

ICP Asia Pacific

Preliminary PPP Results Review Workshop

29-31 March 2007
Kathmandu, Nepal

ICP Asia Pacific Activities

- I. Six Regional Advisory Board (RAB) meetings – June 2003 (first meeting)
- II. Meeting of NSO heads in June 2003 to enjoin their support for ICP Asia Pacific
- III. Inception Workshop in July 2003 made participating countries appreciate their roles, new features of ICP & nature of ICP work involved

ICP Asia Pacific Activities

- IV.** 2 workshops to prepare HH list (Jan 2004 & Aug 2005) & 2 workshops for C&E (Aug 05 and Dec 2005)
- V.** ToolPack training
- VI.** Seven DRWs for price & 2 workshops for GDP data
- VII.** Results review workshops/meetings

Steps Taken to Ensure Product Parity – *HH products*

- I. Two regional workshops on HH product list development
- II. Regional training workshops on ICP price surveys, PPP aggregation methods
- III. Regional training workshops & individual country missions for ToolPack training
- IV. Preparation/circulation of printed product catalogue
- V. Identification/resolution of ToolPack problems

Steps Taken to Ensure Product Parity – *HH products*

- VI. Preparation of "*What to Price*", "*List of Products Needing Special Attention*"
- VII. Preparation of data validation guidelines
- VIII. Conduct of 5 DRWs for HH
- IX. Product list revisions
- X. Compliance with EB minimum requirements (annual national average prices for at least 2 quarters)

Steps Taken to Ensure Product Parity – *HH products*

- XI.** Checking BH with “0” weights but with prices; BH with weights but no prices
- XII.** Circulation of Quaranta tables for review of selected indicators
- XIII.** Sub-regional comparison of price data
- XIV.** Exchange of emails between the RO & the countries on suggested courses of action/what to price

Steps Taken to Ensure Product Parity – *Health & Education*

- I. Inclusion of detailed specifications/pictures for more accurate product identification
- II. Preparation/circulation of pricing guidelines
- III. Conduct of DRW

Steps Taken to Ensure Product Parity – *Construction & Equipment*

- I. Countries advised to engage domestic experts for price surveys
- II. Domestic & international experts convened for product list finalization
- III. International experts provided technical guidance in conduct of price surveys & data validation
- IV. Core groups of experts convened to review C&E price data
- V. Conduct of DRWs

RO recommendations

- Unweighted or weighted national annual average prices to be submitted; countries to decide weights to be used
- Careful review of **representativity** indicators
- Countries advised to convene internal meetings to discuss PPP results

RAB Agreements

- Estimation for missing quarters to be attempted only if general inflation rate $> 5\%$ & reliable price deflators are available.
- Calibration of 2006 prices to 2005 levels to be done if inflation $> 5\%$ & reliable price deflators are available.
- Meeting of NSO heads & NCs

RAB Agreements

- Proposal to have 3 groups for publication:
 - Core group
 - Additional countries
 - Supplementary group

Issues

- **Inconsistency of GDP data submitted by countries, country website, ADB-KI, WB & UNSD figures**
- **Countries requested to submit 2005 weights by 16 April; 2004 GDP weights will be used if 2005 weights not available**
- **Integration of ICP in regular work programs/continuity of the program**
- **Liquidation of funds received**

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Data Review Workshops Held

DRW	Dates	No. of countries
Q1 HH consumption items	4 – 8 July 2005	4
	8 – 12 August	8
	29 August – 2 September	9
Q2 HH consumption items	28 Sept – 5 Oct 2005	22
HH consumption items	23 – 26 November 2005	22
National Accounts	10-12 May 2006	22
HH consumption items	12-15 June 2006	9
	21-24 June 2006	5
	11-14 July 2006	6
	11-15 September 2006	2
Construction	7-9 December 2006	22
Equipment	11-13 December 2006	22
HH, Dwellings & Comp	14-16 December 2006	23

ToolPack Training Workshops

Date	Participants
22-27 March 2004	12 countries
29 March-3 April	10 countries
Various dates in 2004	Individual country missions
14-15 April 2005	ICP Asia Pacific Regional Office
18-19 April 2005	NSO, Philippines
20-22 April 2005	Hong Kong, China; Malaysia; Thailand; Sri Lanka; Taipei, China; Vietnam
25 April 2005	MSPI, India
13-15 June 2005	Brunei, Cambodia, Fiji, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Macao, Mongolia
16-18 June 2005	Bhutan, Bangladesh, India, Iran, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, Thailand
15-16 July 2005	NSC, Lao PDR
15-17 August 2005	BTEI, Thailand

ROLE OF THE REGIONAL ADVISORY BOARD

- Set regional goals, priorities & objectives
- Approve work programs and provide guidance to the regional coordinating agency
- Review annual reports on ICP progress
- Support the sustainability of the program, and shape a vision for its future direction

REGIONAL ADVISORY BOARD ICP Asia Pacific – COMPOSITION

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- **Co-chair:** Chief Economist, ADB
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Commissioner, Census & Statistics Dept., Hong Kong
Director General, CSO, India
Director General, Statistics Indonesia
Deputy Australian Statistician, ABS
Director, Statistics Division, ESCAP
Director, SIAP
- **Ex-officio Members:** ICP Global Manager, WB
- **Member Secretary:** Regional Coordinator, ICP Asia Pacific, ADB