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Concept Note

Pacific Core Statistics Workshop

Workshop Location:	Noumea, New Caledonia
Workshop Name:	Pacific Core Statistics, including the Pacific SDG Headline Indicators.
Sector:	All or key development sectors
Objective:	Using development statistics previously defined and approved from various technical and specialist sector agencies, including the SDG Pacific Headline Indicators, the objective is to present, discuss, and select indicators that may be relevant for development planning, monitoring, evaluation and reporting in the Pacific countries. This work is proposed to undertaken within the framework of TYPSS Phase 2 (2015-2017).
Workshop output	Draft list of core statistics covering main sectors, including workshop endorsed Pacific SDG Headline Indicators
Beneficiaries	Pacific Island Countries that need to compile development statistics that cover various development sectors for policy planning, monitoring and reporting, in particular policy and planning specialists, researchers, managers, and national and sector statistics and data specialists
Implementing Partners	All TYPSS Partners – technical, policy, and development with technical coordination support from The Pacific Community's Statistics for Development Division on behalf PSSC
Duration for implementation	2018 - 2030

Background

One of the objectives (objective 2) of the Ten Year Pacific Statistics Strategy (TYPSS) Phase 2, Pacific Island Countries and Territories (PICTs) are tasked to produce an agreed core set of statistics across key sectors including but not restricted to economics, population, CRVS, education and health, as required by their national/sector plans and agreed-upon regional and international reporting frameworks such as the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), with timely analysis and dissemination of results to national and external users. So far, PICTs have not collectively agreed on this "core set of statistics" to guide new data collection and the production of relevant statistics.

In 2016 the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT), the main funding partner of TYPSS Phase 2 commissioned a study to provide an assessment of the current access to, and use of, statistics in the Pacific. This assessment provided information to support the future direction of the Pacific Statistics Program, including a recommendation to draft a list of core statistics to meet development priorities in the Pacific.

Given the current focus around SDG monitoring/reporting, especially around the so called Pacific Headline SDG Indicators (PHI), this Core Statistics Workshop is proposed to bring relevant stakeholders together to engage in the process that would lead to collective agreement on core statistics/indicators for each of the main development sectors in the

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Pacific. The proposed list of core statistics would be additional to the current draft list of Pacific SDG Headline Indicators.

Workshop facilitators

The workshop would be conducted under leadership of current Pacific PSSC members. It is proposed to be facilitated by a group of technical partners including UNESCAP representing UN partners, ABS representing metropolitan SPC member countries, and SPC representing CROP agencies.

Drafting the Pacific core statistics – the process

To achieve the main objective of the workshop, the following is proposed:
1. Pacific SDG Taskforce representative(s) invited to present the draft Pacific SDG Indicators;
2. DFAT invited to present the draft core statistics/indicators recommended in the Sustineo Study Report;
3. Representatives from invited development sectors and/or technical partners with lead roles in specific sectors present existing list of development statistics/indicators needed for their sectors;
4. Workshop participants breakup into sector specific groups to discuss/agree on what would be considered as core statistics/indicators for each sector;
5. Development and technical partners invited to confirm their role in providing funding and/or technical support to PIC NSS to collect and compile draft core statistics/indicators from 2018 going forward; and
6. Finally, conversation of monitoring and reporting to PSSC/HOPS or new governance

Existing list of statistics/indicators

Among the list of statistical indicators expected to be presented for discussion/consideration are the following:
1. NMDI (SPC);
2. MDG/SDG Pacific Headline Indicators (Pacific SDG Taskforce);
3. Sustineo draft list of core statistics (DFAT)
4. World Bank list
5. UNESCAP – several listed, including population and social statistics, economic statistics, environment statistics, CRVS, and gender statistics, among others.
6. Any other sector specific indicators like the human rights, disability, food security, climate change and disaster risk, etc.

TYPSS partners

Pacific national statistical system (NSS)
Pacific Regional Organisations
Development and technical partners
  - Bilateral -
  - Multilateral -

Post core statistics workshop – going forward in 2017

The following activities are in advanced planning stage after the workshop:

1. Pacific SDG Taskforce meeting next month to confirm details on Pacific SDG Headline Indicator mapping in-countries;
2. TYPSS Phase 2 review and Phase 3 or a new 10 year Pacific statistics program design; and
3. HOPS 2017 tentatively set for November 2017.

Post HOPS November 2017

It is proposed that a technical working group would be formed under the current PSSC or a new governance arrangement post HOPS to review and prioritise the core statistics/indicators following the UN SDG Tier System. The final list of core statistics/indicators would be expected to:

1. inform relevant existing and new data collection tools;
2. inform producers and users on what are collected and what are not collected (which would be gaps);
3. provide opportunity for strengthening existing partnerships and collaboration or developing new partnerships to assist PICs on data mining/compilation; and
4. guide future work on data dissemination, utilisation, reporting, and advocacy.