

**Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics**  
**Release the Results of Environmental Survey for Health Care Centers,**  
**2006**

- **193.2 thousands cubic meter are the consumed monthly quantity of water by the health care centers in the Palestinian Territory.**
- **About 16.8% of the health care centers in the Palestinian Territory that do perform treatment of produced solid waste.**

This press release handles the main results of the environmental survey for health care centers which was conducted during the period from 15/03/2006 to 20/08/2006. This survey collect a data about environment in health care sector. This data for some indicators in compliance with international recommendations in water consumption management of medical waste, and management of wastewater.

The estimated monthly quantity of water consumed by the health care centers in 2006 in the Palestinian Territory was 193.2 thousands cubic meter/month, of which 92.4 thousands cubic meter/month in the West Bank, and 100.8 thousands cubic meter/month in health care centers in Gaza Strip, while it was estimated in the Palestinian Territory 159.0 and 141.3 thousands cubic meter/month in 2005 and 2003 respectively.

The result of 2006 showed that 92.4% of the health care centers in the Palestinian Territory get the water for consumption from water network, where 100% of the secondary health care centers, and 99.7% of the primary health care centers get the water from the same source, comparing with 96.4%, and 87.3% of the health care centers in 2005 and 2003 respectively get the water from water network.

The result of 2006 showed that 67.9% of the health care centers in the Palestinian Territory dispose their wastewater using public network, and it was used by 62.9% and 65.9% of the health care centers in 2005 and 2003 respectively.

The monthly estimated quantities produced by the health care centers in 2006 in the Palestinian Territory were about 426.1 tons, which 288.1 tons in the West Bank and 138.0 tons in Gaza Strip. 49.5% of the health care centers in the Palestinian Territory perform separation of health care waste components, while it was 34.1% and 43.6% in 2005 and 2003 respectively.

The percentage of the health care centers in the Palestinian Territory that do perform treatment of health care waste in 2006 is about 16.8%. The most important treatment method is the open burning in 61.7% of the health care centers, whereas the perform treatment of health care waste was about 17.3 % and 15.7% in 2005 and 2003 respectively.