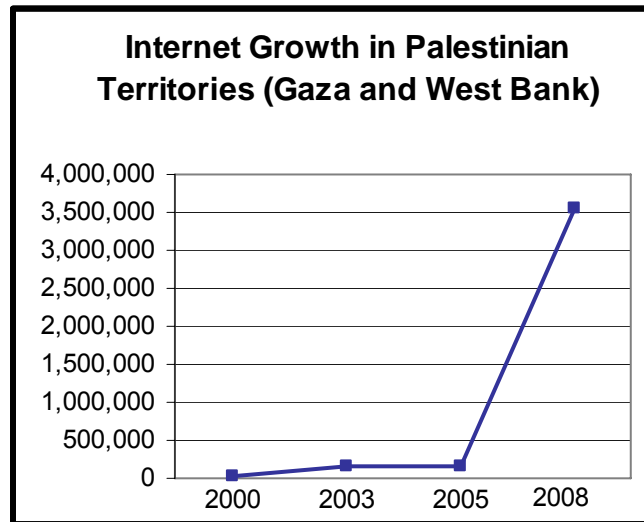## Palestinian eHealth Data Brief

Web Usage

- As of March 2008, there were 355,500 Internet users in the Palestinian Territories.
- According to the International Telecommunications Union (ITU), about 14% of the population in 2008 accessed the Internet in the Palestinian Territories.
- While the percent of Palestinians with an Internet connection is still low compared to the Western world, the number is growing rapidly—it almost tripled from 2005 to 2008, going from 5% to 14%.

Internet Growth in Palestinian Territories (Gaza and West Bank)

Source: http://www.internetworldstats.com/middle.htm#ps (accessed October 5, 2008)

Top Web Sites

According to Alexa, the top 15 sites in the Palestinian Territories are:

1. Google
2. Windows Live
3. Yahoo
4. YouTube
5. Microsoft Network (MSN)
6. Maktoob.com: Largest Arab Online Community with the most famous email service as well as bilingual Arabic and English online community services. maktoob.com
7. Facebook
8. Maan News Agency
9. (google.com.sa) السعودية جوجل
10. RapidShare: Users can upload up to 100 meg files for sharing. Provides downloads of 100 megs per hour on the free service. Premium service also available.
11. Palestine Press Agency (palpress.ps)
12. (kooora.com) كوورة
13. Panet.co.il
14. Microsoft Corporation
15. Paldf.net

Source: http://www.alexa.com/site/ds/top_sites?cc=PS&ts_mode=country&lang=none (accessed October 6, 2008)

Additionally, several social media sites* made the top sites list, including:

4. YouTube

7. Facebook

10. RapidShare

23. Jeeran: An online community for free hosting, blogging, file storage, and instant. messaging.

24. PerfSpot: Social and business networking.

25. Wikipedia

26. Blogger.com

34. Tagged: Tagged.com is one of the top social networking sites in the world.

43. Hi5: One of the world's largest social networks

44. Metacafe: A site that promises to serve the world's best videos. Offers incentives for user generated content.

*Please note: Several of the sites were not written in English, so there maybe region-specific social media sites not listed here.

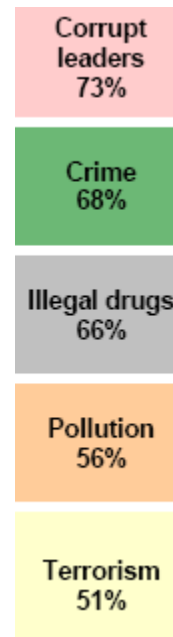Source: http://www.alexa.com/site/ds/top_sites?cc=PS&ts_mode=country&lang=none (accessed October 6, 2008)

Broadband Use

As of September 2007, the ITU reported 25,800 broadband Internet connections in the Palestinian Territories.

Source: http://www.internetworldstats.com/middle.htm#ps (accessed October 5, 2008)

Health Information

- When the Pew Global Attitudes Project asked about the most important problems facing their families today in their survey, almost all of the countries sampled chose economic concerns more than health-related concerns (2007). However, 10% of Palestinians ranked health as one of their most pressing concerns.

- Likewise, the issues cited as being very big problems included terrorism, illegal drugs, crime, pollution, and spread of HIV and other infectious diseases.

  Source: http://pewglobal.org/reports/pdf/259.pdf (accessed October 6, 2008)

- In the same survey, participants were asked to rank the most important public health priorities for the government. The results for the Palestinian Territories are on the right.

Corrupt leaders	73%
Crime	68%
Illegal drugs	66%
Pollution	56%
Terrorism	51%

Mobile

- In 2007, Pew reported that 68% of adults own mobile phones in the Palestinian Territories (see table in Israel mobile section below).
- The ITU reported that phone use has grown dramatically from 2002 to 2007--with a 26% increase.
- Mobile phones account for three-quarters of all telephone subscriptions in the Palestinian Territories.

Source: http://www.itu.int/ITU-D/icteye/Reporting/ShowReportFrame.aspx?ReportName=/WTI/CellularSubscribersPublic&RP_intYear=2007&RP_intLanguageID=1 (accessed October 6, 2008)