

Real Sector Statistics

Egypt

Improving quarterly GDP (QGDP) compilation and benchmarking techniques

During 28 July - 8 Aug, METAC assisted the Egyptian Ministry of Planning, Economic Development and International Cooperation (MPEDIC) with improving quarterly GDP (QGDP) compilation and benchmarking techniques and provided training on the quarterly national accounts methodology to enhance staff capacities.

Compiling the 2019/20 Supply and Use Tables

During August 25-29, a mission assisted the Egyptian Central Agency for Public Mobilization and Statistics (CAPMAS) in compiling the 2019/20 Supply and Use Tables (SUT). Key outcomes were: i) the completion of manual balancing of all products; ii) developing control aggregate tables for all industries; and iii) setup of the IMF's automated balancing tool to ensure full SUT balancing. CAPMAS plans to publish the SUT in October 2024.

Compilation of Input-Output Tables

During 1-5 December, METAC assisted the Central Agency for Public Mobilization and Statistics of Egypt (CAPMAS) in the compilation of input-output tables (IOTs) for the reference year 2019/20. The IOTs are based on the 2019/20 supply and use tables (SUTs) which were published in October 2024. IOTs are a useful tool for economic modeling, policy formulation and analysis. In addition, training on the IOT compilation method was provided to enhance staff capacities.

GDP Compilation new Benchmark Estimates

During 12 to 23 January 2025, METAC assisted the Egyptian Ministry of Planning, Economic Development, and International Cooperation, with the improvement of annual GDP compilation and developing a workplan for the new GDP benchmarked estimates 2022/23 in coordination with CAPMAS. The mission also trained MPEDIC staff on national accounts, including the development of a methodology for compiling household final consumption on an annual basis, gross fixed capital formation, GDP by the income approach, and chain linking.

Iraq

Improving the Producer Price Index

The mission during April assessed the producer price index (PPI) compiled by the Central Organization Bureau of Statistics and Information Technologies of Iraq, identified areas to improve, and provided guidance to implement a new PPI in line with international recommendations.

Jordan

Improving quarterly GDP estimates and using administrative source data in National Accounts compilation

In response to a request from the Department of Statistics of Jordan, a METAC mission assisted the national accounts staff on improving the quarterly GDP estimates and in using administrative source data in national accounts compilation during 20-31 October. In addition, the mission provided guidance on the

backcasting methods for the implementation of International Standard Industrial Classification of all Economic Activities (ISIC) Rev 4 in the quarterly GDP estimates, series 2008-2024.

Measuring the Non-Observed Economy

The mission during February assisted the Jordanian Department of Statistics in analyzing data sources and developing methods for the compilation of the non-observed economy in Jordan's national accounts.

Lebanon

Compilation of GDP Estimates for Financial Corporations

At the request of Central Administration for Statistics of Lebanon, METAC assisted the national accounts team during 22-26 July with reviewing the source data and improving the compilation of GDP estimates for financial corporations, to ensure that international best practices are applied.

Developing a Construction Cost Index

The mission in April reviewed the work completed by the Central Administration for Statistics since the previous mission, identified potential improvements, and helped to plan the remaining work required to allow the final Construction Cost index to be published by July 2025.

Libya

Compilation of Producer Price Indices

During 17-21 November, METAC assisted the Bureau of Statistics and Census for Libya in the compilation of producer price indices. Key outcomes included i) the provision of training in price index methodology and practices; ii) an approach for developing weights based on the 2022 Economic Survey; iii) confirmation of the methods for sampling and enumeration of the PPIs; and iv) the development of an agreed action plan to guide the authorities to compilation and dissemination.

Development of Supply and Use Tables

A hybrid off-site mission from 15-19 December and 26-30 January assisted the Libyan Ministry of Planning and the Bureau of Statistics and Census in the development of supply and use tables (SUT), the assessment of the source data, and the improvement of annual national accounts. Ms. Ameena Khasseb, senior statistician from the Arab Monetary Fund, also participated in the mission.

Improving the Consumer Price Index

In response to a request from the Bureau of Statistics and Census for Libya, METAC conducted a remote technical assistance mission during 26-30 January to assess the consumer price index (CPI), identify areas with possible improvements, and prepare an updated CPI in line with the 2020 CPI Manual. The mission also provided training on the CPI methodology to enhance staff capacities.

Tunisia

Compiling Quarterly Estimates of GDP by the Expenditure Approach

During 15-19 July, a mission assisted the Tunisian National Institute of Statistics (L'Institut National de la Statistique: INS) with the development of the methodology for compiling quarterly estimates of GDP by the expenditure approach.

West Bank and Gaza

Improving quarterly GDP compilation

A remote technical assistance mission during 6-17 October worked with the Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics on further improving quarterly GDP compilation and benchmarking techniques. In addition, training on the quarterly national accounts methodology was provided to enhance staff capacities. The mission also followed up on previous missions' recommendations and plans for compiling a new supply and use table.

Yemen

Enhancing Staff Capacities on the GDP Compilation

A mission during April trained staff of the Central Statistical Organization (CSO) and assisted the CSO with data assessment and design of a high-level workplan for annual GDP compilation.