

# **The Supply and Use Table as a Useful Tool for Data Quality in Palestine**

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**Paper Abstract:** The Supply and Use Tables (SUT) are useful tools used to check the consistency of statistics on flows of goods and services on the principle that the total supply of each product is equal to its total uses. The SUT introduced in the System of National Accounts for the year 1993 (SNA 1993) which was adopted from the United Nations Statistical division to provide a guidance for countries working on coherent system for National Accounts. Data for the SUT collected from various sources including surveys, censuses in addition to the administrative records, so the consistency between those sources is required. The balancing process in the supply and use table in Palestine was a good practice in ensuring data quality from the different data sources applied for the SUT, and to improve data quality by adjusting the data sources based on the findings of the balancing issues. This paper introduce the Palestinian experience in compiling and balancing the SUT for the year 2004 and how this process contributes to the consistency checks in the data, and how this tool will be the basis for improving the tools for compiling the data from its sources. In addition to that, the SUT will contribute for establishing the Social Accounting Matrix (SAM). The contribution of this paper is twofold. First, it will introduce the balancing process for some products and how this process achieves the principle of data quality. This raises the second question, what is the impact of this data consistency on the data sources and how this will contribute to the checks process and accuracy of data for the future. The products that will be presented were collected from various sources: households & Establishment surveys, Foreign trade Statistics in addition to the Administrative records such as the Ministry of Finance.