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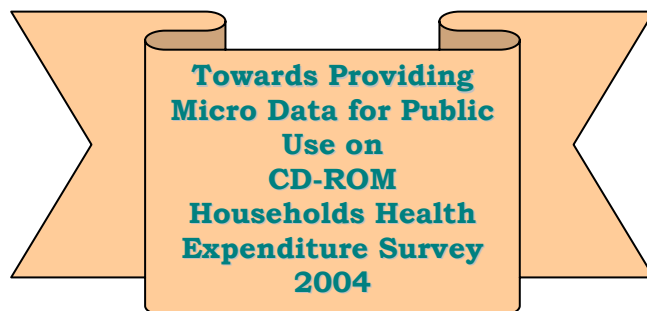
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Out of its mission in its precise scientific mission, the Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS) recently issued a Micro data for public use from Households Health Expenditure Survey (HHES-2004) on CD-ROM. Next to this, the same type of data will be issued on CD-ROM in the near future from other surveys conducted by (PCBS).

Summary about HHES-2004:

The Health Expenditure Survey 2004 is the first national survey of its kind conducted by the Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS), for establishing the basis for national health accounts in the Palestinian Territory.

The survey is designed to collect, analyze and disseminate data on household expenditure on health pertaining to the Palestinian population living in the Palestinian Territory, with a focus on

expenditure on primary, secondary and tertiary health care. The survey also includes other sections and elements, such as basic information on households' monthly income and their source of income.

Importance of providing Micro Data:

The aim of the survey is to collect data on the households expenditure on health in the Palestinian Territory in order to facilitate the creation of National Health Accounts System. The main objectives of the survey are:

- * To evaluate the health services provided.
- * Utilization of health services and health insurance as well.
- * To provide data on the share of households expenditure on health.
- * To provide data on the share of MoH and private sector expenditure on health.

Data Type and Size:

Data are compiled from around 4,014 households.

The sample design took into account the geographic distribution of the household in order to ensure complete coverage of the various localities, e.g. cities, villages and camps, of the Palestinian Territory. Likewise, the sample design took into account the distribution of individuals by gender and age in order to ensure a representative distribution for the sample by the aforementioned indicators.

Micro Data Beneficiaries:

Many parties and institutions are expected to benefit from the database on the Palestinian health status in policy and decision making based on solid scientific bases. Such parties and institutions involve governmental entities and ministries such as

Ministry of Health, Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Planning, researchers, Universities and relevant international organizations (i.e. Italian Cooperation and World Bank).

Data confidentiality:

Data compiled in the context of HHES-2004 involve individual and personal data. The confidentiality of such data is honored and safeguarded in accordance with Article (17) of the Palestinian General Statistical Law of 2000, which stipulates "All individual information and data submitted to the Bureau for statistical purposes shall be treated as confidential and shall not be divulged, in whole or in part, to any individual or to a public or private body, or used for any purpose other than for preparing statistical tables".

How to Obtain Micro Data for Public Use:

The aforementioned database shall be accessible by institutions and individuals. To obtain a copy of Micro data from the HHES - 2004 on a CD-ROM format, interested institutions and individuals should contact the PCBS's *Dissemination and Documentation Dept. / Division of users services* located in the PCBS main office in Al-Bireh:

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