disposal Network	*				
Health Needs						
1	Building of New Clinics or Health Care Centre	*				
2	Rehabilitation of Old Clinics or Health Care Centres				*	
3	Purchasing of Medical Equipments and Tools				*	
Educational Needs						
1	Building of New Schools	*				Elementary
2	Rehabilitation of Old Schools				*	
3	Purchasing of New Equipments for Schools			*		
Agriculture Needs						
1	Rehabilitation of Agricultural lands		*			100 dunums
2	Building Cisterns		*			15
3	Construction of Barracks for Livestock			*		5
4	Veterinary Services		*			
5	Seeds and Hay for Animals		*			
6	Rehabilitation of Greenhouses				*	
7	Field Crops Seeds		*			
8	Plants and Agricultural Supplies		*			

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