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Update on Country Participation

50 countries

target remains as initially reported

South Sudan Somaliland

Statistical capacity building countries. The objective is to raise their infrastructure to a particular level consistent with the requirements of the ICP.
2 Outstanding Survey Activities Underway/Planned

All surveys are underway

- Although some countries that started the main survey data collection in September 2017 and progressed continuously thereafter finished data collection in May 2018.

- Planned completion date for the main survey in November 2018. Thus giving room to other countries to complete price collection.

Special surveys:

- Private education [22]
- Compensation of empl. [20]
- Housing rentals [12]
- Housing volume [14]

- are at various stages, with the completion date set for the 4th quarter. Some countries have provided survey programs and proposed dates for data submission.
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Status of regional quality assessment

- Intra data validation and editing as and when individual countries submit their data over time.
- Inter country validation run on Comesa Group countries [20]
- Provision of country specific comments and recommendations in response to data submitted at a particular point in time.
Workshops & Technical Assistance Missions Undertaken and Planned

- The Africa region ICP workshop is set for the 1st or 2nd quarter of 2019 once most of the data on National Accounts expenditures and Price levels has been submitted.
- However, if the 2nd quarter is likely to have slippage in preliminary results.

- Technical assistance missions to selected countries that are lagging behind should set to take place within the 4th quarter of 2018.
Expected timetable for the finalization of regional data and release of results

- It is planned that the preliminary results will be computed by July 2019.
- The final results are tentatively set for December 2019.
Outreach Activities

ICP advocacy concept note

- Development and presentation of the Bank’s draft ICP advocacy concept note during the 13th African Symposium on Statistical Development in Addis Ababa, 1-4, October 2018
- Will be used as a guide in subsequent or relevant sessions like when engaging RECs during their statutory meetings.

Laying the foundation for effective advocacy work

- Consistently include a component on ICP objectives, methods and main uses as well as training as and when undertaking statistical capacity building sessions/missions across countries, RECs, and Statistical Training Centres. This should lay the foundation for effective advocacy work.

National advocacy

- Encourage countries to advocate for ICP processes at national level. Display/Flash ICP results side by side as and when releasing their national accounts results as a process.
Outstanding risks

Delays in the completion of:
- Main survey data → possible slippages
- Special surveys (Private Education, Compensation of Government Employees, Housing Rent and Volumes)
- GDP splitting for latest year
- Submission of estimated aggregates for 2017 GDP

Data inconsistencies
- Inconsistent data by country → prolonging finalization of multilateral data validation and editing.

Challenges of common products
- Limited capacity in identification of common products.
Thank You