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**Towards Providing
Micro Data for Public
Use on CD-ROM**

**Health Care
Providers and
Beneficiaries Survey
2005**

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 Health Care Providers and Beneficiaries Survey (HCP&BS-2005) 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 HCP&BS-2005:

The Health Care Providers and Beneficiaries Survey 2005 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 general policy of the Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics consists of providing regular up-to-date Palestinian formal statistics, and in making available indispensable statistical information necessary for policy- and decision-makers. Given the lack of comprehensive up-to-date information about the current status of health expenditures in the Palestinian Territory, and the utmost need for such information for health policy and planning purposes, the Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics conducted the *Health Care Providers and Beneficiaries Survey - 2005*, in

close collaboration with the Palestinian Ministry of Health.

Importance of providing Micro Data:

The aim is to provide a comprehensive database that would help establishing a system of National Health Accounts for Palestine. The survey was designed to collect, analyze and disseminate information about the volume and types of health care services provided by the main health care providers in the Palestinian Territory, with a focus on expenditures on these services. The survey attempted as well to assess the quality of care from the patients' perspectives, and the performance of the health care system in satisfying the needs of the population. This survey comes in continuity with the previously accomplished Household Health Expenditure Survey conducted by the Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics in the year 2004. The *Health Care Providers and Beneficiaries Survey - 2005* is the first of its kind conducted by the Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics. It provides information about a set of indicators concerning health care expenditures and health system performance.

Data Type and Size:

Data are compiled from around 982 Health Institutions.

The sample design took into account the geographic distribution of the Institution and the type of activity, number of employees, also the survey data compiled from around 3,265 patients from different health sectors.

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 HCP&BS-2005 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 HCP&BS- 2005 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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