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The Majority of the World Population are Willing to Get Vaccinated, but Won't Travel

In the latest global public opinion poll about the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) with the participation of the Palestinian Center for Public Opinion (PCPO) under the supervision of Dr. Nabil Kukali in cooperation with the Worldwide Independent Network of Market Research (WIN), the following results have been established:



Dr. Kukali

- **(65.4%) of the Palestinian public support to various degrees the taking of the Coronavirus (Covid-19) vaccine.**
- **(73.9%) highly rated the performance of the Palestinian government in dealing with the Coronavirus (Covid-19) epidemic.**
- **(48.8%) are optimistic about traveling abroad to countries around the world in 2021.**

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The most recent global public opinion survey has been conducted by the Worldwide Independent Network of Market Research, (WIN International), a global network that conducts market research and public opinion polls on every continent, in which the State of Palestine is represented by the Palestinian Center for Public Opinion founded and managed by Dr. Nabil

Kukali since 1994 as one of the leading centers for public opinion polls, political, economic, social and scientific research.

The survey has been conducted in **33 countries** around the world between October 21 and December 15, 2020 using CAWI / online survey methods to explore the opinions and beliefs of **28,248 respondents** on the Corona-virus pandemic. The margin of error for the survey ranges between 4.4 and 2.5 at 95% confidence level. The global average was calculated according to the adult population included in the countries surveyed. The survey analyzes the different opinions and perspectives related to the vaccine, the way governments have dealt with the health crisis, the capacity of national health systems, and the likelihood of travel in 2021. **In the following, Dr. Nabil Kukali presents the translation of the report and results of the global survey as it came from the Worldwide Independent Network of Market Research (WIN):**

The Vaccine

Globally, the vast majority of people are interested in finding a vaccine against corona-virus. In this regard, 7 out of 10 people said they agree to be vaccinated against this virus, an interest that does not differ when considering gender or different age ranges. However, when considering the educational level and occupation of the interviewee, those with the lowest level of education and those who are unemployed expressed less interest in getting vaccinated.

Among the regions, APAC (80%¹) has the highest number of population willing to be vaccinated, with Vietnam (98%), China (91%) and India (91%) being the three countries that lead the world ranking. On the other hand, in countries such as **Palestine (65.4 %)**, Serbia (62%²), Croatia (59%), France (56%) and Lebanon (56%), the vast majority of the population is still not convinced to get vaccinated.

Considering that each country has to get a minimum of 65% vaccine take up to achieve herd immunity, there is important work to be done in terms of information and awareness to convince especially those people who say that they probably won't get vaccinated (17%), a percentage that varies among countries. It is important to consider that still 12% of the respondents don't want to receive the vaccine against Covid-19.

¹ Definitely + Probably get vaccinated

² Definitely + Probably won't get vaccinated

Governments and the Health System

The APAC region stands out again when it comes to positively evaluating the way in which the government handled the pandemic crisis (73%³) and the capacity of the health system (79%). The countries that best evaluated both institutions are China and Vietnam with scores that exceeded 90% approval, while Poland (81%⁴), Spain (72%), **Palestine (73.9 %)**, Lebanon (72%) and Ecuador (70%) harshly evaluated the actions of their governments. When rating their health system, Poland (87%) and Ecuador (78%) come up again among the countries who gave a stricter evaluation, followed by Perú with a rating of 70% (rather badly + very badly).

Travelling in 2021

Regarding the possibility of travelling abroad in 2021, either for holidays or work, 65% and 77% see it as unfeasible respectively⁵. However, there are certain countries with a greater predisposition to travel: at the top of the list there are India and Nigeria with scores above 50%. China reports one of the highest level of people willing to vaccinate and at the same time the lowest level of intention to travel next year.

Vilma Scarpino, President of WIN International Association, said:

“This survey is a valuable tool to anticipate the pandemic scenario in 2021. The willingness to get vaccinated is an evidence of the strong desire of getting back to normal, considering that citizens in many countries lack of confidence in their health system. In 2021, people will be more cautious and are not planning to travel yet. Based on these results, it will be interesting to see how the predisposition to get vaccinated and travel will change in the first months of the 2021.”

Mrs. Scarpino further added that the Worldwide Independent Network of Market Research, (WIN International) is a global network that conducts market research and opinion polls on every continent. The (WIN) has demonstrated in past years broad competencies and capacity to conduct multi-country surveys according to the highest standards demanded by the market. The association's accumulated experience is enormous. Among the research topics are gender equality and youth, communication and media research. She has indicated that the network's

³ Very well + Pretty good

⁴ Rather badly + Very badly

⁵ Not very likely + Not likely at all

assets are: **1- Intellectual leadership:** access to a group of the most prominent experts and businessmen in the field of market research, surveys and consulting **2- Flexibility:** global and local solutions specifically designed to meet customer needs **3- Innovation:** Access to the latest consultations Strategy, development of branded tools and solutions **4- Local Experts:** Access a network of experts who truly understand local culture, market and business needs. **5- Trust:** Highest quality for talented members in all countries covered.

As for the Palestinian territories specifically, Dr. Nabil Kukali said that the results of this poll were as follows:

Coronavirus vaccine:

(32.9%) of the Palestinian public assert that they will take the vaccine when it is available in the Palestinian territories, (32.5%) said that they might take the vaccine, (25.8%) said that they might not take the vaccine, while (8.9%) of them said that they refuse to be vaccinated.

The dealing of the Palestinian government with the Covid-19 epidemic:

In response to the question *"How do you rate the way the Palestinian government has dealt with the Coronavirus (Covid-19) epidemic?"* (27.2%) said "excellent", (46.7%) "very well", (16.9%) "somewhat bad", (5.8%) "very bad", and (3.4%) answered "I don't know."

The capacity of the Palestinian healthcare system: Responding to the question *"How do you rate the capacity of the health care system in the territories in dealing with the Coronavirus (Covid-19) epidemic?"* (13.8%) said "excellent", (38.8%) "very well", (31.3%) "somewhat bad", (12.4%) "very bad" and (3.6%) replied, "I don't know."

Adherence to the government's decision:

In response to the question, *"The Palestinian government plans to impose a comprehensive closure as part of precautionary measures to prevent the spread of Corona virus. To what extent would you agree or disagree with this measure?"*, (37.4%) said "I wouldn't agree with it", (36.5%) "I would, to some extent, agree with it" (26.1%) "I would agree with it".

And in regard to the question, *"The Palestinian government plans to impose a comprehensive closure as part of precautionary measures to prevent the spread of Corona virus. If this decision is*

implemented, will you adhere to it or not?", (43.5%) said "Yes, I will adhere to it" and (56.5%) replied: "I will not adhere to it".

Traveling abroad:

With respect to the question "*To what degree are you likely to travel abroad in 2021 to spend your holidays ?*" (18.8%) said "very likely", (30%) "somehow likely", (22.8%) "not likely", (24.8%) "not likely at all", and (3.6%) said "I don't know."

Regarding the question, "*To what degree are you likely to travel in 2021 outside your country to do business?*", (17.1%) said "very likely", (25.5%) "somewhat likely", (23.9%) "not likely", (27.8%) "It's not likely at all", and (5.7%) said "I do not know."

To view the latest polls of the Palestinian Center for Public Opinion, you can visit our website:

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