

Lebanon and Oman

National Accounts

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Introduction

- Report on visits to:
 - Lebanon - Central Administration for Statistics (CAS)
 - Oman - Directorate General of Economic Statistics (DGES)
- Purpose was to review feasibility of
 - National accounts reporting forms
 - Government occupations and compensation



Lebanon: National Accounts Reporting Forms (1)

- CAS can identify “important” products (SPD/PSs) although this will inevitably be subjective in some cases.
- CAS has information on prices of products but they do not collect information on quantities or values.



Lebanon: National Accounts Reporting Forms (2)

- They do not have any data on trade margins, transport cost or installation costs at the product level.
- CAS could complete Table 1 but are reluctant to do so in view of their staff situation. They could not complete any of the other tables in a meaningful fashion.
- But CAS likes supply and use approach and would like develop these.



Lebanon: Government Occupations and Compensation

- CAS could supply information on about 40 of the 46 occupations in the draft list.
- The salary scale can be used to obtain cash payments of wages and salaries. Income in kind is not relevant for civil employees.
- There are no actual employer contributions for social security. Contributions should be imputed but are not.
- The official working hours of 32 per week can be taken as the actual hours worked.



Oman: National Accounts Reporting Forms

- DGES staff questioned the benefits to the programme and to the DGES of filling in these tables. How will the information be used by the Global Office or the Regional Coordinators? And what will be the advantage to the statistical offices of participating countries?
- They can only partially complete most of the reporting forms with the main problem being the lack of data on quantities for products. Some quantity data are, however, available for more aggregated product classes.
- They currently compile annual SUTs and support this part of the programme.



Oman: Government Occupations and Compensation

- DGES will be able to provide data on compensation for about 35 of the specified occupations and will be able to do this for entry-level, 5-year and 10-year staff.
- All cash payments and actual employer contributions can be accurately reported and estimates can be made for bonus payments. Civilian employees do not receive any income in kind.
- DGES will not be able to report compensation of employees for the three military occupations.
- Official hours are actual hours.

- **National accounts**

- Difficulties in completing forms requiring quantity and value data at product level
- Support for Supply and Use/Commodity Flow tables

- **Government occupations and compensation**

- Need to revise the list – occupations and descriptions
- Compensation can be provided but may be problems with imputed social security contributions