

SUPPLEMENTARY HANDBOOK ON CONSUMER PRICE INDICES

This handbook is aimed at CPI practitioners in developing countries, but should also be of value to other CPI practitioners. It is complementary to the ILO CPI Manual, but aims to cover practical issues in more detail. It will be free-standing, but at the same time it will be assumed that readers can gain rapid access to the CPI Manual in case they want to delve deeper into a topic. In other words, the handbook should be seen as a companion volume to the Manual, rather than as a supplement

“Primary authors” take the lead for a particular chapter or section, and have overall responsibility for the content of the chapter and its timely delivery. “Co-authors” will support the primary author in the work. CPI experts in developing and transition countries will be asked to review each chapter with the aim of identifying any aspects of CPI construction which are especially relevant in their own country and which they feel should be more fully dealt with in the Handbook. They will be asked to help with data examples to illustrate their problems and a CDROM will be produced.

ONS and ILO circulated a questionnaire to a number of countries at the start of the project with the aim of gaining an understanding of the key issues and any solutions introduced at the local-level.

The aim is to complete a final draft by end-March 2008.

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