International Comparison Program (ICP) Technical Advisory Group (TAG) Meeting

ICP 2021 Cycle Metadata and COVID-19

November 9-12, 2021
Background [1]

COVID-19 imposes various challenges to the ICP 2021 cycle

▪ ICP TAG: Collecting sufficient metadata on the implementation of the ICP 2021 cycle will be crucial for validating and adequately assessing the results.

▪ General information on the COVID-19 impact on the NSOs / economic statistics is being collected by regional and international agencies:
  - [World Bank Survey](#) of National Statistical Offices during COVID-19
  - [IMF Survey](#) on COVID-19 impact on macroeconomic statistics

▪ ICP COVID-19 questionnaire would enable ICP National Implementing Agencies to provide ICP-specific metadata on any challenges and changes COVID-19 introduced in ICP implementation at the national level.
Background [2]

ICP 2017 cycle utilized three metadata questionnaires
- Household Consumption Survey Framework Questionnaire (SFQ)
- National Accounts Country Practice Questionnaire
- Housing Metadata Questionnaire

IACG considered a separate ICP COVID-19 questionnaire, however, it was recognized that:
- The requested information would have similarities to the SFQ
- Questions on extrapolation/backcasting to arrive at annual average prices will be relevant for ICP cycles in general, but especially for ICP 2021 cycle
- SFQ information is relevant for all ICP price surveys

→ IACG decided to merge the COVID-19 and SFQ questionnaires
ICP SFQ/COVID-19 Questionnaire: General Covid-19 Questions

1. ICP Implementation changes due to COVID-19

(a) Is there an organizational change for the ICP 2021 implementation compared to the ICP 2017?
(e.g. different institution or unit working on the ICP work program)

(b) Is there a work schedule change for the ICP 2021 compared to the ICP 2017?
(e.g. collecting price data for different quarters; differences in compiling ICP national accounts expenditure data)

(c) Is there any other change regarding your country’s ICP 2021 work program compared to the ICP 2017 that resulted from the COVID-19 pandemic?

2. Issues faced by the national ICP Unit due to COVID-19 related constraints

(a) Human resources
(e.g. issues associated with remote work, staff shortages due to illness or increased workload)

(b) Price data collection
(e.g. issues associated with lockdown restrictions, hiring and coordination of price collectors, supply shortages of certain products)

(c) National accounts data compilation
(e.g. issues associated with survey delays, inconsistency between data sources and completeness)
# ICP SFQ/COVID-19 Questionnaire: Price Covid-19 Questions

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<th>For each of these categories, please indicate with &quot;Yes&quot; or &quot;No&quot; if the ICP price collection affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.</th>
<th>If yes, please indicate in which quarter(s) was the price collection affected</th>
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<th>Please describe mitigation measure(s), if any.</th>
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<td>Example: Prices were collected online; prices were obtained from the CPI; no prices were collected for these items etc.</td>
<td>Example: Less price quotations, higher observed prices, difficulty in accessing the item's quality</td>
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### ICP SFQ/COVID-19 Questionnaire: EXP Covid-19 Questions

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Extended Survey Framework Questionnaire for ICP surveys:

- Geographical and population coverage (household consumption)
- Outlet coverage (household consumption)
- Priced items & sourcing from CPI (household consumption)
- Timing of data collection (new: all ICP price surveys)
- New: Application of retroporation/extrapolation to arrive at annual average prices, if applicable (ICP price surveys)
THANK YOU