

Real Sector Statistics - Fiscal Year 2026

Egypt

Harmonizing National Accounts

In August, METAC conducted a mission to better align the methodologies of the Ministry of Planning, Economic Development, and International Cooperation and the Central Agency for Public Mobilization and Statistics (CAPMAS) for the upcoming national accounts rebase, tentatively scheduled for mid-2027.

Financial and Balance Sheet Accounts III (December 21-25)

The mission assisted the Egypt Ministry of Planning, Economic Development, and International Cooperation (MPEDIC) with the development of Financial Accounts and Balance Sheet Accounts (FABSA). This mission is part of ongoing support to the ministry's staff understanding of the compilation tables and process.

Review of the new 2022-23 National Accounts Benchmark (March 29-April 9)

The review of the new 2022-23 national accounts benchmark has begun and is expected to be completed by September 2026. This updated benchmark based on detailed supply and use tables will serve as a basis for rebasing national accounts, which in turn will help align methodologies and estimates between the Public Mobilization and Statistics (CAPMAS) and the Ministry of Planning, Economic Development, and International Cooperation (MPEDIC).

Iraq

Supply and Use Tables (January 11-22)

The mission supported the Central Statistical Organization in advancing the preparation of the 2023 Supply and Use Tables (SUTs) by reviewing data sources, developing initial components of the tables, and outlining key methodologies for compiling SUTs at basic prices to underpin future input-output analysis. Building on earlier work from 2018, it clarified the substantial resource requirements and established a realistic timeline toward completion by 2028. The mission also provided strategic guidance on using the 2023 SUTs as a new benchmark for rebasing national accounts.

Jordan

Supporting the Rebase of National Accounts

METAC conducted a mission in August to review key methodologies developed by the Department of Statistics for rebasing national accounts statistics and advised to further improve the measurement of the non-observed economy. The advisor also developed a corresponding work plan.

Improve the quality of annual and quarterly GDP estimates (April 19-30)

This mission assisted the Department of Statistics (DoS) in the development of quarterly GDP estimates using the expenditure approach at current and constant prices, as well as the improvement of annual GDP estimates in constant prices according to both the production and expenditure approaches.

Lebanon

Improving annual GDP estimates

During September and October, METAC provided peripatetic technical assistance to the Central Administration of Statistics to improve the quality of national accounts statistics with a focus on timeliness of annual estimates.

Training National Accounts (March 16- June 1)

Peripatetic technical assistance to the Central Administration of Statistics (CAS) to review the source data and methodologies used to compile annual national accounts statistics and assist with the planning of a rebase of national accounts.

High Level Economic Assessment of the Income Tax Brackets and Rates (March 9-13)

This desk-based activity assessed the impact of the proposed personal income tax (PIT) reform on revenues and inequality in Lebanon through a microsimulation of the income distribution and explored viable alternative PIT schedules.

Libya

Rebasing the national accounts (July 6-10)

METAC conducted a follow-up mission involving seven compilers from the statistical office and six researchers from the Central Bank of Libya to improve the GDP coverage for 2022. The mission trained officials on key concepts to better measure informal activities, discussed recommendations with the Head of National Accounts, and agreed on a workplan to produce a new national accounts benchmark for 2022 by 2027.

Updating Price Statistics (January 25 - 29)

The methodology used by the Bureau of Statistics and Census for Libya (BSCL) to compile the Consumer Price Index (CPI) was assessed and recommendations were made to strengthen its accuracy and relevance.

Syria

Developing a New National Accounts Benchmark

METAC conducted two missions in September (in person) and October (remotely) with the Central Bureau of Statistics to start compiling a new national accounts benchmark for 2023, improve GDP coverage and consistency, enhance methodologies, and strengthen statistical capacities. METAC has collaborated with United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (UN ESCWA).

Real Sector - National Accounts (November 5-December 26)

METAC produced revised GDP estimates for 2023 and submitted them to the Central Bureau of Statistics (CBS) for review. The update reflects the integration of all available source data and improved compilation methodologies. Despite significant data limitations, the mission addressed these constraints by applying IMF input-output models, cross-country ratios, and sector-specific assumptions, particularly for oil extraction and government activities. Detailed input-output tables covering 74 industries were developed

to enhance internal consistency. The CBS is expected to review the estimates in early 2026, and revisions may follow as assumptions are assessed.

Tunisia

Improving Quarterly GDP Estimates and Annual Balance Sheets

Since 2022, METAC has worked with Tunisia to develop quarterly GDP estimates by expenditure. In October 2025, the team reviewed and improved the method for estimating household final consumption expenditure. The national statistical office also requested a review of its annual non-financial assets estimates for inclusion in the national accounts balance sheets.

Improving Tunisia's National Accounts (January 12-16)

The National Institute of Statistics (INS) plans to release quarterly GDP estimates by expenditure (QGDPE) using improved methods by February 2027, despite data limitations. The annual benchmark for the 2025 GDP is planned to be published in August 2026. Indicators selected for compiling QGDPE underwent further improvements during the mission.

Development Of Non-Financial Balance Sheets (April 6-10)

The mission assisted the Tunisian statistical institute (INS) with the development of non-financial balance sheets (NFBS). Most practical assistance was directed toward compiling statistics on dwellings, primarily owned by households. Moreover, the strategy for addressing non-financial assets held by corporations was revised..

Yemen

Annual National Accounts (January 22-29)

METAC supported the Central Statistical Organization in initiating the compilation of 2025 GDP estimates for agriculture and fishing, producing preliminary value-added estimates based on recent survey data and developing basic methodologies and a structured workplan. A key impact was the identification of significant capacity gaps, with most staff lacking experience in national accounts, alongside critical data limitations such as missing observations, weak survey design, and data inconsistencies that hinder full validation. The mission also strengthened coordination with international partners, including the World Bank and the United Nations Development Programme, and highlighted the need for further technical assistance to improve data quality and enable reliable GDP compilation, laying the groundwork for more robust and credible national accounts in Yemen.