Wiesbaden Group on Business Registers

Country progress report 2017 and future plans

Country:

> Palestine

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I. Organisation, Population and Usage of the Statistical Business Register

1. Name of the register

> Statistical Business Register (SBR)

2. Name of the organisation responsible for holding the register

> Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS)

3. Position of the register unit in the organisation

> Central Registrations Department

4. Number of employees in the register unit (Headcount employees)

> Two Employees plus the director of the department

5. Primary goal and use of the register

> Sampling Frame and Quality Control of Administrative Business Register (Macro Level)

6. Year of establishment of the register

> 1994 - since that time, the SBR depends on Establishments **Census** (every 5 years) - last one was in

7. Year(s) of the main re-engineeering(s) of the register

> End of 2017: a matching project started to re-engineer the data resources and responsibilities for each

8. Number of active enterprises* in the register at the end of 2017

   *If it is difficult to use Enterprises, you can use Legal units instead.

   Enterprises: 135000   (Legal units: NA)

9. Does the register have geographical coordinates assigned to every address or could they be obtained through other registers linked to it?

> Yes

II. Progress and Developments in the Past Year

Please list main achievements (maximum 3) in the past year (2016) or the problems you have tackled. Also, please classify them according to the categories within each drop-down list.

1. Short title of work which was done   (Category)

| Listing | 2. Coverage |

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

> Listing the establishments in some of the cities to match with available data. This exercise gave results to assess the coverage.

2. Short title of work which was done   (Category)

Determining the minimum of variables, concepts and ID and it was approved by the Cabinet	3. Units

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

> Document developed by stakeholders about the minimum variables and concepts, and it was approved by the Cabinet and circulated to partners

3. Short title of work which was done   (Category)

Establishments Census (Ec) 2017 was conducted in 2017	6. Survey frame methodology

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

> • Conducting Ec in 2017.
> • Developing tool to match between the BR and Ec data
> • Improving the SBR strategy after the matching
> • Annual updates

III. Future plans

Please list themes/projects (maximum 3) which you plan to tackle in the current (2018) and following year(s). Also, please classify them according to the categories within each drop-down list.

1. Short title of work planned   (Category)

Finalizing the Matching	2. Coverage

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

> Finalizing the current matching between all data sources and the census 2017. Determining the structure of the data sources and building an ID for each establishment.

2. Short title of work planned   (Category)

Launching the Adminstrative Business Reigester (ABR) version 0	10. IT considerations

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

> After matching, a database will be developed to ensure the ability to update it through drawing new versions of adminstartive records.

3. Short title of work planned   (Category)

Developing a system	10. IT considerations

Description of work (max 4-5 sentences)

> Developing a system to be available for each partner to update their files online.

IV. Main challenges

Please list main challenges (maximum 3) with respect to development, maintenance and use of your statistical business register. Also, please classify them according to the categories within each drop-down list.

1. Main challenge 1   (Category)

Informal sector	2. Coverage

Description of the challenge

> How to develop a sample frame with high rate of informal sector

2. Main challenge 2   (Category)

How to update the information since there is no IT systems available till now.	5. Maintenance

Description of the challenge

No available systems to update the data for future. It is still under processing.

3. Main challenge 3 (Category)

	Select one

Description of the challenge