



UNITED NATIONS
RELIEF AND WORKS AGENCY FOR
PALESTINE REFUGEES IN THE NEAR EAST



**Palestinian Central
Bureau of Statistics**

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

between

the Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics

and

**the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine
Refugees in the Near East**

A. Introduction

The United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) provides health, education, relief and development services to some 1.6 million registered refugees in the Occupied Palestinian Territory (oPt).

In order to more effectively execute its mandate and for its effective long-term strategic, programme and contingency planning, UNRWA requires high-quality, relevant and timely research on macroeconomic, socio-economic and humanitarian conditions in the oPt.

The Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS), over a 14-year period, has developed a significant capacity to gather, organize and disseminate demographic, economic, and social data on the population of the oPt. Over the years, UNRWA has used PCBS publications for a variety of purposes. More recently, PCBS had been contracted by UNRWA to produce several special longitudinal data bases for demographic, macroeconomic and social variables that served as the basis for the UNRWA publication *Crisis in the oPt: Recent Socio-Economic Impacts*.

To improve its statistical work, PCBS seeks data and information regarding UNRWA operations in the oPt. Accurate and regular data on UNRWA operations would provide PCBS with necessary inputs for national accounts, demography and social statistics, as well as obtaining a more accurate picture of refugee conditions.

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In the circumstances, the parties hereto for the mutual considerations herein set forth agree as follows:

B. Duration of Agreement

This MOU shall enter into force upon signature and will be valid until 31 December 2008 unless terminated by either party by giving six months' notice.

C. Objectives of Agreement

The parties intend to achieve the following objective by entering into this MOU; i.e., the formal and regular exchange between UNRWA and PCBS of data and information as set out in the Appendix ("UNRWA PCBS Data Exchange 2007-2008") to this MOU.

D. Obligations of PCBS

1. Provision to UNRWA, consistent with and subject to the Public Statistics Law (2000), of data compiled by PCBS on the economic and social conditions of Palestinians in general and on refugees in particular in the oPt including inputs on national income accounts, demography and social statistics pertaining to Palestine refugees, as outlined in the Appendix and as follows:
 - (a) Provision of data series to UNRWA based on templates provided by UNRWA for the period 2006-2008 and on an agreed time line for the release of such data as outlined in the Appendix to this MOU.
2. Provision of technical assistance with respect to analyzing and the use of PCBS data and methods.
3. The designation of one or more of PCBS staff members to regularly coordinate and liaise with UNRWA, in particular, with ODOS, concerning the exchange and the use of data as agreed between the parties under this MOU.

E. Obligations of UNRWA

1. Provision of data on UNRWA's operations in the oPt that relate to PCBS' data collection as these relate to national income accounts, demography and social statistics in the oPt and which may be of use to PCBS in its regular publications, including aggregate data on expenditures, material assistance distributed by UNRWA and registered refugee data, as well as other data outlined in the Appendix;
2. The designation of one or more of its staff members to regularly coordinate and liaise with PCBS concerning the exchange and the use of data as agreed between the parties under this MOU.

F. Reciprocity

The exchange of data and other services provided by the parties to the other under this MOU shall be provided on a reciprocal basis. The parties agree that this MOU is not subject to any monetary consideration.



G. Amendment

No amendment to this MOU shall be valid unless made in writing and signed by both parties.

H. Privileges and Immunities

Nothing in or relating to this MOU shall be deemed a waiver, express or implied, of any of the privileges and immunities of UNRWA.

I. Settlement of Disputes

The parties shall use their best efforts to settle amicably any dispute arising out of the interpretation or application of the terms of this MOU.

J. General

Any matter not covered by this agreement shall be dealt with by consultation between the parties and be resolved in a spirit of co-operation which exists between them.

For PCBS

Dr. Luay Shabaneh

PCBS President

Signature: 

Date: Aug 6, 2007

For UNRWA

Mr. Filippo Grandi

Deputy Commissioner-General, UNRWA

Signature: 

Date: 6.8.2007