

## **Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS)**

### **Press release about the preliminary results of Cultural Institutions survey – 2010 in the Palestinian Territory**

#### **There are 612 cultural institution in the Palestinian Territory: 476 of which are in the West Bank and 136 in Gaza Strip.**

A comprehensive survey of the cultural institutions in the Palestinian Territory was conducted during the period 09/05/2010 and 20/06/2010.

This survey aims to provide data about the distribution of the cultural institutions in the Palestinian Territory, their locations, as well as the characteristics of their staff, their members, buildings, and type of instruments and cultural materials available. In addition, the survey aims to capture information regarding basic needs regarding constructional requirements, programs, activities, as well as instruments and equipment.

#### **Cultural Centers**

According to the findings of the survey, the number of operational cultural centers in the Palestinian Territory is 472 of which 351 in the West Bank and 121 in Gaza Strip.

The results of the survey also showed that 94.4% of the cultural centers in the Palestinian Territory are managed by administration board (including 95.1% in the West Bank and 92.6% in Gaza Strip).

The results of the survey indicated that 42.2% of the cultural centers in the Palestinian Territory have libraries (41.6% in the West Bank and 43.8% in Gaza Strip) and 75.9% of cultural centers which have libraries provide special section for children. The results also indicated that approximately 39.7% of cultural centers are equipped to receive individuals with special needs (including 39.7% for each of the West Bank and Gaza Strip).

Results indicated that 63.9% of the cultural centers in the Palestinian Territory receive financial or in kind support from local community; where 68.1% for the West Bank and 52.1% for Gaza Strip.

Results also indicated that 62.5% of the cultural centers in the Palestinian Territory occupy rented offices; while 24.6% occupy owned property (23.6% in the West Bank and 27.3% in the Gaza Strip).

#### **Museums**

There are 6 operational museum in the Palestinian Territory (all of which are located in the West Bank). There are 14 persons working in the museums of whom 64.3% are males and 35.7%

females. The findings of the survey also show that 21.4% of museum staff have education level of less than secondary compared with 78.6% of secondary level or higher. In addition, 33.3% of museums in the Palestinian Territory receive financial or in kind support from local community.

### **Radio and Television Stations**

Survey results show that there are 45 operational radio and television station in the West Bank; while there are 11 operational station in the Gaza Strip with little information available about them.

Regarding the type of station in the West Bank, there are 25 operational radio station, 17 operational TV station, and 3 stations that provide TV and radio programs. Also, the results showed that 95.6% of stations produce programs in cooperation with other parties.

There are 450 people working for radio and television stations of whom 70.7% are males and 29.3% females. Results show that 24.3% of the staff in the stations have education level of less than secondary, while 75.8% have education level of secondary or higher.

The results also indicated that 95.6% of stations produce local cultural programs; while 86.0% produce political programs. Also, results showed that 97.7% of stations produce social programs. . In addition, 13.3% of stations in the Palestinian Territory receive financial or in kind support from local community.

### **Public libraries**

There are 65 operating public libraries in the Palestinian Territory including 52 in the West Bank and 13 in Gaza Strip.

The number of workers in public libraries amounted to 140 distributed to 45.7% male and 54.3% females. Survey results showed that 7.1% of public libraries staff have education level of less than secondary and 92.9% have secondary or higher education.

Regarding the use of Information and Communication Technology (ICT), the findings revealed that 69.2% of public libraries have computers; 71.0% have library classification systems; 37.0% of public libraries avail computers to be used by their visitors; and 29.0% provide internet services to their visitors.

The findings also showed that 96.9% of public libraries are visited for reading distributed to 96.2% in the West Bank and 100% in the Gaza Strip. On the other hand, 93.8% of public libraries are visited to borrow titles.

## **Theaters**

There are 15 operating theaters in the Palestinian Territory including 14 in the West Bank and 1 in Gaza Strip. The number of workers in theaters amounted to 87 distributed to 71.3% male and 28.7% females. Survey results showed that 21.8% of theaters' staff have education level of less than secondary and 78.2% have secondary or higher education.

The findings also showed that 73.3% of theaters provide puppet shows; while 46.7% of theaters provide shows in silent theaters and 66.7 provide children's shows.

## **Publishing and Distribution**

There are 9 operating publishing and distribution houses in the Palestinian Territory including 8 in the West Bank and 1 in Gaza Strip.

Results showed that 37.5% of publishers and distribution institutions do printing only; 50.0% do publishing only; and 66.7% print and publish. Additionally, according to results, 88.9% of Publishing and Distribution Institutions print books; 50.0% print newspapers and 66.7% print magazines.

The total number of workers in publishing and distribution institutions reached 21 of whom 76.2% are males and 23.8% females.