



State of Palestine Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics

Dissemination Policy Short version

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Dissemination policy

Statistics, in contemporary societies, have grown in importance for planning, development, research and analysis processes. They effectively contribute to decision-making in all sectors. As stated in the Code of Practice for Palestine's Official Statistics, official statistics are a public commodity accessible to all beneficiaries free of charge without any discrimination among them or granting any party time priority over other parties. Official statistics must therefore be presented in a clear and easily understandable manner that does not require specialized statistical expertise. Moreover, it is necessary to develop means and channels for dissemination of statistics in the Palestinian society and cope with latest technological and professional development to ensure that all beneficiaries have access to the Palestinian official statistics according to international recommendations and standards and in a manner that fulfills national (and international?) needs.

In disseminating the statistics PCBS will secure the following:

Accessibility

Statistics are tied to interrelated basic principles that must be taken into account upon production and dissemination of statistics. These principles include easy access to information for users; information must be available in different forms via various media to enable users access it with minimum effort. Statistics from PCBS is available to all users free of charge according to the published release calendar on the web site. All statistics are well documented. The website is optimised to also fit usage by handicapped and disabled people.

Openness

PCBS follows the open data standard Creative Commons Attribution License (cc-by), meaning free use and reuse of data when the source is mentioned.

Relevance(/Partnership)

Users are essential to PCBS and we base our dissemination in accordance to user needs. Palestinian official statistics must be relevant and responding to national and beneficiary needs, as identified in the users-producers dialogue and the users' satisfaction survey we carry out. We will disseminate comprehensive articles as well as statistics at an overview level.

Partnership means involvement of all statistical system components in the dissemination of official statistics. It relates mainly to partnership between statistics producer (official statistical system) and user.

Quality and Coordination

The quality standards applied in the Palestinian official statistics is reliable and of high professional quality. Therefore, statistics are accurate and reliable in decision-making. Coordination also allows for comparison in time and place series.

Independence (/Egalitarian in dissemination)

PCBS and statistical system components apply the general statistical law and its code of practice, which confirm their professional independence in producing and disseminating official statistics.

Beneficiaries are treated equally by the statistical system as regards to the timing of dissemination. No priority is accorded to any party regardless of their social, technical or professional status. Accordingly, a prior calendar of dissemination is distributed detailing the locations and media of dissemination. PCBS takes all necessary measures to ensure dissemination of the calendar to all beneficiaries.

Trust

Error and mention when corrected data can be expected. The corrected information will be published on our web site and other relevant channels together with the corrected data as soon as possible.

In the case that statistics published by PCBS is misinterpreted or wrongly used by the media, PCBS will take action. There is no interference whatsoever in the interpretation or analysis of such statistics.

Confidentiality

The statistical system, with all its components, is committed to applying all necessary procedures and standards to protect the confidentiality of respondents' personal data. It shall use any data it collects merely for statistical purposes, as per Article 17 of the Palestinian General Statistics Law No (4) for the year 2000.

The published statistics will always be aggregated and PCBS secures that no individual person or business can be identified.

Coherence

Statistics are published in a variety of different dissemination channels: website, social media like Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn in order to fulfil different users' preferences. Also, traditional print is available for specific publication like Palestine Yearbook.. To ensure coherence across the dissemination channels, a subject structure is applied, making it possible to link from the general content to the more detailed tables and documentation .

Techniques

Statistics publishing include data visualization techniques, international standards for statistics dissemination, Interactive statistical maps and atlases, PCBS' portal with dynamic filtering and interactive tabulation and statistical calendar, student website (info graphics).

For more details: [http://www.pcbs.gov.ps/Portals/Rainbow/Documents/PCBS-LONG VERSION Dissemination Policy.pdf](http://www.pcbs.gov.ps/Portals/Rainbow/Documents/PCBS-LONG%20VERSION%20Dissemination%20Policy.pdf)