

Monitoring and Evaluation

PCBS will benefit from the evaluation of strategies to build on previous development, and will be assisted by external institutions from outside the NSS to conduct statistical evaluation and measure the impact of performance.

Implementation of the strategy will be monitored through the preparation of periodic progress reports based on indicators to measure progress and submit these reports to the PCBS Council, the advisory council of the official statistics, core funding group and to the Council of Ministers.

The achievements will be reviewed and assessed by external institution and prepare a report on the progress on the implementation of activities at the strategic and sub-objectives goals level.

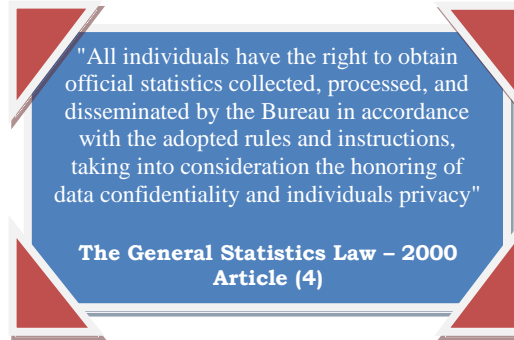
Performance is measured systematically using a monitoring process based on a number of performance indicators to measure effectiveness and impact, including the following:

1. Performance indicator related to the strategic objective
2. Performance indicator related to the sub-objective
3. Performance indicator related to the annual strategic plan
4. Index performance on a semi-annual basis.

Measuring Impact of Performance

Performance will be measured by:

1. An assessment of achievements based on measuring indicators of the objectives and means of verification.
2. The implementation of field surveys geared towards data users, particularly policy makers.



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Introduction:

The Palestinian General Statistics Law No. 4 of 2000 identified the primary rationale for the establishment of the Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS) as to develop and strengthen the Palestinian official statistical system based on a legal basis that governs the collection and use of data for statistical purposes. The overall vision of this strategy is to assist in creating an integrated, efficient, effective and sustainable Palestinian national statistical system.

The building of the national strategy for the development of official statistics 2014-2018 based on the assessment of achievement on the 2009-2013 strategy and continue the development of the national statistical system.

The NSDS 2014-2018 was established with the full coordination, cooperation and partnership of all components in the national statistical system through workshops and meetings with all categories of data users. This will ensure the consistency of the strategy with the national needs, as well as the regional and international commitments.

The strategy has been discussed and adopted by the Advisory Council for the Official Statistics which is headed by the Prime Minister, has also been approved and adopted by the the Council of Ministers.

Vision:

Accessible and efficient statistical information system for the state building.

Mission:

To produce and disseminate coherent, objective, high quality and timely official statistics to meet user needs nationally and internationally.

Values:

Relevance:	The national statistical system is charged with improving quality of life by providing statistical evidence to support the decision making process in governmental agencies, the private sector and the community.
Integrity:	The national statistical system gains public confidence through using objective and transparent methods.
Quality:	The products of the national statistical system are of high quality.
Availability of statistical data:	Accessibility of official statistics to everyone at the same level and detail.
Ensure confidentiality of personal and individual data:	Confidentiality of individual and personal data collected for statistical purposes is guaranteed under the General Statistics Law No. 4 of 2000.
Alignment between the needs of users and the burden on data providers:	The cost of responding to requests for data should be acceptable and data only collected when the benefits exceed the costs of conducting a survey.
Development and integration:	The national statistical system is committed to the development and integration of statistics sources to maximize the value of available statistics and the development of administrative sources.
Rationalization of costs and effective use:	The national statistical system vigorously seeks to exploit all available data resources and maximize use to the utmost potential.

Strategic Objectives and Sub-Objectives

Overall objective: Develop an integrated, sustainable and effective national statistical system

The NSDS 2014-2018 is based on the overall objective "Develop an integrated, sustainable and effective national statistical system", along with four strategic objectives and thirteen sub-objectives. The following is a presentation of the strategic objectives and sub-objectives:

The First Strategic Objective: Improve the use of statistics in decision making

Sub-objective 1.1: Better fed policy formulation with relevant data.

Sub-objective 1.2: Overall resources for statistics used more efficiently.

Sub-objective 1.3: Increased awareness of statistics.

Sub-objective 1.4: Improved statistical knowledge.

The Second Strategic Objective: Set-Up better partnerships with users and Producers of the NSS

Sub-objective 2.1: Increased number of joint ventures and operations with the producers and users of the NSS

Sub-objective 2.2: Partnerships opened with additional players in the NSS

Sub-objective 2.3: Consolidated organization of the NSS (legal framework)

Sub-objective 2.4: Improved commitment at policy level.

The Third Strategic Objective: Enhance the quality of statistics

Sub-objective 3.1: Increased trust in statistics by users

Sub-objective 3.2: National quality framework approved and implemented.

The Fourth Strategic Objective: Utilization of administrative records for statistics

Sub-objective 4.1: Harmonized standards and classifications

Sub-objective 4.2: Increased commitment by producers

Sub-objective 4.3: Improved statistical planning process in ministries and government institutions