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### The impact of Gaza War and the Closure of Main Crossings on the Construction Sector in Bethlehem Governorate

During the third week of the war on Gaza, Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce and Industry conducted a survey to gather opinions from a sample of members in the construction sector, including 36 members, representing 52.9% of the study population of 68 members registered within the Chamber's general assembly. The table below illustrates the establishments surveyed, their locations, and the impact of the war on the workforce:

No.	City	Work within 48 Territories	Work within West Bank	Number of Workers Before the War	Number of Workers After the War	Percentage of workforce Decrease	Decline in Construction Sector
1	Al-Khader	Yes	No	30	4	87%	100%
2	Al-Khader	No	Yes	28	28	0%	20%
3	Al-Khader	Yes	No	30	0	100%	100%
4	Doha	Yes	No	55	0	100%	100%
5	Doha	Yes	No	47	0	100%	100%
6	Doha	Yes	No	1	0	100%	100%
7	Al-Ubaidiya	No	Yes	4	0	100%	70%
8	Al-Manshiya	Yes	No	20	0	100%	100%
9	Beit Jala	Yes	No	18	0	100%	100%
10	Beit Jala	No	Yes	45	25	44.4%	20%
11	Beit Jala	No	Yes	12	12	0%	20%
12	Beit Sahour	No	Yes	8	8	0%	60%
13	Beit Sahour	No	Yes	30	15	50%	40%
14	Beit Sahour	Yes	No	10	0	100%	100%
15	Beit Sahour	No	Yes	20	0	100%	100%
16	Beit Sahour	No	Yes	2	2	0%	60%
17	Bethlehem	No	Yes	10	2	80%	70%
18	Bethlehem	No	Yes	3	3	0%	50%
19	Bethlehem	Yes	Yes	100	0	100%	100%
20	Bethlehem	Yes	No	20	0	100%	100%
21	Bethlehem	Yes	Yes	8	1	70%	80%
22	Bethlehem	No	Yes	10	3	70%	50%
23	Bethlehem	Yes	No	25	0	100%	100%
24	Bethlehem	Yes	No	3	0	100%	100%
25	Bethlehem	Yes	No	9	0	100%	100%
26	Bethlehem	Yes	No	22	0	100%	100%
27	Bethlehem	Yes	No	1	0	100%	100%
28	Bethlehem	No	Yes	5	1	80%	90%
29	Tuqu	Yes	Yes	100	0	100%	100%
30	Husan	Yes	No	100	0	100%	100%
31	Husan	Yes	No	70	0	100%	100%



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32	Za'tara	Yes	No	14	0	100%	100%
33	Za'tara	No	Yes	5	0	100%	100%
34	Duhaisheh Camp	No	Yes	20	15	25%	50%
35	Nahalin	Yes	No	500	0	100%	100%
36	Hindaza	Yes	No	12	0	100%	100%

**The above table shows:**

1. The number of those surveyed and working within 48 territories marked up 19 members, representing 52.8%, while those working within the West Bank totaled 14 members, representing 38.9%, and those working in both 48 territories and the West Bank constitute 8.3% of the sample with 3 members.
2. The table indicates a significant decrease in the total workforce by 78.4% due to the war on Gaza.
3. The table highlights an 82.8% decline in the construction sector,

**Establishment owners cited several primary reasons for this decline, including:**

- Inability to enter 48 territories for workers and difficulties in transferring the workforce and equipment to Bethlehem Governorate due to the military closure.
- Inability to move between cities and other governorates. exacerbated by increased prices of concrete and transportation, as stated by those surveyed.
- Returned checks and a lack of liquidity for contractors.

**Note: The Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce and Industry retains detailed responses from the sample included in the study.**