2017 Results and Release
ESCWA released its ICP results on December 10, 2020.

The release was in the form of a comprehensive and interactive ICP webpage: “www.icp.unescwa.com”.
ICP Webpage

A summary report with global and regional highlights

A comprehensive regional report including:

- An introduction of the ICP and its data requirements
- A description of the ICP in the Arab region
- PPP uses, especially in SDGs
- A description of the 2017 ICP results
- Country profiles
- Tables of ICP results for the years 2011 to 2017 in terms of US Dollars
- Tables of ICP results for the years 2011 to 2019 in terms of Omani Rials
- A summary of the computation methodology
ICP Webpage (cont’d)

- Interactive charts, tables and animations
- Country testimonials
- Informative and descriptive videos
- A link to ESCWA’s ICP database
- An innovative interactive online PPP converter
ESCWA also made a press release of the ICP results.

ESCWA and The World Bank developed a joint blog entitled “The ICP in Western Asia: turning the spotlight on Arab economies”.
Country Participation

Bahrain
Egypt
Iraq
Jordan
Kuwait
Lebanon
Morocco
Oman
Palestine
Qatar
Saudi Arabia
Sudan
Syria
Tunisia
UAE
Yemen
# Survey Implementation Status

## Data Collection Timetable for 2021

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The same survey schedule followed each cycle will also be followed in the 2021 cycle.

However, Syria and Yemen planned to join the 2021 cycle after its launch and thus still need to receive training before starting data collection.
We conducted a survey to assess Arab countries’ readiness and the status of their participation in the 2021 ICP cycle.

Responses were received from 13 out of 14 countries.

Two countries reported that the launch of the 2021 cycle was not successful at the national level.

All other respondents have made the necessary preparations for the implementation of ICP activities in terms of resources and operations.

9 out of the 13 respondent countries collected HHC prices in Q1 2021.
Status of HHC collection for Q1 2021

- Bahrain
- Egypt
- Iraq
- Jordan
- Kuwait
- Lebanon
- Morocco
- Oman
- Palestine
- Qatar
- Saudi Arabia
- Sudan
- Syria
- Tunisia
- UAE
- Yemen
When asked about the challenges faced in the implementation of the 2021 cycle, the following responses were received:

- One country is waiting for budget approval which is expected soon and will resolve all issues.
- In one country, new staff have joined the program and thus there is a need for training – we will provide the necessary training.
- In one country, GFCF surveys (construction and M&E) are not yet budgeted.
- 2 countries are waiting for the launch of the 2021 cycle in Africa before launching it at the national level.
- Other listed challenges were related to COVID-19 and can be summed as follows:
  - Lockdown restricting field collection
  - Difficulty of communication between regions
  - Number of staff limited
Recent Workshops and Meetings

11 Nov. 2020
National ICP training workshop for Lebanon’s national statistical office

19 Jan. 2021
National meeting with Jordan’s national statistical office on the use of web scraping in price data collection

26 Jan. 2021
National ICP meeting for Lebanon’s national statistical office for the introduction of the ICP special surveys and revision of the 2020 HHC price data

3 Feb. 2021
Regional ICP meeting for launching the 2021 ICP cycle in the Arab region

4 Feb. 2021
Trilateral dual participation meeting
Funding Status

We've been maximizing the utilization of the humble funding ESCWA received for the implementation of the 2017 cycle; however, it is already almost depleted.

Efforts need to be made to secure funding from any potential sources; We had hopes to have partial funding for the 2021 cycle through UNDA, but unfortunately even the UNDA resources seem to be very limited and scarce.
Thank You