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Status of the Implementation of the ICP 2021 Cycle in the Arab Region

UN-ESCWA

International Comparison Program (ICP)

Meeting of the Inter-Agency Coordination Group (IACG)

June 8-9, 2022

Updates on Country Participation

Bahrain	Egypt	Iraq	Jordan	Kuwait	Libya
Lebanon	Mauritania	Morocco	Oman	Palestine	Qatar
Saudi Arabia	Sudan	Syria	Tunisia	United Arab Emirates	Yemen

Survey Implementation

Data Collection Timetable

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
Household Consumption (Quarterly)	Q1 Data Collection			Q2 Data Collection			Q3 Data Collection			Q4 Data Collection		
Rentals (Semi-Annual)						H1 Data Collection						H2 Data Collection
Private Education (Annual)										Collection of academic year 1 and academic year 2 Data		
Government Compensation (Annual)					Data Compilation							
Construction (Annual)									Data Collection			
Machinery & Equipment (Annual)										Data Collection		

Survey Implementation

Main HHC Survey

- Quarterly collection during 2021 for most countries – some countries are collecting in 2022
- Semi-annual collection for FETI on a yearly basis

Rentals

- Semi-annual collection on a yearly basis

Private Education

- Annual collection on a yearly basis

Government Compensation

- Annual collection on a yearly basis

Construction

- Annual collection on a yearly basis

Machinery and Equipment

- Annual collection on a yearly basis

Expenditure Compilation

Expenditure compilation is performed annually in the Arab region using the MORES form

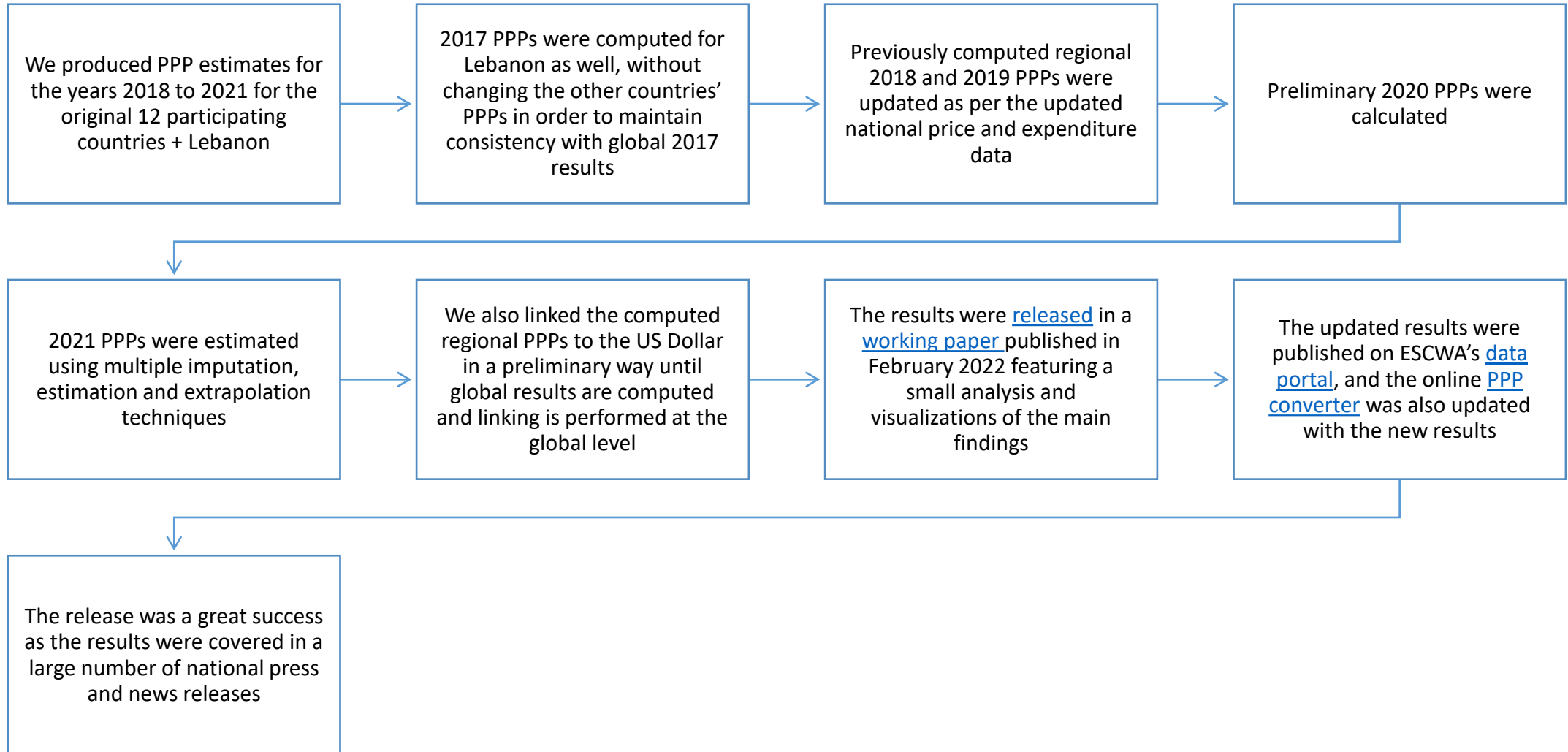
We expect to receive preliminary 2021 expenditures during Q3 2022

Data Validation

National data validation is ongoing with regional checks

Regional inter-country validation of 2021 data will take place through a regional workshop which will be held during Q3 2022

PPP Estimation Status – New PPP Release



PPP Estimation Status: 2017 to 2022

Final 2021 PPPs based on actual data will be computed during 2023, as some member countries are implementing the surveys in 2022 instead of 2021

For these countries, 2022 price data will be reinterpolated to 2021 for result computation

2022 preliminary PPPs will also be computed along with 2021 results

PPPs for 2017 and interim years [2018-2019-2020] will be updated and finalized as well

We expect the PPP results for 2017 to 2022 to be computed and ready for release in Q3 2023

Recent Workshops and Meetings (1)

- **Virtual Meeting for Discussion of Regional ICP updates, May 16, 2022:**
 - *To discuss regional developments in PPP production;*
 - *To go over the national survey implementation status;*
 - *To have an overview of the national ICP team structure in each country and the addition/ change of team members;*
 - *To assess difficulties faced in the implementation of national activities and the training needs*

Recent Workshops and Meetings (2)

- **National Technical Cooperation on the Implementation of the 2021 PPP Production Cycle in the United Arab Emirates, May 23-27, 2022:**
 - *As the entire national ICP team in the UAE was changed, we conducted a technical cooperation mission to provide training for the new team members on the price surveys and the use of the ICP toolkit for data entry and data validation*
 - *The meeting included an introduction to PPPs, data requirements, a presentation of the ICP price surveys, hands-on training on the use of the ICP module and practical PPP exercises*

Recent Workshops and Meetings (3)

- **Regional training on the implementation of household and non-household consumption price surveys and data entry on a special module for the calculation of price relatives, June 13-16, 2022:**
 - *We are conducting a regional training workshop next week to empower existing national ICP team members and build the capacities of new joiners on the implementation of the different ICP surveys and use of the ICP module*
 - *This workshop is especially important as many changes were made to the national ICP teams*

Outreach Activities and Announcements

1. The release of the new PPPs:
 - ✓ It appeared 91 times in 73 media outlets including TVs, radios, news agencies, newspapers, news websites and one international organization, which all have a high reach and diversified audience;
 - ✓ We recorded two short videos which were circulated on ESCWA social media platforms, registering over 2,961 views on all platforms;
 - ✓ There were 859 downloads of the report.
2. A special session will be conducted on the ICP in the Arab region at the upcoming Statistical Committee meeting at ESCWA at the end of the year, which will service to raise awareness on the importance of PPPs and their evolving uses.
3. We received a new Development Account project for the implementation of the ICP.

Risk Assessment

1. National budgets
2. Timeline of price collection for dual participating countries which do not have the resources to collect data twice



Thank you

