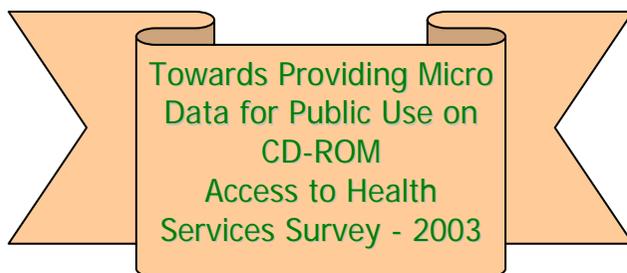




Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics



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 Access to Health Services Survey-2003 on CD-ROM.

Summary about Access to Health Services Survey-2003:

Within the PCBS's plan to provide up-to-date statistics on various topics, and in light of the lack of data concerning Access to health services, a special survey was conducted to study access of households to health services. The survey, was the first of its kind at the national level, it has been conducted during the period between November 15th, 2003 and January 7th, 2004.

The Access to Health Services Survey 2003 covered many indicators about access to health facilities, receiving health service, and availability of health services at the same locality of the households, and other related important indicators.

Importance of providing Micro Data:

The aim of the survey is to collect data on the health and Accessibility to health services of the Palestinian Population in the Palestinian Territory.

The main objectives of the survey was to study the availability of health facilities in the Palestinian Territory, to study the satisfaction of beneficiaries and to provide data base on accessibility to health institutions.

Data Type and Size:

Data provided on Palestinian health and Access to Health Services status constitutes a data bank.

Data are compiled from around 4,077 households.

The CD-ROM includes several files, the raw data file that was treated to ensure individual and personal data confidentiality.

The other files cover the Survey Questionnaire, Concepts and Definitions used for the survey purposes, Data Quality, and Evaluation of Data.

Micro Data Beneficiaries:

Many parties and institutions 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 Planning, research centers involved in health issues, researchers, Universities and relevant international organizations (i.e. UNFPA and UNICEF).

Data confidentiality:

Data compiled in the context of Access to Health Services Survey 2003 involve individual and personal data. The confidentiality of such data is honored and safeguarded in accordance with Article (17) of the Palestinian General Statistics 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 Access to Health Services Survey 2003 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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