

Interstate Statistical Committee of the Commonwealth of Independent States

(CIS-STAT)

Implementation of the International Comparison Program (ICP) in the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) - P177397

The project involves a number of stakeholders, these are: The UNSC deciding the operational modality of the program; the National Implementing Agencies that plan, coordinate, and implement the national ICP activities and facilitate data and information flow; and the CIS-STAT which acts as Regional Implementing Agency for the CIS region; the countries' NSOs. The CIS countries are expected to participate in the project.

The ICP has a set governance framework, which ensures that the global, regional, and national efforts to produce reliable PPP estimates and related measures of real expenditures adhere to approved policies, protocols, methodologies, and quality assurance standards and that the estimates are produced efficiently, in keeping with available resources. This governance framework also ensures that all stakeholders have a full understanding on the program, and that they are frequently informed on the progress and consulted for feedback. For this, each body holds meetings as per their set schedule. In addition, through the Technical Advisory Group, a group of leading academics, practitioners, former Chief Statisticians, and prominent users, assure methodological soundness and overall quality of the PPP estimates.

Taken together, the governance framework ensures that all interested stakeholders are consulted and that these consultations and collaborations ensure strong feedback loops to the implementing agencies at national, regional and global levels. Furthermore, for general audience, the ICP maintains its public website, which lists various uses of the ICP results, archives all meeting documents, reports and manuals. The ICP also releases frequent newsletters.

The borrower shall ensure that participation in workshop and training by project workers, trainees and other participants is based on the principles of equal opportunity and fair treatment. Based on the nature and the scale of the risks and adverse impacts of the project and that this a well-established program with a governance structure, which ensures full transparency of the program, as well as strong and inclusive stakeholder engagement, it is recommended that the elements of a Stakeholder Engagement Plan (SEP) are included as part of the ESCP and preparation of a stand-alone SEP is not considered necessary. The feedback loop can be strengthened, if needed, to function as a grievance mechanism (GM) whilst the ESCP and project documentation will be disclosed through the ICP public website.