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ICP 2021 Cycle: Global Perspective



Outline

- Brief intro to ICP (or refresher)
- Release of Global ICP 2017 Results
- ICP 2021 Cycle & Nat. Accounts Data Requirements
- PPP Uses



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Brief intro to ICP (or refresher)



What is the International Comparison Program (ICP)?

- Global initiative to produce purchasing power parity (PPP) exchange rates and PPP-based GDP expenditure indicators
- "One of the greatest intellectual achievements in measurement is the International Comparison Program." Sir Angus Deaton, 2015 Nobel Laureate, Cochair of ICP Technical Advisory Group



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Why PPPs?

- PPPs are <u>both</u> currency conversion factors and spatial price indexes. They
 convert different currencies to a common currency AND equalize their purchasing
 power by eliminating differences in price levels between countries
- Market XRs, the alternative, can be misleading when comparing living standards across countries as they rarely reflect differences in price levels, e.g. US\$10 in El Salvador will typically buy you more of the same things than US\$10 in the United States; PPPs quantify (and adjust for) this effect
- "Purchasing Power Parity measures are superior to market exchange rate measures for representing relative incomes and outputs." William Nordhaus, 2018 Nobel Laureate

Brief intro to ICP (or refresher)

Collaborative statistical partnership led by the World Bank

- +175 countries across six regions of the world (AFR, CIS, ASI, LAC, EUO, WAS)
- Large statistical effort that brings together price statisticians and national accountants
- ICP results used to be produced every six years; now every three years























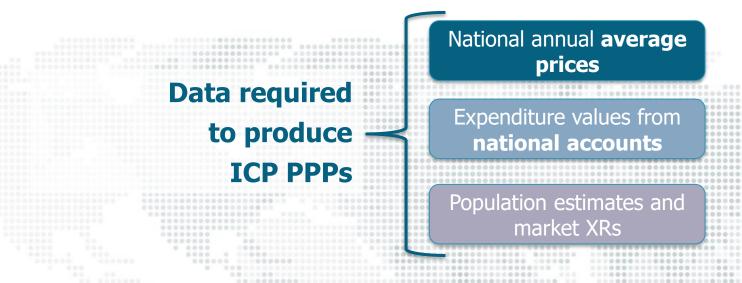








Brief intro to ICP (or refresher)



Final ICP outputs, all dependent on PPPs:

- 1. PPPs for GDP and other more detailed expenditure categories
- 2. Price level indices (PLIs) for GDP and other expenditure categories
- **3. GDP** (at PPP) and other more detailed expenditure categories
- 4. GDP per capita (at PPP) and other more detailed expenditure categories

Release of Global **ICP 2017 Results**

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Release of Global ICP 2017 Results

Global ICP 2017 results released in May 2020

- PPPs and data for reference year 2017: 176 countries
- Revised PPPs and expenditures for reference year 2011: 199 countries
- 44 released headings, e.g. GDP, Household Consumption, Food, Health, etc.
- Annual PPPs for 2012-16: 179 countries
- Underlying unreleased data for researcher also available (strict process)





Release of Global ICP 2017 Results

- Updated ICP Website: <u>www.worldbank.org/en/programs/icp</u>
- ICP 2017 Report: <u>Purchasing Power Parities and the Size of World Economies:</u> <u>Results from the 2017 International Comparison Program</u>
- Detailed tables of results: Detailed tables of results
- Full database: ICP 2017 database in the World Bank's DataBank
- Highlights of main findings: <u>Global and regional highlights</u>
- Press releases: <u>English</u> | <u>Arabic</u> | <u>Chinese</u> | <u>French</u> <u>Japanese</u> | <u>Portuguese</u> | <u>Russian</u> | <u>Spanish</u>
- Factsheets: <u>Factsheets on the ICP program and its methodology</u>
- Frequently asked questions (FAQs): Website | Summary version | Full version

ICP 2021 Cycle and **Nat. Accounts Data** Requirements

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ICP 2021 Cycle

Next ICP cycle will be the ICP 2021

- Originally envisioned ICP 2020 cycle postponed due to pandemic
- Price collection will start in 2021; expect to publish ICP 2021 results at the end of 2023
- Same methodology as ICP 2017

Anticipated participation in ICP 2021

- The same regions as in ICP 2017
- Greater country participation expected relative to ICP 2017 in Africa [50>52], CIS [8>10], Western Asia [12>15].. and possibly also in Latin America and the Caribbean

ICP 2021: Nat. Accounts Data Requirements

Main Requirements

- Detailed GDP expenditure values for 2021 (reference year)
 - ➤ GDP values broken down into its 6 main aggregates, 28 expenditure categories, 63 expenditure groups, 126 expenditure classes, and 155 ICP 'basic headings'
- ICP 2021 National Account Country Practices Questionnaire

Other Requirements

- ICP special 'price' surveys; sometimes under the responsibility of national accountants: *Private Education, Government Compensation, Construction, Machinery & Equipment, Housing Volume*
- Revised detailed GDP expenditure values for 2017
- GDP expenditure values for time-series (2018-2020)

ICP 2021 Cycle: Planned Global Timeline

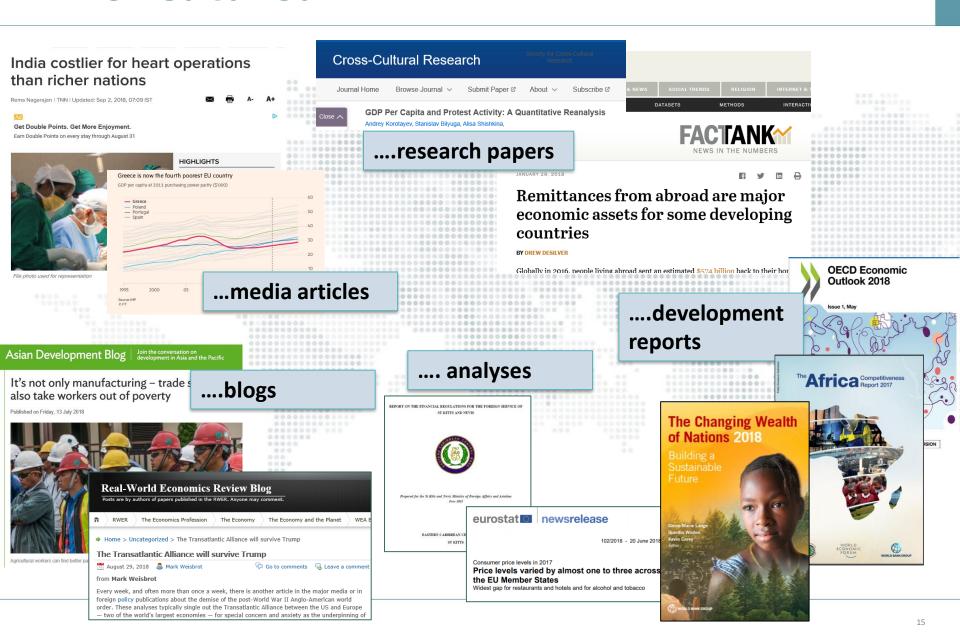
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¹ rev2017, 2021, timeseries | ² ICP 2021 cycle data and timeseries | ³ rev2017, 2021, 2018-2020 annual PPPs

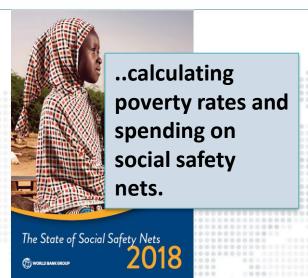
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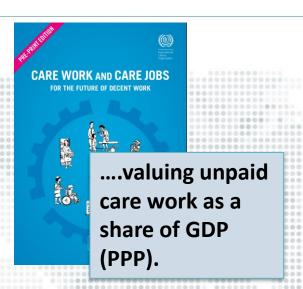
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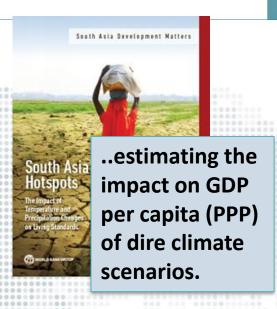
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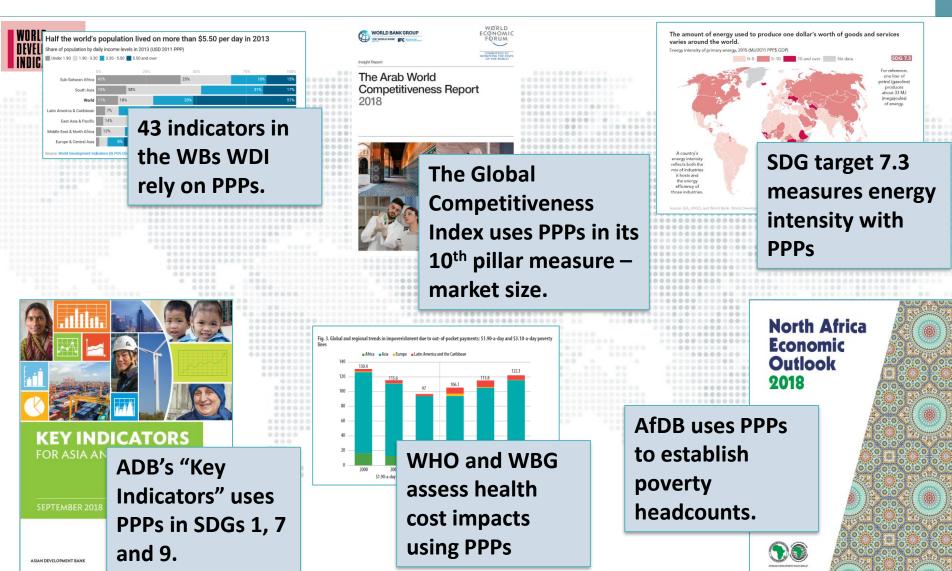


..measuring productivity by comparing GDP per capita (PPP) with nighttime lights data.





...and are crucial to data analyses





Annex: Global ICP 2017 Results (Example)

PPP-based GDP per capita and GDP price level index, 2017



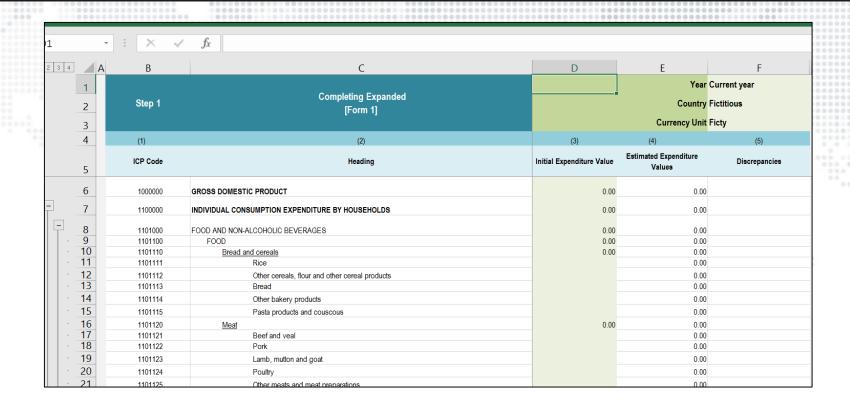
Bubble size for each economy shows its relative PPP-based GDP.

Source: ICP 2017

Annex: MORES

MORES Form

 Countries could use the MORES Excel form to <u>report expenditure values</u> for all 155 ICP basic headings, as well as relevant metadata



Annex: National Accounts Country Practices Questionnaire

Country Practices Questionnaire

- Includes questions on country national account practices, e.g. what SNA version is in use? are rents imputed for owner-occupiers?
- Used to determine the comparability of participating countries' national accounts infrastructure and data
- Helps identify potential areas of technical assistance required by countries

		Country:	
		Reporting Institution:	
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		Pull-tab Selection	Comment Box
I. Ap	proach and Documentation		
1. Ap	proach and the System of National Accounts (SNA)		
Q1	Which SNA version do you implement? (1968/1993/2008)	Please select	v
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Q6	If YES: Please indicate the reference year of the latest one, as well as the number of products (rows) in the SUTs	Write-in>	
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