OCHA Concept Note: 2013 Community Profile Project

1 February 2013

1.   Introduction

Accurate and up-to-date baseline information about the humanitarian situation in State of Palestine (oPt) communities is essential for effective humanitarian coordination, programming and advocacy, as well as development work. Problems have arisen in the past from duplication of data collection efforts, inconsistent or incomplete information, incompatible data sets and insufficient trend and pattern analyses. To ensure the availability of useful baseline information for coordination, programming and advocacy purposes, OCHA and UNRWA in 2008 conducted a "vulnerability study." A more comprehensive "community profile study" was conducted in 2009-2010 (2010 CPP).[1] This concept note outlines objectives, methodology and an intended course of work for completing an updated, improved and more accessible 2013 Community Profile Project (2013 CPP).

2.   Objectives, Scope and Methodology for the 2013 CPP

OCHA will lead efforts to update existing Community Profiles to ensure the availability of useful baseline information about communities of concern in the West Bank.

2.1 *Scope and Objectives*

To the extent feasible, all communities with any part of their built-up area in Area C will be included in the 2013 CPP. The 2013 CPP's overall goal, as before, will be to compile and make available to oPt humanitarian and developmental actors baseline information about vulnerable West Bank communities, and thereby to inform and assist optimal humanitarian coordination, programming and advocacy, as well as development work. Specifically, the study will aim to:

- Survey the complete set of Palestinian communities situated in Area C to assemble associated baseline data including location, evident vulnerabilities indices, community type and estimated population;
- Collate, analyze and make baseline data available, as appropriate, with the aim of increasing understanding of humanitarian needs, vulnerabilities and risks faced by affected communities;
- Develop internal analysis and advocacy materials, including a possible special focus report, based on the 2013 CPP's findings, highlighting key concerns and providing policy recommendations, as appropriate.

The 2013 CPP will include only limited cluster/sector specific flagging indicators and will <u>not</u> eliminate the need for detailed project, cluster and sector specific needs assessments in communities of concern.

2.2 *Methodology, data collection, verification, analysis and output*

Fieldworkers will complete a 2013 CPP Questionnaire form for each community (latest draft questionnaire form attached as Annex II). Questionnaire data will be obtained by interviewing key informants in more than 500 Area C communities. OCHA aims to partner with the Palestinian Authority's Ministry of Local Government (MoLG) and other possible UN entities and humanitarian actors to facilitate and optimize field data collection. Existing data, including PCBS population statistics, satellite imagery, GPS coordinates, 2010 CPP and cluster/sector needs assessments data will be provided to field workers to aid their work. ARIJ and PCBS[2] currently are engaged in related work and will be consulted by OCHA, as will the Palestinian Authority's Ministry of Planning and Development and the World Bank. OCHA also will develop a methodology note and provide advance training for field workers, and will delegate field collection duties among fieldwork partners. Additionally, OCHA has

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[1] *See* Annex 1 for a more detailed history of the 2008 Vulnerability Study and 2010 Community Profile Project.
[2] PCBS currently is in the midst of analyzing Area C satellite imagery to estimate Area C population. This project's completion date appears to be far off, however.

designed an online interface for field data entry and will verify, test, analyze and summarize collected data. Finally, and bearing confidentiality concerns in mind, OCHA will make the 2013 CPP dataset available to relevant partners, including with possible graphics or as a database. Outputs may include both a key findings report and graphic presentation materials for the 2013 CPP results.

3. 2013 CPP Workplan

Upon agreement with all participating parties, a final work plan with a complete timetable and distribution of responsibilities will be circulated. In broad preliminary outline, the 2013 CPP project will unfold in three phases:

- First phase (February 2013) - OCHA will: (i) elicit assistance from potential partners (including MoLG with whom a meeting is scheduled mid-month), (ii) provide methodology training for fieldworkers and (iii) distribute the finalized 2013 CPP questionnaire, existing community specific data, satellite imagery and a master list of Area C communities from which field teams will collect data;

- Second phase (February – April 2013) - OCHA, together with identified partner teams, will conduct community field visits and interviews and complete a 2013 questionnaire form for each community. A one-day data gathering and reporting pilot will be undertaken as soon as possible with the aim of facilitating any recommended methodology amendments;

- Third phase (ASAP) - The OCHA Information Management Unit will gather, verify and compile the 2013 CPP data into a database against which queries on Area C communities can be made. This CPP database can then be harnessed for further analysis and generation of information products such as graphs, maps, and reports.

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<u>ANNEX I</u>

Background on the 2008 Vulnerability Study, 2010 CPP and discussions to date

The 2008 Vulnerability Study's (2008 VP) objective was to identify key needs and concerns in vulnerable Area C West Bank communities in order to inform humanitarian coordination and programming. OCHA and UNRWA jointly carried out the 2008 VS, which took place prior to activation of the cluster approach in the oPt. While the initial study findings proved useful, concerns relating to data collection and methodology limited further analysis and use of the collected data, as well as more extensive humanitarian and development community sharing.

The 2010 CPP's objective, similar to the prior 2008 VS, was to compile a list of Palestinian communities situated in Area C and to establish a baseline of data and related information about key needs and concerns in the most vulnerable Area C communities. This baseline information was to be assembled into an accessible format to help inform humanitarian actors and to assist in coordination, programme design and advocacy. Building on experience gained from the 2008 VS, the 2010 CPP aimed to expand the then existing OCHA baseline data set, while also improving data collection, verification and analysis processes.[3] OCHA assumed responsibility for survey design, data verification, analysis, storage and distribution, while OCHA and UNRWA field teams jointly undertook data collection for the 2010 CPP. The entire 2010 CPP process, including design of the questionnaire form, also was coordinated closely with cluster/sector leads and other key partners. All of the communities surveyed for the 2010 CPP (Herding/ Bedouin communities or villages) had more than 50% of their built-up areas situated in Area C of the West Bank.[4] IMU/OCHA assembled the information gathered by the field teams into the 2010 CPP master spreadsheet for the purpose of providing an Area C information baseline that would assist coordinated humanitarian response, including programme design and advocacy. Important 2010 CPP accomplishments were to precisely locate many Area C communities and to include them in OCHA's baseline database.

2010 CPP Methodology and Process
The 2010 survey was conducted in four phases:
- **First phase:** A primary list of Area C communities, associated with basic administrative and spatial information, was created based on GIS analysis provided by IMU/OCHA. Accordingly, each community was given a PCODE and X; Y coordinates, from which IMU built a geographic database;
- **Second phase:** OCHA created a questionnaire based on discussions internally and among clusters and partners;
- **Third Phase:** OCHA field teams, together with UNRWA operations support (OSO) teams, conducted field visits and interviews with community representatives and completed questionnaires;
- **Fourth phase:** IMU processed and analyzed data collected in the questionnaires and compiled it into the 2010 CPP master spreadsheet.

2010 CPP Challenges and Shortcomings
- The 2010 survey excluded communities with less than 50% percent of their built-up areas in Area C without regard to available data suggesting that some excluded communities are very vulnerable;

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[3] The 2010 CPP's timing was influenced by a 2009 request from the Palestinian Authority (PA), which had been granted USD 20 million of emergency funding to address urgent humanitarian needs but lacked sufficient information to identify and prioritize such needs.

[4] The 2010 CPP survey collected information from 234 communities based on field visits and interviews with community representatives. Of these 234 communities, 83 are situated in the north, 65 in the center and 86 in the south of the West Bank.

- The 2010 survey excluded West Bank communities situated in Areas A and B whose probable, or only possible, areas for natural expansion and development are situated in Area C;
- The 2010 survey did not follow sufficiently clear methodology and failed to identify and elicit data for important baseline indicators that could serve the 2010 CPP's baseline data collection and collation objectives;
- Some field work followed inconsistent data collection methods;
- Consultation with other humanitarian actors and potential data sources (e.g. PCBS, clusters) was somewhat limited in the overall 2010 CPP workflow.

In December 2011 OCHA decided to update and expand from the 2010 CPP to ensure optimal availability of baseline information about communities of concern, as the 2010 CPP had aimed to do. Rather than embark upon an entirely new data collection process at the field level, it was agreed to review recent needs assessments and other studies with a view to first updating the existing data set with available information. In mid-November 2012 it was agreed to conduct a more comprehensive review of the process in order to reevaluate the scope of inquiry, to formulate an improved methodology and to draft a work plan for proceeding with an improved 2013 CPP.

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COMMUNITY PROFILE PROJECT   2013

Assessment date :				
Assessing agencies:				
Assessor names :				

A. BASIC INFORMATION

A.1 LOCATION

1. Community name	**2.** Main Community	**3.** Governorate	**4.** GPS		**5.** PCBS/OCHA (P-Code)
			X	Y	

6. Local Government Unit/ Village council	**7.** Type of community		**8.** Is the Community Bedouin?
	☐ City/ Town ☐ Village	☐ Refugee Camp ☐ Hamlet/ encampment	☐Yes ☐ No

A.2 COMMUNITY CONTACTS

9.1 Name of key informant (s)	**9.2** Position	**9.3** Tel 1	**9.3.1** Tel 2	**9.4** Email	**9.5** Gender
Contact 1					
Contact 2					
Contact 3					
Contact 4					
Contact 5					

A.3 POPULATION FOR AREA (C) RESIDENTS

10. Estimated Area (C) Pop.	**11.** Estimated overall community Pop.	**12.** Est. of Households In Area (C)	**13.** Est. Of Households in the overall community	**14.1** Est. Of registered refugees in Area (C)	**14.2** Est. of registered refugee families in Area (C)

B. LAND & LIVELIHOOD FOR AREA (C) RESIDENTS

B.1. LIVELIHOOD FOR AREA (C) RESIDENTS

Livelihood	15.1 Rank main livelihood sources (1 to 3)	15.2 Rank main livelihood sources with **women** present in labour force (1 to 3)	16. Estimated livestock & cultivated land		
Farming					
Herding			_Year_	_16.1 # of sheep & goats_	_16.2 # of cows_	_16.3 Amount of cultivated land (Dunums)_
PA/Public Employment						
Employment in Israeli settlement			_2000_			
Local services						
Other (Specify) _____			_2013_			

17. How were the Area (C) Residents' livelihoods affected by the following factors in the past two years?

17.1 Limited access to land resulting from:

Settlements activities   ☐ Better ☐ Same ☐ worse ☐ Not applicable

Barrier (Construction, prior coordination, permits/agr.gates)   ☐ Better ☐ Same ☐ worse ☐ Not applicable

Closure obstacles (Road blocks, Earthmounds, Road gates)   ☐ Better ☐ Same ☐ worse ☐ Not applicable

Bypass Roads   ☐ Better ☐ Same ☐ worse ☐ Not applicable

Military bases   ☐ Better ☐ Same ☐ worse ☐ Not applicable

Closed Military Areas   ☐ Better ☐ Same ☐ worse ☐ Not applicable

Prior coordination requirements   ☐ Better ☐ Same ☐ worse ☐ Not applicable

17.2 Settler Violence   ☐ Better ☐ Same ☐ worse ☐ Not applicable

17.3 Restrictions on access to market or place of work because of checkpoints/ obstacles   ☐ Better ☐ Same ☐ worse ☐ Not applicable

17.4 Planning and zoning restrictions   ☐ Better ☐ Same ☐ worse ☐ Not applicable

17.5 Military bases/training   ☐ Better ☐ Same ☐ worse ☐ Not applicable

17.6 Other (specify _____)   ☐ Better ☐ Same ☐ worse ☐ Not applicable

18. Status of land (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

☑ Private ownership (individual / communal)
☐ Rented
☐ Not owned but traditional use
☐ Other (specify) _____

C. INFRASTRUCTURE & ACCESS TO SERVICES FOR AREA (C) RESIDENTS

C.1. WATER & SANITATION FOR AREA (C) RESIDENTS

19.1. Is the community connected to the water network?

☐ No ☐ Yes, **irregular** supply ☐ Yes, **regular** supply

19.2. What is the price paid for water per cubic meter? _____ NIS

19.3 Select other sources of water (ranked 1-3)

Rank	Source	
	Water Tanker	
	Rainwater harvesting/domestic collection wells	*COMMENT:*
	Springs	
	Filling point **within** 5Km	
	Filling point **beyond** 5Km	
	Other (specify)_____ _____	

C.2. ELECTRICITY FOR AREA (C) RESIDENTS

20. Is the community connected to the electricity network?

☐ No ☐ Yes, **irregular** supply ☐ Yes, **regular** supply

20.1. What are additional sources of energy? (ranked 1-3)

Rank	Source	
	☐ Diesel generator	
	☐ Sunlight (Solar panels)	
	☐ Kerosene lamps	*COMMENT:*
	☐ none	
	☐ Other (specify)_____ _____	

C.3. PRIMARY EDUCATION (GRADE 1 TO 9) FOR AREA (C) RESIDENTS

22. Is there an elementary school within the <u>overall</u> community?	☐ Yes	**22.1** Located in ☐ Area (A) ☐ Area (B) ☐ Area (C) ☐ East Jer.	**22.2** Are there any problems? (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)	☐ Distance to school Specify (km) _____ ☐ Renovation is needed ☐ Pending demolition /stop work order ☐ Not enough teachers
	☐ No	**22.3** If no, where is the nearest school?		Location(community name): _____ Distance(km): _____ Roundtrip Transport cost (NIS) per student per

			day:_____

23. Are there any obstacles to elementary education access?

☐ Yes ☐ No   **IF NO,** move to question 24

IF Yes, Provide top 3 reasons	**23.2.** If applicable, check any obstacles that are specific for:		
	GIRLS	**TEACHERS and STAFF**	**WOMEN TEACHERS and STAFF**
☐ Distance to school	☐	☐	☐
☐ Lack of/ cost of transportation to school	☐	☐	☐
☐ Closures/checkpoints	☐	☐	☐
☐ Crossing closed military areas	☐	☐	☐
☐ Settler violence	☐	☐	☐
☐ Other (specify)	☐ Other (specify)	☐ Other (specify)	☐ Other (specify)
_____	_____	_____	_____

C.3.1 SECONDARY EDUCATION (GRADE 10 TO 12) FOR AREA (C) RESIDENTS

24. Is there a Secondary school within the <u>overall</u> community?	☐ Yes	**24.1** Located in ☐ Area (A) ☐ Area (B) ☐ Area (C) ☐ East Jer.	**24.2** Are there any problems? (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)	☐ Distance to school Specify (km) _____ ☐ Renovation is needed ☐ Pending demolition /stop work order ☐ Not enough teachers
	☐ No	**24.3** If no, where is the nearest school?		Location(community name): _____ Distance(km): _____ Roundtrip Transport cost (NIS) per student per day:_____

25. Are there any obstacles to secondary education access?

☐ Yes ☐ No   **IF NO,** move to question 26

IF Yes, Provide top 3 reasons	**23.2.** If applicable, check any obstacles that are specific for:		
	GIRLS	**TEACHERS and STAFF**	**WOMEN TEACHERS and STAFF**
☐ Distance to school	☐	☐	☐
☐ Lack of/ cost of transportation to school	☐	☐	☐
☐ Closures/checkpoints	☐	☐	☐
☐ Crossing closed military areas	☐	☐	☐

☐ Settler violence	☐	☐	☐
☐ Other (specify)	☐ Other (specify)	☐ Other (specify)	☐ Other (specify)
_____	_____	_____	_____

C.4. HEALTH SERVICES FOR AREA (C) RESIDENTS

26.1 Location of closest clinic:_____	**26.2**Distance: Specify (km):_____	**26.3** roundtrip transportation cost Specify (NIS):_____

27. 1 Is the community served by a mobile clinic?	☐ Yes ☐ No	**27.2** Mobile Services provider:_____

28.1 Do area(C) community residents face any obstacles to accessing primary health care?	☐ Yes ☐ No

If **Yes,** Provide top 3 reasons	**28.2** If applicable, Check the obstacles that are specific for:			
	Women	**Children**	**Chronically ill people**	**Persons with disabilities**
☐ Distance (specify) _____km	☐	☐	☐	☐
☐ Closures / checkpoints	☐	☐	☐	☐
☐ Cost	☐	☐	☐	☐
☐ Limited opening hours	☐	☐	☐	☐
☐ Lack of skilled staff	☐	☐	☐	☐
☐ Lack of specialized health centre	☐	☐	☐	☐
☐ Not applicable	☐ Not applicable	☐ Not applicable	☐ Not applicable	☐ Not applicable
☐ Other (specify) _____	☐ Other (specify) _____	☐ Other (specify) _____	☐ Other (specify) _____	☐ Other (specify) _____

C.5. SHELTER FOR AREA (C) RESIDENTS

29. Type of structures in the community	Rank (1 to 3)	**29.1.** What are the main problems relating to shelter? (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)	
Zinc		☐ Shelter not weatherproof	
Concrete/ Stone		☐ Shelter threatened with demolition	*Comments:*
Tents		☐ Other Specify _____	
Caves		☐ No problems	
Other (Specify)			

D. SPECIFIC PROTECTION RISKS / CONCERNS FOR AREA (C) RESIDENTS

D.1. TYPES OF PROTECTION RISKS / CONCERNS FOR AREA (C) RESIDENTS

30. What are the current protection concerns? (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

☐	Demolition eviction/ evacuation orders	*Specify:*
☐	Freedom of movement	*Specify:*
☐	Confiscation/requisition of land	*Specify:*
☐	Access to land	*Specify:*
☐	Access to services	*Specify:*
☐	Settler violence	*Specify:*
☐	Military Operations and arrests	*Specify:*

D.2. DEMOLITIONS / EVICTIONS FOR AREA (C) RESIDENTS

31. Does the community **currently** have stop-construction/demolition, eviction or evacuation orders? (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

☐ Stop construction/demolition orders *(both private and public structures)*	Estimated number of stop construction/demolition orders _____ Estimated number of residential houses with demolition orders _____ Estimated number of other structures with demolition orders _____ Estimated number of <u>Donor funded</u> structures with demolition orders _____
☐ Evacuation orders	Estimated number of evacuation orders _____ Estimated area of land affected _____ (Dunums)

Comments:

32.1 Is further legal aid needed? **3.2.2.** Who is providing legal aid to the community at present?	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Private representation (at community expense) ☐ Palestinian Authority ☐ INGO/NGO specify_____ ☐ Other specify_____ ☐ None	*Comments:*
33. Have members of the community experienced any of the following **since the June 1967 occupation**?	☐ Demolitions ☐ Evacuation/Eviction ☐ Involuntarily relocation **within** the community (other than due to demolitions/evictions) ☐ Involuntarily relocation **outside** of the community (other than due to demolitions/evictions) Comments:	

D.3. LANDMINES & UXOs IN AREA (C)

34. Are there any mine fields or suspected dangerous areas (e.g., UXOs) in or near the community?	☐ Yes ☐ No	If yes, is the area fenced and/or marked with warning signs?	☐ Yes ☐ No
35. Have people been injured by landmines and/or UXOs in or near the community **since June 1967 occupation**?	☐ Yes ☐ No	*Comments:*	

D.4 SETTLER VIOLENCE AGAINST AREA (C) RESIDENTS

36. Have community members faced settler violence in the past 2 years?	☐ Yes ☐ No

36.1 If yes, how often? ☐ Daily ☐ Weekly ☐ Monthly ☐ Less frequent	**36.2 What type of violence?**	☐ Physical attacks against persons ☐ Harassment and intimidation ☐ Destruction/damage of trees / crops / other agr.structures ☐ Settler trespassing /takeover of property ☐ Blocked access to land ☐ Other Property damage

37. Have community members or organizations representing them filed complaints with Israeli Authorities in relation to settler violence?

☐ Always   ☐ In most cases   ☐ Occasionally   ☐ Never

38. Are you aware of any action taken by the Israeli Authorities in response to settler violence?	☐ Yes ☐ No

E. SUPPORT RECEIVED BY AREA (C) RESIDENTS DURING THE LAST 2 YEARS

39. Has the community received any humanitarian assistance in the last 2 years?

Organization	Type of Assistance	Date of last Intervention
Comments:		

F. ANALYSIS / SUMMARY (*completed by surveyor*)

40. What follow-up is needed from sectors/clusters?

Cluster / sector	Brief description of needed intervention	Priority
☐ Agriculture		☐ *Low* ☐ *Medium* ☐ *High*
☐ Education		☐ *Low* ☐ *Medium* ☐ *High*
☐ WASH		☐ *Low* ☐ *Medium* ☐ *High*
☐ Food / nutrition		☐ *Low* ☐ *Medium* ☐ *High*

☐ Health		☐ *Low*	☐ *Medium*	☐ *High*
☐ Protection		☐ *Low*	☐ *Medium*	☐ *High*
☐ Shelter		☐ *Low*	☐ *Medium*	☐ *High*
☐ Other		☐ *Low*	☐ *Medium*	☐ *High*

G. **GENERAL COMMENTS (***completed by surveyor***)**

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Verified by: _____