International Comparison Program

Inter-Agency Coordination Group

Africa progress report

Virtual Meeting
8th - 9th June 2022
Outline

1. ICP 2021 Implementation Status
2. Overall regional risks,
1. ICP 2021 Implementation Status

- **ALL 50 African countries have agreed** to the following New Arrangements:
  - SCB-V is a non-concessional Programme for the 37 ADF-eligible to countries;
  - COMESA is the Only Executing Agency as the Bank procedure currently requires;
  - Funds disbursed to COMESA in April 2021;
  - COMESA/Countries Financial Arrangements finalized in May 2022 =>

  **Financial Regulations within REC /Countries (**
  - First Time COMESA is Implementing a Program in “Non-COMESA member states”;
  - Signing LOA issues raised in ”Non-COMESA member states”;
  - Meetings held with both the Bank and 37 Countries to facilitate disbursment of Funds;

- **COMESA Accounts at UBA and Ecobank have been opened in all 37: countries to channel ressources to NSO for HHC field data Collection**
1. ICP 2021 Implementation Status (Cont’d)

✓ 13 Middle Income Countries (MIC) will implement ICP without resources (these are the Bank New Operational rules):
   
   a) based on their CPIA which upgrades them from Non Concessional (ADF-Resources) to Concessional Resources (required special agreement with respective governments for any Operational activities):

✓ 4 “Experimental” or “BenchMark” Countries

   a) Eritrea; Somalia; South Sudan; Libya:

   (i) Countries made official request to Considered as “Non-Benchmark Countries” (ii) to considered depending on the quality of their data to be submitted to the Bank.
1. ICP 2021 Implementation Status (Cont’d)

Data Processing
- Data Entry, Editing
- Validation Tool (Regional Tools, Semper, Efla, MORES, etc)
- Computation Tool

Data Received
- 2020 ICP Data: August to December 2020
- CPI received from 2017 to 2021, Population
- 2021 Datasets for about 10 Countries
  - remaining Countries collect data in 2022

2021 HHC Prices
Extrapolation of 2020->2021 & BackCasting of 2022->2021
✓ Pandemic effects in prices
✓ Ukraine/Russia War
National Accounts
- Webinars with Partners => Streamlined Capacity development
- MORES and Validation Tool
- MEQ and CON are Centralized: data Collection in 2022 and BackCast for 2021 vs (2017-2019 extrapolations)

Education

Housing
✓ 2017 (revision), 2021, 2022

Gvt Compensation
- 2017 wages remain valid; 2020 new scales (pandemic)
- 2021: 20 countries new values
## 1. ICP 2021 Implementation Status (Cont’d)

### ICP 2021-2022 Workplan for HHC prices and National accounts data collection

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### Data submission Schedule

1. **570 Products list and ICP/CPI common Baskets**: month (M) to be submitted each 10th of month (M+1)
2. **ICP/CPI common Products from January 2020 to December 2022**: each month from July 2022 to July 2023
3. **Special surveys**:
   a. **Private Education**: September 2022, and April 2023
   b. **Housing (Rentals + Volume)**: August 2022, November 2022; March 2023, July 2023
   c. **Government compensations**: August 2022, November 2022; March 2023, July 2023
   d. **Reduced Construction and Machinery Products**: February 2023
   e. **Mores for 2017 to 2021**: August 2022, November 2022; March 2023, July 2023

- **Water, electricity and air Tariff**: 1st submission: August 2022 and subject to calibration from August to December 2022;
- **Regional Data validation workshop**: November 2022
1. ICP 2021 Implementation Status (Cont’d)

PPP Computation

- 2017 as submitted and published in 2020
- 2017 revision (July 2020)
- 2017 update (December 2020)
- 2018-2020 will depend on Data quality
- 2021 PPP Report starts in March 2023

- Official Launch held on: 1st June 2022
- HHC, GOV, EDUC, CON, MEQ: to Submit in Sept/Oct 22 and Fev23
- MORES: live activities until Q3-2023

- Data Validation Workshop
  - Virtual ongoing process since July 2020 (bilateral and group of countries)
    - Venue: November 2022 (Lusaka/Kampala)
      - 2017 to 2021 HHC
      - MORES 2017 to 2021
      - Special Surveys 2017, 2021

Post workshop Data Review: Nov-2022 to Q3-2023
2. Overall Regional Risks mitigation measures

THREE (03) major risks are worth underlining:

- **Significant Amount of non ICP Statistical Activities in countries:**
  - The Bank is working very closely with COMESA AND Countries to guarantee ICP activities;
  - Meetings with AU/EU (PAS-II)

- **ICP staff turnover in the countries and lack of staff**
  a) ICP staff victim from Covid-19;
  b) Appointment of Whole NI Team;
  c) ICP staff Mobility for various Reasons;
  d) Retirements;

- **Dual participating countries** – Very Close monitoring of country activities.
  ✓ Ongoing discussion with AU/PAS-II to fill Financial Gap for a number of non Concessionnal Countries (mainly Dual Countries)
Thank you!