## The Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics Publishes the First Statistical Atlas of Palestine

The Minister Dr. Hasan Abu-Libdeh announced the publishing of the First Statistical Atlas of Palestine prepared by the Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics. The objective of the statistical atlas is to publish statistical indicators as statistical, accurate and high quality maps. These indicators are presented at different geographical levels covering demographic and social characteristics, economy, geography and other subjects. The statistical maps are valued as a clear and powerful tool for researchers, policy makers and decision makers to use in their work to serve the public interest.

The Minister Dr. Hasan Abu-Libdeh pointed out that the subjects included in the atlas were selected according to international practice and recommendations.

The Minister Dr. Hasan Abu-Libdeh said that a number of institutions have attempted to produce a statistical atlas, but non of them used the official numbers completely. This fact makes this atlas the first statistical atlas prepared depending on official statistics.

The Minister Dr. Hasan Abu-Libdeh added that the statistical atlas of Palestine is one of the most important productions of PCBS since it is considered to be a development tool for publishing statistical indicators by geographical distribution. It conserves both the time and effort of the researcher/user in understanding data, enabling them to link data to its geographical location and to compare data.