

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

### **On the eve of the International day of Refugees 20/06/2010**

On the eve of the International day of refugees, the Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS) released a statistical review on the status of Palestinian Refugees. The main findings are summarized as follows:

- According to UNRWA records, the Palestinian registered refugees totaled 4.8 million at end of 2009, of whom 41.6% in Jordan, 23.2% in Gaza Strip, 16.3% in the West Bank, 10.0% in Syria and 8.9% in Lebanon.
- The percentage of Palestinian refugees in the Palestinian Territory 2009, represents 43.7% of the total population in the Palestinian Territory, distributed as 29.3% in the West Bank and 67.5 % in Gaza Strip.
- The Refugees in the Palestinian Territory are characterized as young population, 41.8% of them are under the age of 15 years compared to 42.0% for non-refugees. On the other hand, 2.8 % of refugees aged 65 years and over, compared to 3.2% for the non-refugees in the Palestinian Territory for the year 2009.
- Total Fertility Rate for refugees in the Palestinian Territory was 4.9 birth per woman for 2007.
- 6.4% of the Palestinian refugees in the West Bank are disabled compared to 4.9% for the non-refugees in 2007.
- Percentage of poor households in refugee camps in the Palestinian Territory is 47.7%.
- Unemployment Rate of Palestinian refugees 15 years and over in the Palestinian Territory during the first quarter 2009, was 29.5% compared to 21.5% for non refugees.
- Illiteracy rate among Palestinian refugees 15 years and over in the Palestinian Territory in 2009 was 4.9%, compared to 5.7% for non - refugees.
- Drop-out rate from schools for refugees aged 6 years and above in the Palestinian Territory in 2009 reached 21.9% (32.0% for males and 20.7% for females) compared to 27.3% for the non-refugees (29.0% for males and 25.6% for females).
- Percentage of refugee households that own their housing units in the Palestinian Territory in 2008 was 85.0% compared to 87.3% for non - refugees.
- Percentage of refugee households that own privet cars in the Palestinian Territory in 2008 was 17.8% compared to 25.3% for non - refugees.