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Statement:

International Comparison Programme (ICP)

Central Statistical Organization (CSO) conducted an International Comparison Program-ICP 2017 Round (2017-2019) with support of the ADB Technical assistance. The CSO requirement sends ICP quarterly data of food items and non-food items of household data from (69) Townships of States & Regions. CSO conducted price collection in May 2017. The objectives of 2017 ICP round are to compare national price level within regional of Asia and Pacific Countries, to calculate Purchasing Power Parity (PPP), to compare economic growth rate by converting PPP to Gross Domestic Product (GDP) value, to measure poverty line within countries, to conduct targeting of SDG goal (1) and SDG goal (17).

ADB experts trained Price Survey Sampling Design Training, Training on Trainer (TOT) for ICP Price Collection and applying of the ICP_APSS Software Videoconference Training for implementing of ICP 2017 Round. CSO's Price collectors collected ICP price with Structured Product Descriptions (SPD) from outlets of Urban and Rural at (69) Townships. They collected food items by monthly and non-food items by quarterly for prices. After that, ICP data were sent to ICP Team at Headquarter, CSO. ICP Team combined, checked their ICP data to make outlets mapping, data entry, and data analyze by using ICP APSS Software for quarterly data. CSO ICP team discussed data validation meeting with Supervisor of States & Regions to complete the International Price Comparison Program (2017 ICP Round). The meeting focused on the gap of prices between regional levels which compared with Items brand, quantity, and quality of SPD for analyzing prices. ICP team is monitoring data collection at outlets of rural and urban from States & Region with a variation coefficient (Coefficient of Variation- CV) - 30%. The report of the 2017 ICP for Asia Pacific region '2017 International Comparison Program for Asia and the Pacific: Purchasing Power Parities - Results and Methodology' was released by ADB.

Regarding the 2020 ICP round, CSO has formed the ICP team with National Coordinator, supervisors, price collectors, helpers, data entry persons and checkers who are staff from CSO Head Office and all State and Regions. Myanmar has already done price collection training in December 2019. CSO's price collectors conducted ICP price survey from January to March 2020 for food items and non-food items. However, the 2020 ICP round was postponed to 2021 round due to outbreak of COVID-19 pandemic worldwide.

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Myanmar does not participate the 2021 ICP round in the Asian and the Pacific region due to political change and outbreak of COVID-19 pandemic.

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