

13. Why do we observe a preponderance of women in some villages engaged in wage labour, and a scarcity in others? This is a problem requiring further inquiry. From the available data there does not seem to be a relationship between the amount of poverty in the village and the number of women engaged in wage labour. In Ras el-Tin the social conservatism of the Baraghteh clan (i.e. their status claims) may have been a trend-setting example against the employment of village women in Israel or even the neighbouring towns.