ICP-Africa Progress Report
As at October 4, 2021

International Comparison Program (ICP)
Meeting of the Inter-Agency Coordination Group (IACG)

Virtual Meeting, October 12-14, 2021
COVID-19 induced Challenges

- Preparatory activities initially planned for 2020 were jeopardized in most countries
- Virtual communications hampered by connectivity challenges
- Disruption of routine activities in countries (13 countries still affected, 7 staff deaths from ICP teams, 8 countries with new ICP-Team)
- Countries unpreparedness and not equipped for virtual data collection
- Fleeting movement of availability and prices of essential goods and services
**Household Goods & Services**

**Data collection**

- Two (2) virtual workshops on National Accounts in October and November 2020

- Same country participation as 2017

### 50 countries

### Household Consumption 570

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## Non Household Goods & Services Data collection

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Regional Activities: Technical Assistance to New National ICP Team on Data Requirement

52 Countries bilaterally assisted from Aug20-Aug21

- Mauritania
- Guinea
- Guinea Bissau
- Cabo Verde

- GDP Splitting with MORES
- Overall framework
- Prices + NA
- Data requirements and methodologies
50 data sets on NA (2017-to 2020) updated from the 2017 round;

25 data sets on Education updated for 2017, 2018, 2019

Workshop Online: March and August 2022

Data Validation: Oct-2021 to December 2022

AFDB/ESCWA dual countries: more Advanced on Data Collection

PPP computation: stewards process: starts from June 2022 to final Regional Report in 2023
Funding and Risks

**Funding**
- To ADF eligible countries, through COMESA

**Overall regional risks**
- Lack of funding for middle-income countries
- Slippage in commencement of data collection in middle-income countries

**Mitigation**
- Make the most of ICP-CPI commonalities
- Virtual conversations with middle income countries on realistic options

**Possible Extension of data collection**
Thank You