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## Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics

**Towards Providing  
Micro Data for  
Public Use on CD-  
ROM**

**Domestic Violence  
Survey 2005/2006**

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 Domestic Violence Survey 2005/2006 on CD-ROM. Next to this, the same type of data will be issued on CD-ROM in the near future from other surveys conducted by (PCBS).

### Summary about Domestic Violence Survey 2005/2006:

The Domestic Violence Survey 2005/2006 is one of the surveys, which PCBS has conducted; it is a leap by PCBS since it is a specialized survey about the domestic violence in the Palestinian Territory. It is important to conduct domestic violence survey, 2005/2006 to obtain comprehensive and accurate data about violence that planners and researchers showed interest in Palestinian household's issues to Control phenomenon practiced against women, children, elderly.

The Domestic Violence Survey 2005/2006 provides reliable estimates for several indicators, which were suggested to PCBS by decision makers, planners, and researchers in the field of gender through a series of "User-Producer Dialogue" workshops. The survey includes also the indicators of relied on international concepts and classifications while taking into consideration the Palestinian context.

### Importance of providing Micro Data:

The main objective of the survey is to make available comprehensive statistics about domestic violence; to explore the phenomenon of violence in the Palestinian society especially violence against women, children, and the elderly. The main objectives of the survey are:

- \* Make available crucial database about domestic violence to be used by researchers and those interested in the issues of the Palestinian households; to direct policies; and to develop programs to counter and reduce the domestic violence phenomenon in the Palestinian society.
- \* Explore the nature, forms and acts of violence the individuals of the Palestinian society are exposed to.
- \* Determine the size of the problem of psychological, physical, and sexual violence, that a wife is exposed to by husband; the physical and psychological violence children and unmarried woman and the elderly are exposed to; as well as the violence a husband is exposed to by the wife.
- \* Make available accurate data for policy and decision makers at the different institutions so that they can set up future plans and programs based on the findings of the survey.

### Data Type and Size:

Data provided on domestic violence constitute a data bank.

Data are compiled from around 4,212 households, including 3,815 ever married women aged (15-64) years, 944 unmarried women aged 18 and over, 840 elderly people aged 65 and over, and 2,676 children aged (5-17).

The sample design took into account the geographic distribution of the household in order to ensure complete coverage of the various localities, e.g. urban, rural and camps, of the Palestinian Territory. Likewise, the sample design took into account the distribution of individuals by gender and age in order to ensure a representative distribution for the sample by the aforementioned indicators.

### Micro Data Beneficiaries:

Many parties and institutions are expected to benefit from the database on the Palestinian Women status in policy and decision making based on solid scientific bases. Such parties and institutions involve governmental entities and

ministries such as Ministry of Women's Affairs, Ministry of Social Affairs, Ministry of Planning, research centers involved in Gender issues, researchers, Universities and relevant international organizations (i.e. UNFPA and UNICEF).

### Data confidentiality:

Data compiled in the context of Domestic Violence Survey 2005/2006 involve individual 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 Domestic Violence Survey 2005/2006 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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