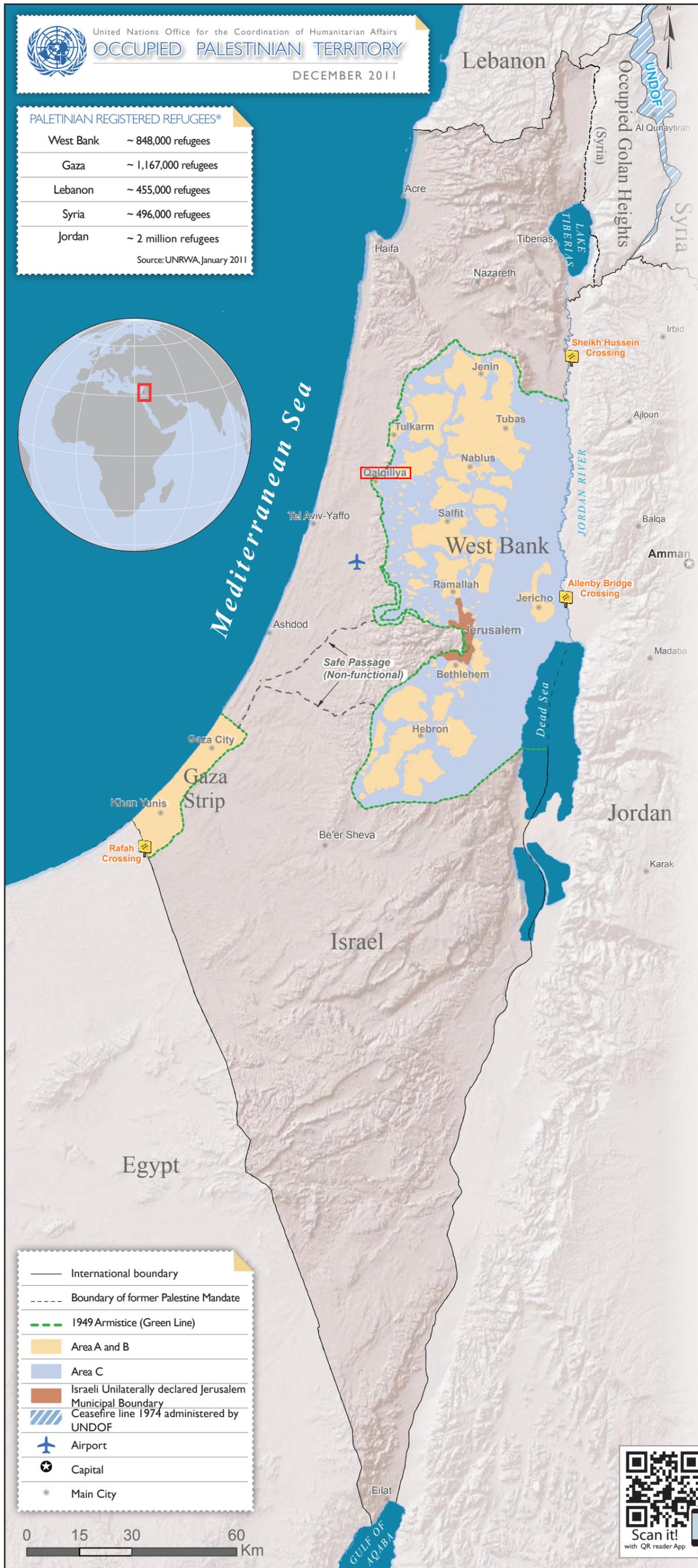




**PALESTINIAN REGISTERED REFUGEES\***

West Bank	~ 848,000 refugees
Gaza	~ 1,167,000 refugees
Lebanon	~ 455,000 refugees
Syria	~ 496,000 refugees
Jordan	~ 2 million refugees

Source: UNRWA, January 2011



Palestinian civilians living in the occupied Palestinian territory (oPt) continue to bear the brunt of ongoing conflict and Israeli occupation. A lack of respect for international humanitarian and human rights law has resulted in a protection crisis with serious and negative humanitarian consequences.

In the Gaza Strip, Israel continues to impose a land, sea and air blockade that has significantly undermined livelihoods, seriously diminished the quality of, and access to, basic services, and which amounts to collective punishment of the population of the Gaza Strip.

In the West Bank, East Jerusalem is isolated from the rest of the West Bank. Communities in Area C face a range of pressures, including demolitions, settler violence, and movement and access restrictions, that make meeting basic needs increasingly difficult and threaten Palestinian presence in the area. Bedouin and herder communities are particularly vulnerable. Unlawful Israeli settlement activity lies at the heart of many of the humanitarian difficulties facing Palestinians in the West Bank.

Overall, the lack of accountability for violations of human rights and humanitarian law, along with a failure to effectively enforce the rule of law when it comes to attacks on Palestinians and their property by Israeli military forces or Israeli settlers, has created a climate of impunity that contributes to further violence.

**Key Facts on the oPt**



**4.2 million** Palestinians live in the oPt, with 2.5 million in the West Bank and 1.6 million in the Gaza Strip.



**Nearly 44%** of the oPt population are refugees and nearly 50% is below the age of 18.\*



**38%** of the population of the Gaza Strip and **18.3%** of the West Bank live in poverty.



**33%** of the population of the oPt is food insecure.



**28%** unemployment rate in the Gaza Strip and **20%** in the West Bank



**73 litres/capita/day (l/c/d)** is the average water consumption in the West Bank and **80-90 l/c/d** in the Gaza Strip, below the WHO standard of 100 l/c/d.



**5.8 persons** is the average Palestinian household size in the oPt.



**500,000 Israeli settlers** live in 150 settlements and 100 outposts in the West Bank, in contravention of international law.

The oPt population is only 38% of the global Palestinian population, projected at 11.2 million people, approximately 44% of which are refugees registered with the UN. Outside the oPt, 1.4 million Palestinians live in Israel, 5 million live in Arab countries and 640,000 in other parts of the world.

\*Source: PCBS



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