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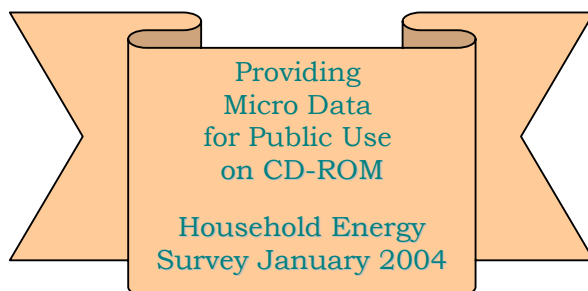
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## Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics



The Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS) has made Micro Data from the Household Energy Survey (First Quarter 2004) available to the public on CD-ROM. The purpose is to facilitate dissemination of statistical reference numbers and to provide up-to-date information and procedures for those who are concerned.

### Summary about the Household Energy Survey:

The Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS) implemented the survey, which was conducted in parallel with the Labor Force Survey in the first quarter 2004. The Household Energy Survey provides updated information for the database, and presents detailed statistics about Household Energy Indicators, giving us for the first time an accurate picture about this important subject.

This data is essential for the formulation of sound economic policy since energy has a

strong relationship with Palestinian household economy and since household energy consumption represents a high proportion of consumption in comparison with other economic activities or with household consumption in other countries.

### Importance of Providing Micro Data:

The need to provide micro data for concerned parties in the form of an expanded database relied on the collection of crucial data regarding many indicators pertinent to Household Energy Consumption.

This survey is significant because of the valuable data it makes available to researchers who, in the past, had to depend on estimations and guesswork.

This survey provides data according to indicators in line with international recommendations regarding renewable energy and rates of traditional energy use.

### Data Type and Size:

Data provided by the Household Energy Survey is for the first quarter of 2004. Most of the indicators refer to the month of January. The sample size is about 3,444 households.

The sample design took into account the geographic distribution of households in order to ensure full coverage of the various localities. The data are available on SPSS, and Fixed ASCII format.

### Micro Data Beneficiaries:

There are many parties and institutions that can benefit from having an available database of the Household Energy Survey for policy and decision making based on a solid scientific basis. Such parties and institutions include governmental bodies and ministries specialized in this field, such as the Palestinian Legislative Council, the Council of Ministers, research centers engaged in

economic and social studies, researchers and universities.

### Data Confidentiality:

Data compiled in the context of the Household Energy Survey involves household and personal data. The confidentiality of such data is honored and safeguarded in accordance with Article (17) of the Palestinian General Statistical 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 Household Energy survey January 2004 on a CD-ROM format, interested institutions and individuals should contact the PCBS *Dissemination and Documentation Dept. / Division of Users Services* located in the PCBS main office in Al-Bireh:

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