

# **7<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the International Comparison Program (ICP) Inter-Agency Coordination Group (IACG)**

## **Status of ICP-Africa Activities and Risks**

**April 15-18, 2019  
World Bank, GIU, Washington DC**

**MC 3-850**

---

# Outline

---

- 
- 1. Implementation Status**
  - 2. Outstanding activities**
  - 3. Data Validation, Workshops & Tech. Assistance**
  - 4. Next Steps & WorkPlan**
  - 5. Outstanding Risks**
  - 6. Beyond 2017 ICP-Africa**
-

# 1. Implementation Status

❑ **50 African countries (Comesa 20 ; Afristat 30) have submitted** data

as follows:

✓ **HHC data: 50 countries**

- 48 Countries submitted quarterly [Sept 2017 to Dec 2018].

- 02 Countries submitted only ICP/CPI Common Items:

**Angola** : the ICP survey is ongoing

**Madagascar** : pharmaceutical and ICP Items data is collected & full ICP-data for Q4-2018 is under validation

✓ **Private Education : 50** countries

✓ **Housing Rentals : 45** countries

✓ **Housing Volumes: 42** countries

✓ **GOV. Compensation : 50** countries

✓ **Extrapolation files : 48** countries

✓ **M&E: 50** countries; **Construction : 50** countries

✓ **Series of GDP vectors : 46** countries

❑ **Capacity development :**

**Eritrea; Somalia; South Sudan; Libya.**

## 2. Outstanding Activities

### **RETROPOLATION TO REFERENCE YEAR 2017**

- Participating countries agreed submitting CPI/ICP common prices as well as CPI indices to compute **price adjustment factors** to re-align prices collected in 2018 and 2019 to the 2017 reference year.
- The approach for back-casting main survey prices for Sudan, Angola and Mauritania will be agreed with those countries when processing of such prices is completed.

### **REVIEW OF SERIES OF GDP VECTORS**

- GDP vectors to be further improved following basic checks and advanced validation procedures (economic likelihood; temporal variation; price-expenditure consistency).
- GDP vectors to be revised where GDP is being or will soon be rebased (e.g.: Angola; Mauritania; Malawi)

### **ALIGNMENT OF EXTRAPOLATION FILES**

- All files to be thoroughly revised in alignment with: fine-tuned GDP vectors; price adjustment factors; and main survey framework questionnaire.

### 3. Data Validation, Workshops & Tech. Assistances

#### Since September 2017 to date:

- **Main survey validation** : Reinforced standard iterative process (with more emphasis on country errors, editing of prices, quantities and units of measurement, review of surveys frameworks, etc.)
- **Special surveys** : Bilateral review
- **Validation of series of GDP Vectors** :
  - ✓ Review of MORES and other GDP files: Basic checks; Economic likelihood (notion of VUNEX); temporal variations; price-expenditure consistency;

#### And :

- **Technical Assistance Missions : 39 countries**  
Some countries were visited twice or more, e.g. Nigeria; Madagascar
- **1 Sub Regional Workshop (July 2018) : 20 Countries**
- **1 Regional Workshop (APR 2019) : 50 participating Countries while 4 are on CB.**

**Plus:** Dual participation meeting (Istanbul - December 2018)

## 4. Next Steps & WorkPlan

- ❑ A number of countries still editing data (Prices & NA)
  - Afdb will be receiving new data until the end of **May 2019**.
  - Data processing expected to end in **June/July 2019**,
  - Internal Retreat on Data Validation : **July 2019**

**Submission to AFDB of ALL pending data processing by end-May 2019 : Prices and Series of GDP vectors**

**❑ SUBMISSION to GIU : 10 AUGUST 2019**

## 5. Outstanding risks

<b>Main Survey – Quality of price adjustment</b>	Temporal and spatial adjustment factors required to back cast prices to 2017 and scale them to entire nation may be uneven across countries
<b>Housing volumes</b>	Some countries such as Equatorial Guinea will not be able to provide required information
<b>Machinery-Equipment and Construction</b>	AfDB will ensure that recent decision of some countries (Congo, Egypt, Morocco, and Sudan) to conduct their own surveys does not result into program slippage.
<b>Series of GDP expenditures</b>	AfDB will encourage countries with lower capacity to adopt its approach of validation and improvement and even endorse AfDB's revised vectors
<b>Price-expenditure consistency</b>	Once the validation of main and special survey prices has completed, lead time to data submission to GIU will be too short for securing price-expenditure consistency

## 6. Beyond 2017 ICP-Africa

1. AfDB to continue his support to ICP (2020 Round; etc)
2. Ensure that countries and regional economic communities working on ICP are able to consistently explain the main uses of PPPs to their principals and major users;
3. Discuss ICP results against the backdrop of the Bank's strategic areas;
4. Align the ICP-Africa report to selected Bank's operational strategies by developing relevant thematic chapters in the report;
5. Mainstream ICP in countries' activities in national accounts and price statistics through: (a) Developing guidelines for the inclusion of ICP in National Strategy for the Development of Statistics (NSDS); and spearheading ICP-CPI integration as well as ICP-National Accounts integration through methodological harmonization and effective piloting in selected countries.



---

---



**Thank You!**