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UNSD Questionnaire on National Gender Statistics Programs and Activities *

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PART A: BACKGROUND

1. Please provide the following background information

Name: PALESTINIAN CENTRAL BUREAU OF STATISTICS (PCBS)

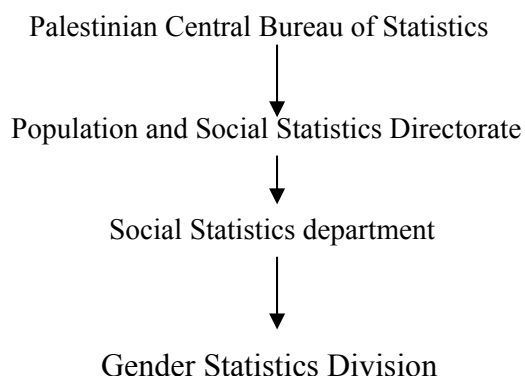
Department or unit: Social Statistics Department

PART B: INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENT

2. Is there a special unit /desk/focal point responsible for gender statistics for gender statistics in your National Statistical Office (NSO)?

(*) Yes () No

a. Where in the organizational structure of the NSO is the gender statistics unit/desk/focal point(i.e. department of Social Statistics, etc.). Please attach a copy of the organizational chart of your NSO indicating the placement of the gender statistics special unit/desk/focal point.



b. What is the functional title of the head of the gender statistics unit/desk/focal point (senior statistician, junior statistician, etc)?

Senior Statistician

c. Briefly describe or attach a brief description of the main tasks conducted by the gender statistics unit/desk/focal point.

The main functions of the programme are:

- Strengthening PCBS capacity to produce and disseminate gender statistics by ensuring that all official surveys integrate sex difference as a fundamental component, and that data analysis and presentation reflect a concern for gender issues.

- Raising awareness among policy makers, planners, NGOs, gender advocates and the public at large, about the importance of gender desegregated data for the purposes of policy formation, planning and lobbying.

d. *What is the nature of the interaction/collaboration between the gender statistics unit/desk/ focal point and other department/divisions of the NSO (e.g. Regularity of meeting, specific joint activities/outputs)?*

There is a full and complete interaction between the programme and NSO. The cooperation can be represented through:

- Defining and collecting gender indicators and relevant statistics through cooperation in all statistical projects, as one of staff member of this unit is a member in the scientific committees of relevant statistical surveys
- Internal user producer dialogue to raise awareness among PCBS staff members on the gender issues and official statistics, through regular internal seminars and workshops
- Ongoing cooperation in preparing all data files and report writing (what type of reports have to be conducted and for whom) in cooperation between relevant departments at PCBS and the gender unit

If no: How is gender statistics promoted/ developed within the NSO? Which section/department/division has the responsibility for gender statistics?

It starts as a special statistical program in the Mid ninety's in line with growing demand and interest by data users on more policy and subject oriented statistical products, and this phase was the preparation phase for constructing a permanent unit for this statistical domain which is now a well organized, functioning statistical unit in PCBS and its activities are part of the master and annual statistical plans for the PCBS.

PART C: GENDER STATISTICS ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

User-producer dialogue

3. *Has your NSO established a user- producer group for gender statistics?*

(*) Yes ()No

a. *How often does the group meet?*

- There is a technical task force inside PCBS responsible for following up on the unit work and reviewing the preparation and implementation of new activity of the program, and to review the results of implemented activities.
- There is a steering-committee formed from Ministries, NGOs and Researcher, and the group meet from 5-10 times on the year, to follow up about gender issues in Palestine and to decide what indicators have to produced and how to be published, what meetings and awareness have to be done, etc..

b. *Briefly describe the main activities of the technical advisory group in the past 5 years?*

- Identifying gender indicators

- Identifying gender hot issues to be covered for a specific year
- Assist gender statistics by send comment for any publication.
- Assist gender statistics by determine the needs of users in the future.

c. Describe the most notable achievements, if any, of the technical advisory group in advancing the work of your NSO in gender statistics.

Helping in Identifying the vulnerably groups in the country (by trying to give answers on the following questions: who, where and why ?

e. What strategies have been most successful in fostering dialogue between users and producers of statistics?

Involving all partners in identifying and planning the programme plans either through the steering-committee, or workshops and producer-users dialogue.

Presentation and dissemination of gender statistics

4. Please attach a list of the main publication (posters, brochures, booklets, analytical reports, web- sites) on statistics on women, women and men and / or gender statistics published by your NSO. Include the following details for all relevant publication: title, year of publication, format(book, poster, CD-ROM, internet), and frequency of publication (one- time, quarterly, annual, annual, every five years).

Domestic violence Survey (December, 2005 ganuary,2006) Main Finding	Jun. 2006
Women & Man in Palestine - Issues& Statistics, 2005	Dec. 2005
Women and Men in Palestine in Figures 2004 - pocket Book - (Arabic)	Jun. 2004
Women and Men in Palestinian Territory , 2004 , (Poster)	May.2004
Women and Men in Palestine Trends & Statistics, No. (2) (Arabic)	Jul. 2003
Women and Men in Palestine Trends & Statistics (Arabic and English)	Dec. 1998
Socio – Health Status of Palestinian Women – 2006 (Poster)	Apr. 2006
Time Use in the Palestinian Territory (Main Findings) 1999-2000	Dec. 2000
Ownership and Access to Resources Survey	Aug. 1999
Palestinian women in Figures	Jun. 2003
Time Use in the Palestinian Territory (Executive Summary) 1999-2000	Feb. 2001
Poster of the main finding of the Time Use Survey	Mar. 2001
Women and Men in Palestine Trends & Statistics (Executive Summary)	Jan. 1999
Work Time in the Palestinian Territory - (Arabic)	Oct. 2001
Analytical report on Women health in camps	Jun. 2002
Analytical report on Women and Work in Palestinian Territory.	Oct. 2001
Analytical Report on Time Spent in cultural, Learning and Leisure	Aug. 2002
Analytical report on Housework, Childcare and Community Service.	Feb. 2002
Pamphlet on Housework, Childcare and Community Service.	Feb. 2002
Pamphlet on Time Spent in cultural, Learning and Leisure.	Feb. 2002
Pamphlet on Women Reproductive health.	Aug. 2001
Pamphlet on Fertility Preference in the Palestinian Society.	Aug. 2001, 2005

5. Which of these publications (one or two) have been particularly effective in improving the accessibility of gender statistics in your country? What criteria have been applied to assess their effectiveness?

The statistical yearly book titled: Women and Men in Palestine Trends & Statistics (Arabic and English)

6. Did your NSO receive technical/financial or another type of external input to produce any of the publications identified as most effective?

(*) Yes () No

Please identify the types of input (technical, financial, etc.) and sources (organization) used for each the publications identified as most effective

- Technical and financial support from the donors (Swedish agency, CFG)
- Technical support from researchers in this field (national and international such as Berzeit University, Swedish agency etc.

Collection and compilation of gender statistics

7. Has the NSO been involved in or conducted a survey, or a component of a survey (survey module), on specific issues?

(*) Yes () No

If yes,

a. please attach a list of the surveys or survey modules on specific gender issues that the NSO has conducted or has been involved in. Include the following details for all relevant survey modules: title, date, type of survey (household, institutional), coverage (national, sub-national), primary institution conducting the survey, role of the NSO, frequency of the survey (one- time survey, every five years).

- Ownership and Access to Resources Survey in 1999. It is a national household survey.
- The time Use Survey in 1999-2000. It is a national household survey. (it is planned to be conducted every 10 yrs)
- Domestic violence Survey, 2006. it is a national household survey. It is planned to be conducted every five years.

b. Has any of these surveys become a regular part of the work-programmed of the NSO?

(*) Yes () No

If yes, indicate which survey(s) or survey module

The Time Use and Domestic Violence surveys will be conducted periodically as planned after conducting the Palestinian census, 2007

8. Does your NSO have a specific gender- sensitive initiative to improve the coverage and measurement of such specific topics as economic participation, literacy, school attendance, etcetera, through the population and housing census?

Yes, through Surveys, Census and Administrative record

9. Does your country have a specific initiative to collect/ compile gender –sensitive data from administrative sources on such topics as decision-making, crime and violence, access to credits/ land, etc?

Yes, but we are still in the state making stage where its difficult to have a complete set of relevant administrative records according to gender statistics specification in this short period of time, and we are working continuously with all relevant data sources to improve their capacity to make their records inline with statistical needs and purposes.

a. Please describe a specific initiative, if any, that you consider has mean particularly successful. What has made the initiative successful? What organizations are/ were involved in the initiative? What has been the role of the NSO?

PCBS conducts a training capacity program for the core ministries, and this course will be re implemented to cover other ministries, based on the positive results achieved from the first training, which had a remarkable positive impact on the cooperation and cost minimization of trained ministries specially when it comes to prepare inputs for statistical work

10. On what specific gender issues have users requested statistics in the past five years? Which of these requests have been met and which have not been met? What is been done to address the gaps?

labour, education, vulnerably groups and poverty, safety nets, Health , Women as parliament-members and decision makers

Capacity-building Activities

11. In the past five years, has your NSO conducted a workshop/ seminar/ conference on issues related to gender statistics?

(*) Yes () No

a. Please attach a list of the workshop(s)/ seminar(s) / conference(s)/on gender statistics conducted, including the following information: title, duration, topics covered, source, of funding, target audience.

Workshops

Title	duration	Topics covered	Source of funding	Target audience
Domestic Violence Survey	May/ 2005	indicators of Domestic Violence Survey	CFG	Women institution Researcher, Ministries and who concern with women issues
women and men annual report	August/ 2004	Indicators about women and men in Palestine		Women institution Researcher, Ministries and who concern with women issues
Time Use Survey data dissemination	February/ 2001	Disseminate the finding data of TUS 1999/2000	UNIFEM	Women institution Researcher, Ministries and who concern with women issues

Conference

Title	duration	Topics covered	Source of funding	Target audience
Domestic Violence Survey –2005: Preliminary Results	February/2006	Main finding of survey	CFG	Women institution Researcher, Ministries and who concern with women issues
Time Use Survey Preliminary Results (May, 1999 - May, 2000): main indicators	July/ 2000	Main finding of survey	UNIFEM	Women institution Researcher, Ministries and who concern with women issues

Seminar

Title	duration	Topics covered	Source of funding	Target audience
Time Use Survey and producing Analytical reports: OPT experience	November/2002	Three reports	UNIFEM	Women institution Researcher, Ministries and who concern with women issues
Women and Men in Palestine-Trends and Statistical	July/ 1999	Indicators about women and men in Palestine	UNDP and Norwegian Government	Women institution Researcher, Ministries and who concern with women issues

b. Of the listed workshop(s)/ seminar(s) / conference(s), identify one or two that have been most successful for building capacity. What aspects of the workshop(s)/ seminar(s) / conference(s) made it particularly effective?

- All of the above listed seminars, conferences and seminars were important for capacity building.
- The importance of the subject, good preparations of the activities and good participation of women institution made these workshops and conferences more effective.

PART D: WORK-PLAN ON GENDER STATISTICS

12. Does your NSO have a specific work-plan on gender statistics?

(*) Yes () No

a. Please attach a copy of the current plan or describe briefly the main activities included in the plan.

Work Plan

Department	Tasks	Activities	No. of employees	year
Gender Statistics Program (GSP)	Raising awareness among policy makers, planners, NGOs, gender advocates and the public at large about the importance of gender desegregated data for the purposes of policy formation, planning and lobbying.	1. Preparing and Publishing main Report About Domestic Violence Survey 2005/2006 2. Produce Analytical Report from Domestic Violence Survey 2005/2006 3. Produce report about Men and women in Palestine, 2006 4. Press release for many occasions such as Mother Aid, Universal Mother Day. 5. Cooperate with Arab Women Organization to make data base about Arab Women	3	2006
	Raising awareness among policy makers, planners, NGOs, gender advocates and the public at large about the importance of gender desegregated data for the purposes of policy formation, planning and lobbying.	1. Produce Pamphlets from Domestic Violence Survey. 2. Conference on Daily women day 3. Produce report about Men and women in Palestine, 2006	3	2007
	Sensitizing all PCBS' staff on the importance of producing gender statistics and including a gender perspective in the day -to- day work and ensure that gender concerns are taken into consideration in the ongoing data collection programs.	1. Develop the Report of "Women and Men, Trend and Statistics 2008" 2. Develop the indicators on Poster "Women and Men In the Palestinian Territory" 3. Develop the Indicators of Gender Statistics Program 4. Develop the of Gender Statistics Program Website	3	2008

b. What is the period covered by the current work-plan?

Start date: 1/1/2006 End date: 31/12/2008

c. What are the current priority areas? (i.e. poverty, labor-market, health)

The current priority area is domestic violence.

d. *What are the main outcomes expected?*

Main expected outcomes are:

- Analytical report from domestic violence
- Paper about violence to participate on conference at 11-12/12/2006 on Ramallah
- Public use file for Time Use Survey

e. *What are the primary activities that your NSO is conducting in the area of gender statistics?*

PCBS has conformed to that all questionnaire use the gender it main all questionnaire must ask male and female such as:

census 1997
DHS 2004
Labour Force
Demographic Survey
Administrative Record
and some survey that made it on gender statistics:
Ownership and Access to Resources Survey, 1999
Time Use Survey 1999/2000
Domestic Violence Survey 2005/2006

g. *Are there plans to initiate a work-plan on gender statistics? When and for what period?*

Yes, for three years

13. *Are current gender statistics activities a part of the regular budget of your NSO?*

----- yes, all ----- yes, some ----- no

Yes, all

PART E: MAINSTREAMING GENDER STATISTICS INTO NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT **PLANNING**

14. *Does your country have in place a poverty reduction strategy programmer (PRSP)?*

(*) Yes () No

a. *Which ministry is responsible for the overall coordination of the PRSP?*

Ministry of Planning

b. *What specific role does the NSO play in the PRSP processes, i.e., development of the strategy, implementation, monitoring and evaluation (M&E), annual performance review?*

- PCBs is a member in the committee
- The specific role of is monitoring and evaluation the action plan by providing the committee with updated indicators during surveys, and involved in the annual performance review.

c. Briefly describe how, if at all, gender considerations are (being) incorporated into the following: strategy document, implementation, M&E system, etc.

All strategies, action of plan takes in consideration gender issues

d. Please attach a copy of the sections in the PRSP document that explicitly address gender issues.

e. How is the gender component of the PRSP being evaluated?

- It is considered as one of the main factors in the PRSP

PART F: INTERNATIONAL REPORTING

15. Please indicate whether your NSO is/has been involved in the preparation of the listed country reports. If involved, please describe the role played by your NSO (provide sex-disaggregated statistics, write report. etc.).

Report	NOS involvement		If yes, NSO's role
	Yes	NO	
Beijing platform for action		*	Only comment for the Beijing platform
CEDAW		*	Only comment for the CEDAW agreement
MSG	*		PCBS has adopted the MDGs indicators and made a report of MDGS which is valuable the data on Palestine's, with participate with ministries of planning, and annual report for MDGS

PART G: KNOWLEDGE MANAGEEMENT AND INFORMATION SHARING

16. IN THE PAST FIVE YEARS, HAS ANY OF THE NSO STAFF ATTENDED A COURSE, OF AT LEAST 4 WEEKS DURATION, RELATED TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF GENDER statistics?

----- yes -----No

NO

17. in the past five years, has any NSO staff attended a seminar/workshop/conference related to the development of gender statistics? (*) Yes () No

a. Attach a list of the seminar (s) workshop (s) conference(s) attended indicating the following: title year institution organizing the seminar (s) /workshop(s) institution funding staff attendance.

Title	Year	Institution organizing
Research Methods for policy formulation and Evaluation	2001	American University in Cairo: Social Research Center
Development and Social Indicators	2003	Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics
Data base about Arab Women	2005	Organization Arab Women
Auditing on gender	2005	Ministry of Women

18. In the past five years has any NSO staff participated in a study tour/exchanged visits related to the development of gender statistics (as beneficiary or host)?

() Yes (*) No

19. In the past five years, has any NSO staff participated in a regional or international forum on gender statistics?

(*) Yes () No

a. List the regional or international forums on gender statistics in which your NSO has participated.

National Forum

Title	Year	Institution organizing
Gender, Displacement, Memory and Agency	2005	Ministry of Women/ Palestine

International Forum

Title	Year	Institution organizing
International Symposium on Sexual Violence in Conflict and Beyond	2006	UNFBA/ Brussels

b. Indicate what aspects of the regional or international forums listed above have made the forum particularly beneficial to the development of gender statistics in your country?

Participate on international or national forum develops our vision for many issues on gender statistics and make us look forward to cooperate with other countries who participate on forum to know the new issues on gender statistics.

20. Is there a publication on gender statistics from any NSO that you have found particularly attractive or useful as a model publication?

(*) Yes () No

a. Provide the name of the publication and publishing country.

Women in World, 1996, 2000, 2001 - 2006

b. Describe what aspects of the publication have made particularly attractive.

The way of presentation the analytical report about gender

21. Are there any handbooks or manuals, by a regional or international agency, that you have found particularly useful?

(*) Yes () No

21a: Women in world 1996-2005.

Human Right Development.

Women's in figures, UNFBA, for Arab countries.

21b: *The way in write the report and manuals and hand books make it to develop our written on these levels. If yes,*

a. *Provide the title(s) of the handbook(s) or manual(s) and the publishing agency.*

- Women in world 1996-2005.
- Human Right Development.
- Women's in figures, UNFBA, for Arab countries

b. *Describe what aspects of the handbook(s) or manual(s) have made them particularly useful.*

The way in write the report and manuals and hand books make it to develop our written on these levels.

PART H: DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE

22. *Prepare a brief (5 pages or less) paper discussing one major initiative by your NSO or women s machinery/ministry conducted with external funding that is considered to have been particularly effective in promoting ant of the following aspects of the development of gender statistics:*

- *Mainstreaming gender in the institutional arrangement of your NSO.*
- *Promotion of dialogue between producers and users of gender statistics.*
- *Adoption of gender sensitive concept and methods in data collection (such as censuses, surveys)*
- *Production of gender statistics and dissemination of reliable gender statistics.*
- *Presentation of statistics in formats easily accessible to a wide array of users.*
- *Sensitization of key user groups*

In discussing the initiative, please address the following questions:

- a. *What was the primary objective of the initiative?*
- b. *What type of external development assistance did your NSO receive?*
- c. *What made the initiative particularly effective?*
- d. *What was/were the main outputs?(please bring copies if possible)*

Gender statistics programme has been established at the beginning of year 1996. The main function of the programme is to:

- Raise awareness among policy makers, planners, NGOs, gender advocates and the public at large about the importance of gender disaggregated data for the purpose of policy formation, planning and lobbying.
- Sensitizes all PCBS staff on the importance of producing gender statistics and including a gender perspective in the every day work and ensure that gender concerns are taken into consideration in the ongoing data collection programs.

To make promotion of dialogue between produce data and Users of gender statistics (PCBS) has do many activities:

- Workshops, conference and meetings between users and producer.
- Brochures, posters and studies for users.

Activities and achievements

Collaborate with the various departments of PCBS and other institutions to ensure that concepts and methods used in data collection and analysis re not gender-biased and reflect gender issues.

- Questionnaires pertaining different survey were revised and tested in order to make sure that they reflect gender perspective.
- Recommendations about concepts, methods and presenting data that used on labour force survey were prepared.
- Established a continuous communication mechanism with users through workshops, seminars and regular contacts to ensure that statistical outputs respond to their needs.
- Attended and participated in different workshops and conferences abroad and in the country.
- Seven users producers workshops were organized in order to establish a permanent communication mechanism with involved public institutions and NGOS.
- Gender Statistics Program held meetings by inviting researchers and other women institutions to identify the needed data on the Palestinian women issues and come out with priorities like ownership, access to resources, Crime against women.
- Compile and provide data on women and men in the Palestine society through special studies and surveys. Compile and disseminate gender statistics through small pamphlets and newsletter through comprehensive statistical publications and on machine-readable form.
- Publicized the first comprehensive report in the region 1998, and the second one on 2003:
- This report attempts to provide a situation analysis of women and men in five aspects of Palestinian life: Population, education, health, labor and public life
- PCBS adopted from beginning concepts and methods in data collecting on surveys and administrative record.