



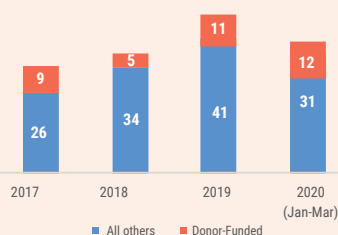
HIGHLIGHTS

- Halt in demolitions of inhabited homes during COVID-19 emergency.
- Concern over ongoing demolition of hygiene-related structures.
- 16 aid structures, including EU-funded, were demolished or seized.

OVERVIEW

STRUCTURES DEMOLISHED/SEIZED

Monthly Averages



MARCH FIGURES

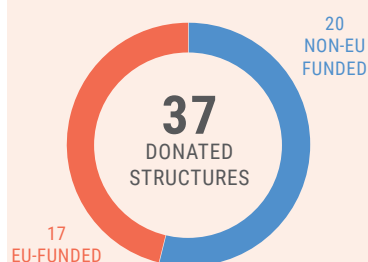
STRUCTURES TARGETED

East Jerusalem	4
Area C	37
Area B	1
Area A	1

PEOPLE IMPACTED

Displaced	31
Affected	260

ASSISTANCE DEMOLISHED/SEIZED IN 2020



In March, the Israeli authorities demolished or seized 43 Palestinian-owned structures, displacing 31 people and otherwise affecting the livelihoods, or access to services, of 260 others. All but two structures were located in Area C or East Jerusalem and were targeted due to a lack of building permits, which are nearly impossible for Palestinians to obtain.

While the number of structures targeted in March is similar to the figure for February (44), the share of inhabited residential structures declined (16 vs. 7) as did the number of people displaced (79 vs. 31).

This decline is attributed to the Israeli authorities' decision to suspend demolitions of inhabited homes during the current COVID-19 emergency, adopted sometime over the course of March. Despite this positive measure, the continuous targeting of other structures, particularly water and hygiene-related structures, is of growing concern due to its negative impact on the efforts of already vulnerable communities to prevent the spread of the pandemic.

On 4 March, the Israeli authorities demolished or seized four donor-funded structures in the Beit Jala town (Bethlehem), including a mobile latrine, a day before a full lockdown of the area was declared by the Palestinian Prime Minister in the context of a State of Emergency. Another two mobile latrines were demolished during the month in Za'tara village (also in Bethlehem) and in the Ein ar Rashash Bedouin community (Ramallah), while in the former community a water tank was also damaged during the incident.

In Ibziq (Tubas), a herding community located in an area declared a closed 'firing zone' for military training, the Israeli military demolished one home and seized eight tents provided as humanitarian aid. Four of these tents were intended to be used as temporary shelters during evacuations for Israeli military trainings and the other four for a mosque and a clinic. During the incident, the Israeli forces requisitioned another six donor-funded disinfectant sprayers provided to mitigate the risk of COVID-19.

Overall, 16 of the structures targeted this month, all in Area C, had been previously provided as humanitarian assistance, including four funded by the EU and its member states, worth nearly 5,000 euros. An additional three EU-funded structures, at a value of over 3,000 euros, were served with demolition or stop-work orders.

The use of Military Order 1797, which allows for the expedited removal of unlicensed structures deemed as “new”, decreased this month, with only two structures demolished on these grounds in Deir Ballut (Salfit), compared with 11 structures last month.

In East Jerusalem, four structures were demolished this month, well below the figure for February (24), and the monthly average for 2019 (17). Two of these structures, both located on the ‘West Bank side’ of the Barrier, were self-demolished by their owners, compared with 10 in January and 16 in February.

On 5 March, the Israeli authorities punitively demolished two homes in At Tira and Bir Zeit (Ramallah), displacing six people. The homes are owned by Palestinians arrested on charges of abetting an attack on 23 August 2019, in which a 17-year-old Israeli girl was killed and two other Israelis were injured.

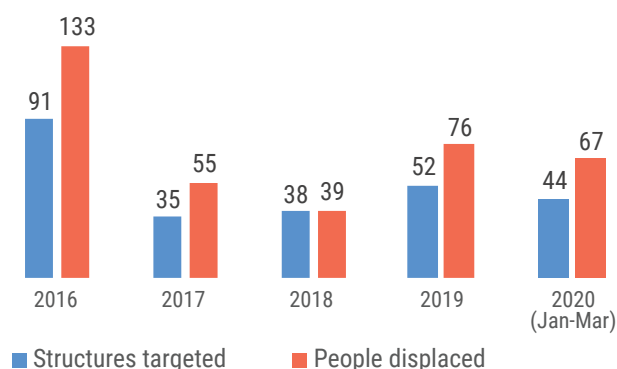
WEST BANK DEMOLITIONS / SEIZURES / SEALINGS – MARCH 2020

	Structures demolished	People displaced*		People Affected**	
		All	Children	All	Children
East Jerusalem	4	12	8	35	12
Area C	37	13	4	221	102
Area A	1	3	1	4	2
Area B	1	3	0	0	0
TOTAL	43	31	13	260	116

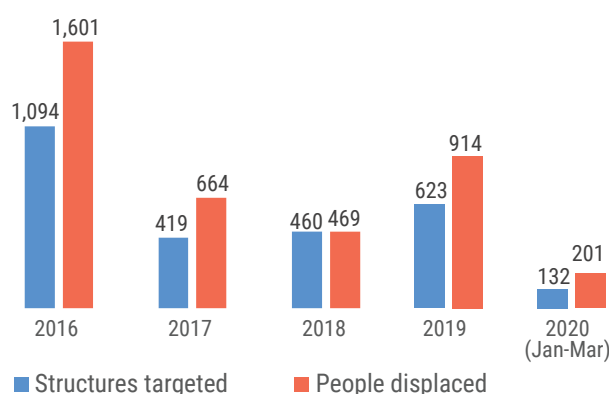
* Includes all people who had a structure used as their habitual place of residence demolished.

** 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.

MONTHLY AVARAGES OF STRUCTURES TARGETED AND PEOPLE DISPLACED



TOTAL STRUCTURES TARGETED AND PEOPLE DISPLACED



DEMOLITION/SEIZURE OF DONOR-FUNDED STRUCTURES - MARCH 2020

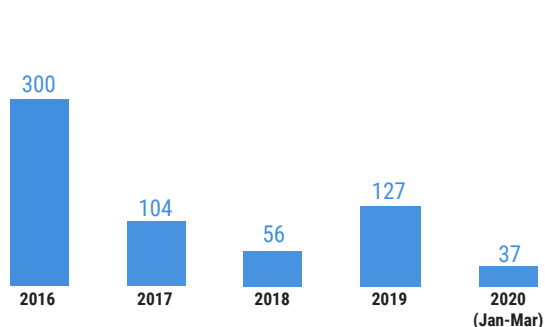
Date	Community	Governorate	Type of structure	Number of structures	Type of incident	Estimated cost in euros
26 March	Ein ad Duyuk at Tahta	Jericho	Metal shed	1	Demolition	1,360
26 March	Ibziq	Tubas	Tents, Agricultural battery ("Back") sprayers*	8	Seizure	N/A
26 March	Deir Ballut	Salbit	Water cistern	1	Demolition	N/A
9 March	Ein ar Rashash	Ramallah	Residential tent, mobile latrine	2	Demolition & Seizure	N/A
4 March	Beit Jala	Bethlehem	Residential tent, agricultural shed, mobile latrine, solar panel	4	Demolition/Seizure	3,007
Total				16		4,367

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

Date	Community	Governorate	Type of structure	Number of structures	Type of incident	Estimated cost in Euros
8 March	Khirbet ar Ras al Ahmar	Tubas	Residential tent, livelihood tent	2	Stop-work order	1,850
4 March	Battir	Bethlehem	Metal shed	1	Verbal warning	1,368
Total				3		3,218

TARGETED DONOR-FUNDED STRUCTURES

TOTALS



MONTHLY AVERAGES

