

## **Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS)**

### **Releases the Results of Environmental Survey for Health Care Centers, 2009**

The Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS) released the statistical report about the environment situation in the Health Care Centers in the Palestinian Territory for the year 2009. The report contains statistical data about the variables of water consumption in terms of water sources, and management of solid wastes in terms of the separation, transportation, and disposal and management of wastewater according to disposal method. The report complies with the PCBS work plan and is the outcome of PCBS efforts to produce a series of environmental statistical reports that represent the environment situation in the various sectors of the Palestinian society.

The estimated quantity of water consumed by the health care centers in the Palestinian Territory was 208.0 thousand cubic meters/month in 2008, of which 132.9 thousand cubic meters/month in the West Bank and 75.1 thousand cubic meters/month in Gaza Strip. In 2008 it was estimated at 175.5 thousand cubic meters/month in the Palestinian Territory.

The monthly estimated quantities produced by the health care centers in the Palestinian Territory in 2009 were about 1,202 tons, distributed into 472 tons in the West Bank, and 730 in Gaza Strip.

The results in 2009 showed that 96.6% of the health care centers in the Palestinian Territory obtain water from the water network, whereas during 2008, this percentage was 94.0%.

The results showed that 61.1% of the health care centers in the Palestinian Territory in 2009 dispose of their wastewater using a public network, 13.9% of the health care centers use a tight cesspit, and 24.9% of the health care centers use a porous cesspit.

The local authority transfers the wastes to the final disposal place for 83.5% of the health care centers. The place of final disposal was a dumping site owned by the local authority for 77.5% of the health care centers in the Palestinian Territory, while 19.1% of the health care centers transfer their waste to a private dumping site.