Discharge points of cesspits:

Intensive, will affect water quality specially for shallow aquifers such as Pleistocene in Jericho, Eocene in Jenin and Quaternary in Qalqilya and Tulkarem.
Characterized by diversity of pollutants from the solid wastes

Location of dumping sites

The Environmental Challenge
The socio-economic and governance challenge

**Economy Level** *(since September 2000)*

- 38% decline in Gross National Income (GNI).
- Unemployment that reached 37% (and even higher).
- Real per capita income is 46% lower.
- Poverty is affecting 60% of the population.
- Imports and exports are down by one-third.
- Investments are down by 60%.

In these circumstances, agriculture plays the most important role to provide subsistence livelihoods and essentials. However, agriculture is constrained by the overall limitations on land and water resources.