Regional Status on 2017 and 2020 ICP:

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Outline

2017 ICP in Asia Pacific Region
• Finalization of data and results
• Adoption of regional 2017 revised 2011 results
• Lessons learned from the ICP 2017 cycle

2020 ICP in Asia Pacific Region
• Regional activities and pre-survey preparations
• Expected country participation and survey schedule;
• Funding of the ICP 2020 cycle in the region; and
• Risks to the ICP 2020 cycle and mitigation measures.
2017 ICP: Finalization of Data and Results

- Preliminary results discussed in the second meeting of Experts’ Group – 21-23 August 2019
- Data cleaning measures and prelim. results presented to Regional Advisory Board (RAB) – 26-27 August 2019
- Data and GDP expenditures related clarifications obtained based on RAB’s recommendations
- Price data and/or GDP data/other indicators finalized after receiving productivity adjustment factors from the World Bank – Dec/Jan 2020
- Finalized annual prices, GDP expenditures, and auxiliary data submitted to the World Bank – Jan 2020
2017 ICP: Adoption of regional 2017 revised 2011 results

• Regional Results (incl. 2011 revised) finalized following RAB recommendations - Jan 2019
• Final regional 2017 results and 2011 revised results presented to the:
  • RAB on 10 February 2020 – endorsed
  • Heads of National Implementing Agencies on 11-12 February 2020 – endorsed
• Publication of Regional Results web release:
  • Summary Report – end of March 2020,
  • Main—Q2 2020 (April 2020 tentative)
2017 ICP: Lessons Learnt (1)

- CPI and ICP benefit from each other
  - Use of CPI infrastructure for ICP
  - Incorporating ICP items in CPI where feasible
  - Best practices in ICP applied to CPI (incorporating product descriptions in CPI, improved data validation in CPI)
- Capacity building in ICP concepts and methods is essential for involvement of NIAs
- Specialized surveys like machinery & equipment and construction greatly benefit from training and validation by domain experts
2017 ICP: Lessons Learnt (2)

- No substitute to **rigorous data validation** at country and regional levels for quality control
- **COICOP** not fully applied in many countries – an area where improvements in CPIs are needed
- **Housing comparisons** – rigorous data mining and data quality checks helped improve housing comparisons and developing a feasible ‘mixed’ approach for measuring dwelling services in Asia
- National accounts expenditures for **housing services** need improvements
- Transparency and ownership by NIAs are fundamental to successful implementation of ICP
Regional Workshop – 3-6 December 2019 discussed:
• household price survey sampling framework
• household and other Product lists
• operational guidelines for price surveys of household products

Next regional workshop - April 2020
• Discussion on specialized surveys (M&E, CNS, Housing, Government compensation)

A new ICP-APPS for price data entry, processing, and validation developed and deployed to the NIAs
Operational Materials

- Household product catalogue updated/finalized and provided to NIAs on 24 January 2020
- Practical guide on Household Price Collection
- Product List for Government Compensation finalized and sent to NIAs on 18 Feb 2020
- Product list for Housing Rental finalized and sent to NIAs on 18 Feb 2020
2020 ICP: regional activities (3)

Operational Materials (cont’d)

• Product list for \textbf{Machinery and Equipment} drafted
• Product Lists for \textbf{Construction} products drafted
• Awaiting finalization of global product lists for finalizing the regional lists
2020 ICP: regional activities (4)

• Myanmar country mission to provide advice on design of HH survey sampling in Nov 2019
• In-country training for price enumerators and supervisors for HH surveys by NIAs – Q1 2020
• All economies are required to submit country work plans (10 of 22 economies have submitted work plan) and ICP teams
• Price collection surveys begin in Q1 2020 (starting time varies from country to country)
2020 ICP country participation

• Same 22 economies of 2017 ICP expected to participate

• All economies have been requested to sign ‘Letter of No Objection (LNO)’ for participation in ADB’s Technical Assistance for 2020 ICP

• 18 economies already submitted signed LNOs

• 2020 ICP – Inception meeting with the heads of NIAs held on 11 February 2020 in Manila

• Framework of Partnership established defining roles and responsibilities of ADB and NIAs
# 2020 ICP Survey Schedule

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*The Planned activities schedule will be discussed with the countries. Asia is planning to produce results every 3 years.
1 Price collection for fast evolving items will be conducted in Q3 2020.
3 Data collection will be in Q2 2021.
4 Government compensation is based on administrative data.
5 One-time price collection – June or July 2020.
2020 ICP: Funding

• ADB approved a US$ 2,000,000 technical assistance for 2020 ICP in December 2020
• Eligible economies will be provided seed funds to implement data collection and related activities at the country level and purchase of equipment
• Economies are increasingly trying to integrate ICP activities with the CPI price collection activities and using CPI infrastructure optimize on their available resources
• Some countries are integrating the ICP into their regular work plans but most still depend at least partially on financial support from ADB
2020 ICP: Risks and Mitigation

- Delayed start to the activities – different countries starting at different points in time – Mitigation by extending price collection to Q1-2021
- Competing priorities (population census, major statistical surveys) in 2020 put pressure on resources – Mitigation by support to the extent feasible by ADB
- 2019 Novel Coronavirus (2019 –nCoV) – PRC operations have been postponed, HKG suspended field operations
- Any further worsening of situation may impact country operations and regional workshops if there are travel restrictions and GB may take note of this.
Thank you.