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Progress on ICP 2021 cycle implementation in LAC

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Outline

Country participation status

- □Implementation status
 - □Survey status
 - Expenditure compilation status
 - Data submission and validation status
 - **PPP** estimation status (2021, 2017, timeseries)
- □Workshops and meetings
- Challenges and opportunities for improvement in implementing 2021 ICP cycle
- Dissemination of LAC ICP implementation activities and results



2021 ICP Cycle implementation in LAC:

Updates on LAC country participation		
Aruba	Dominican Republic	Panama
Anguilla	Ecuador	Peru
Argentina	Grenada	Paraguay
Antigua and Barbuda	Guatemala	El Salvador
Belize	Guyana	Suriname
Bermuda	Honduras	Turks and Caicos Islands
Bolivia	Jamaica	Trinidad and Tobago
Bonaire	St. Kitts and Nevis	Uruguay
Brazil	St. Lucia	St. Vincent and the Grenadines
Curaçao	Montserrat	Virgin Islands, British
Dominica	Nicaragua	Cayman Island





Cayman Island





Country data submission: HHC 2019 - 2022



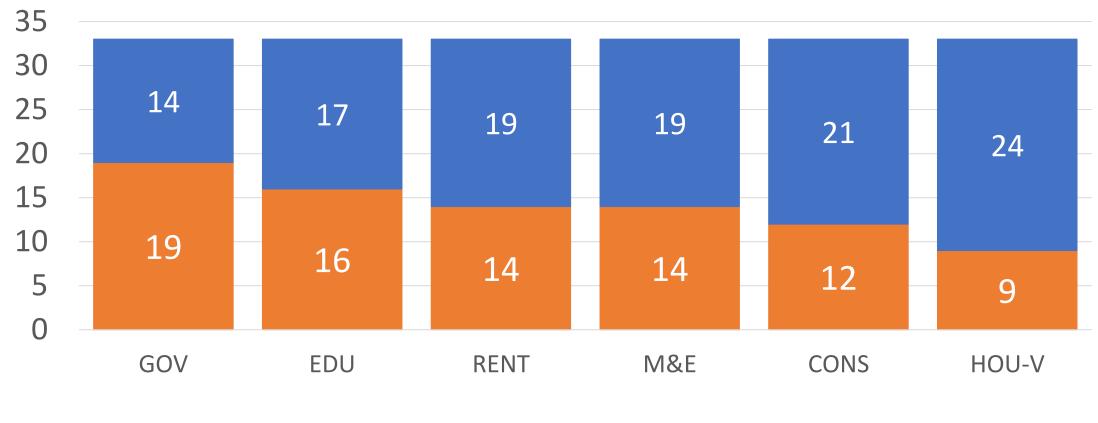


Country data submission: Coverage by Basic Heading

Coverage by countries	All BH	Main BH names
Between 25 and 31 countries (80% – 100%)	55	
Between 19 and 24 countries (60% – 80%)	20	
Between 13 and 16 countries (40% – 60%)	9	 Other personal effects Postal services Veterinary and other services for pets Cleaning, repair and hire of clothing Household services Bicycles Other services in respect of personal transport equipment Carpets and other floor coverings Motorcycles
Between 11 and 12 countries (20% – 40%)	3	 Repair of audio-visual, photographic and information processing equipment Jewellery, clocks and watches Passenger transport by railway
Total BH	87	



Country data submission: Special Surveys 2021



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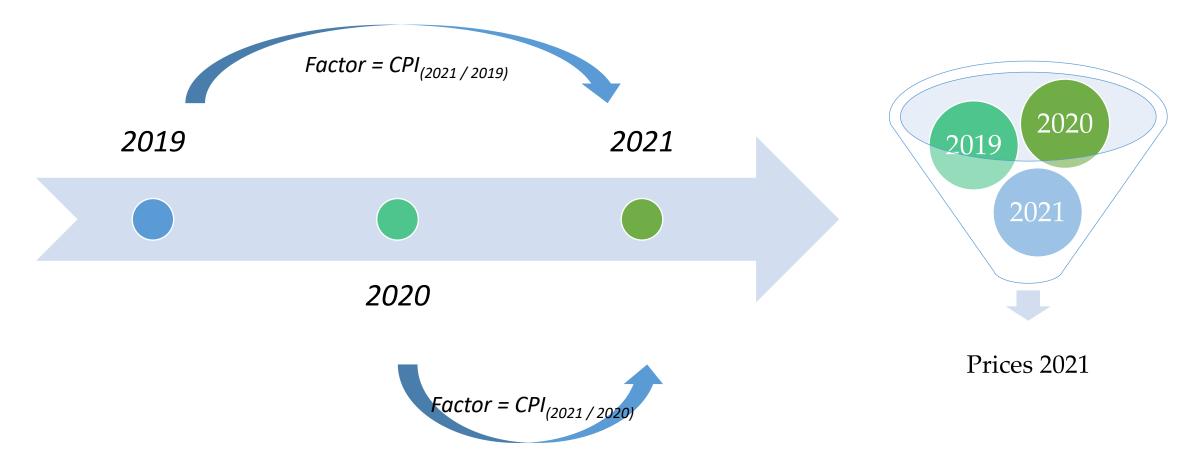


Country data submission: MORES



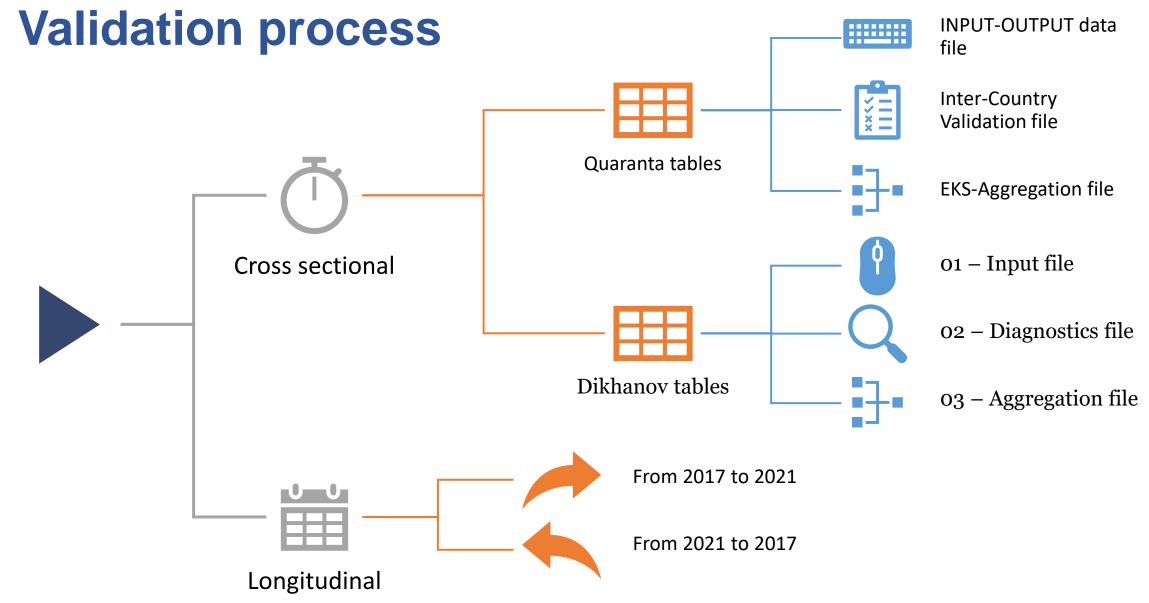


Extrapolation of prices for HHC



The CPI at the most detailed level available provided by countries was used to calculate factor in line with the item.







Price data validation: HHC data

- Review of units of measurement.
- Review of the most critical cases in terms of their intra-country, inter quarters and inter-country dispersion.
- Websites review.
- Communication with countries to solve problems.
- Correction of cases and data submission to the GO.



Price data validation: Special Surveys (1)

Data collection:

- Slow response from countries.
- Consulting and TA (Construction, M&E, Government Compensation, Rental, Private Education)
- Backcasting data for M&E surveys:
 - Available data 2021 and 2022.
 - Challenge: Not all countries in the region have Producer Price Indices (PPI)
 - Research to find a deflator to go from 2022 to 2021.
 - Proposal:
 - Use BLS data: USA M&E export price indices 2022/2021.
 - Correspondence between HS and ICP items.
 - Adjustment of price index by USD/domestic currency exchange rate.
 - Outcome: M&E estimated prices for 2021 by country



Price data validation: Special Surveys (2)

Intra and inter country validation:

- Regional review
 - M&E Consulting (Planco Consulting): Benchmarks, review of outlier cases, consistency and validation process.
 - Other Special Surveys data validation: in progress



Annual average calculation of HHC prices Prices 2021 ·23 Q2

- CPI data maximum detail available by country.
- CPI coding according to COICOP based on country information primarily.
- CPI-ICP correspondence.
- Imputation of quarterly data with CPI throug Python algorithms (extrapolation and retropolation, depending on quarterly availability of information).
- Obtaining simple annual averages according to ICP methodology.



MORES data validation

- MORES data for 33 countries:
 - 15 countries provided MORES for this Cycle (ARG,BOL,BRA,ECU,GTM,HND,PAN,PRY,PER, URY, ABW,BLZ, BMU,CUW, SUR)
 - Direct Approach (10 countries)
 - Extrapolation/Adjustments (5 countries)
 - Expert Opinion: 8 Caribbean countries were estimated by consultants (AIA, ATG, GRD, MSR, LCA,VCT,TTO, TCA)
 - 10 countries were estimated by ECLAC ICP team using the GDP figures and the approach *"Borrowing from Economy with similar structure"* (DOM,SLV,HTI,NIC,CYM,DMA,GUY,JAM,KNA,VGB)
- Validation process:
 - review of MORES data in relation to available national accounts data for each country:
 - GDP and components level
 - GDP and component structure



PPP estimation status

- Preliminary estimates using QT and DT tools
- Work in progress to include validated data on MORES and Special Surveys



Workshops and meetings summary

2021

- Technical meeting for price focal points of the (ICP)
- Informative meeting of the ICP on the 2021 Round

- Mar Technical Meeting on Private Education, Rental and Volume of Housing Surveys
- •May Technical meeting on national accounts data requirements
- •Jul Regional workshop on Construction Survey
- •Sep Technical Meeting on Validation of HHC Q1-21 Prices

- •Jan Regional workshop on M&E Survey
- •Mar Technical Meeting for Validation of HHC Prices Q2-21
- •Mar Regional workshop on Government Compensation Survey
- Mar Technical Meeting for Validation of HHC Prices Q3-21
- •Technical Meeting for Validation of HHC Prices Q3-21
- •Technical Meeting on Validation of HHC Prices and special surveys

2022

• Year 2021

2023

- Apr Joint ECLAC-ESCWA Webinar on Prices: Innovation and integration of statistical operations (DA14)
- Jul Dec: Technical meetings on data validation.

2020



Challenges in implementing 2021 ICP Cycle in LAC

Financial and human resource constraints

Challenges of COVID-19 on statistical work:

- Lockdown and mobility restrictions
- Post pandemic (2021 and 2022) stores closure.
- Teleworking/Virtual vs in person meetings

Conduct of Census Round in the Caribbean region

Decline in participation of two countries (Barbados, Bahamas).

Delay in data submission in Caribbean countries

Natural disasters in LAC countries (Haiti, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines)

Delay in data submission due to staff changes: Institutional commitment

Methological issues:

Inability of some Caribbean countries to elaborate the MORES because they do not have GDP measurements by expenditure approach.



Opportunities for improvement in implementing 2021 ICP Cycle in LAC

- Continuous communication with national focal points.
- Recommendations to countries to improve survey data collection and coverage.
- Capacity building activities.
- Assessment of alternative data sources.
- Sharing best practices in implementing ICP among regions.
- GO guidelines, recommendations and continuous support in the ICP implementation in LAC.



ECLAC Dissemination of ICP implementation in LAC



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