

"Nos Cartera y Nos Finansa"

Press release

During the period of September 30 through November 19, 2017 the Centrale Bank van Aruba (CBA) will be conducting the survey "Nos Cartera y Nos Finansa" for the third time. Previous surveys were conducted in 2010 and 2013.

With this survey, the CBA intends to produce valuable information on the financial position of households in Aruba, for which currently very little information is available. Information that will be requested regards household income, the borrowing and savings behavior, and the ability to pay monthly bills. The collected data will help identify potential problem areas and vulnerable groups within the Aruban community, which will contribute towards a more effective policy formulation and implementation with respect to the financial position of households. Moreover, the information will assist the CBA in analyzing economic developments in Aruba.

During this period the CBA will send a group of 20 interviewers to visit 1,400 Aruban households and gather this important data. These visits will most likely take place during evening hours and weekends. The interviewers will carry an identification badge and a notification letter as proof that they are working on behalf of the CBA. Respondents are free to contact the CBA if they have additional questions.

The CBA realizes that a large part of the information requested is of a very sensitive nature, and therefore, stresses that all received information will be treated with the utmost confidentiality and only used in an aggregated form for statistical purposes. Because of the importance of the data, the CBA hopes that Aruban households will fully cooperate with this survey. For further information, please contact Mr. Jonathan Upegui, Economist at the Research Department of the CBA and also project leader of this survey, at tel. 5252215 or via e-mail: j.upegui@cbaruba.org.

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