

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 disbursement of Funds;

➤ **COMESA Accounts at UBA and Ecobank have been opened in all 37: countries to channel resources 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 Operatonal 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**



1. ICP 2021 Implementation Status (Cont'd)

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

- **2018/2019, 2019/2020, 2020/2021, 2021/2022**

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

ICP 2021-2022	2022												2023											
	T1			T2			T3			T4			T1			T2			T3			T4		
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Prices collection for 570 items List						*	*		*		*		*											
ICP-CPI common Products	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	
HHC Metadata (Survey framework questionnaire, Availability and Importance matrix)	*		*	*		*	*		*	*		*	*											
National accounts	** : (Annually)												** : annually											
Special surveys	** : (Annually)												** : annually											
(i) Private Education	** : (Annually)												** : annually											
(ii) Housing (rentals and Volume)	** : (Annually)												** : annually											
(iii) Government compensation	** : (Annually)												** : annually											
(iv) Construction civil engineering	** : (Annually)												** : annually											
(v) Machinery and equipment	** : (Annually)												** : annually											

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 Feb23

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!