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2020 July PSMB MEETING

AGENDA

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DAY 1: THURSDAY, 9 JULY 2020

Running time (mins)	Item	Presenter / Documentation
00 – 05	Opening Prayer	Viliani
05 – 20	Welcome, introductions, review of agenda, administrative matters	Vince / Agenda
20 – 90	<p>Session 1: International Development Association (IDA) project: Statistical Innovation and Capacity Building in Pacific Islands (PacStat)</p> <p><i>Discussion items:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PSMB decision making process for PSMB commissioned work and innovative experiments. How proposals are submitted to PSMB? How does PSMB select priority research initiatives and innovative experiments? • Selection of first commissioned work. Some ideas: Microdata anonymization in SIDS; Defining Pacific Adult Equivalency Scales; Methodologies for calculating imputed rents in predominantly owner-occupied housing markets (e.g., rent skimming); Pacific Minimum Dietary Energy Requirements (based on anthropometrics and economic activity). • Ideas for first innovative experiment. High Frequency Phone Monitoring Survey; Short Form Census in Tuvalu; Restaurant / takeaway food venue surveys to better estimate composition and caloric content of food away from home. • Project Operations Manual (POM): PSMB discussion and input to certain components of the POM. <p><i>Expected outcomes:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Decision making process for selection of PSMB commissioned work formalised. • PSMB decides on theme of first commissioned work. • Ideas on innovative experiments to be undertaken and how these are prioritised. • General discussion on project operations. 	Mike and SPC Consultant / Consultancy TOR
90 – 100	Break	
100 – 180	<p>Session 2: High Frequency Phone Monitoring Survey</p> <p><i>Discussion items:</i></p> <p>With funding support from, among other sources, the IDA project, we have the opportunity to conduct primary data collection to evaluate the impact of COVID-19 on Pacific Island households. We are proposing to undertake High Frequency Phone Monitoring (HFPM) Surveys. Such surveys would aim to gather near real-time information to assist governments and development partners to frame and evaluate suitable policy responses and mitigation measures. HFPM surveys involve 15-minute mobile phone call interviews to households using Computer Assisted Telephone Interview (CATI) methodology.</p> <p>Given this is a new survey and that it is to be funded – in part at least – through the IDA project, it's important we discuss the method with PSMB and that we seek endorsement for piloting this new method to collecting socioeconomic data in the Pacific region. In the context of the IDA project,</p>	Kristen and David / HFPM Concept Note

	<p>the HFPM survey initiative is proposed to be experimental research to test alternative data collection methods in the Pacific region.</p> <p>Since June 2020, the World Bank has already begun implementing a HFPM survey in PNG and in Solomon Islands, so there is an opportunity to learn from this experience.</p> <p>This session will be structured as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Introduction to HFPM surveys and methodological considerations; Experienced from implementation of an HFPM survey in PNG and Solomon Islands; Issues raised by Government Statisticians and Partners in the recently held regional meeting 'Covid-19 Socioeconomic Assessments Update: NSOs and Development Partner Round Table'. This presentation should cover: coordination among development partners; respondent burden; data ownership; data quality; and, among other areas, engagement/involvement with/of NSO. SPC's proposed HFPM survey and the next steps. <p><i>Expected outcomes:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PSMB is aware of new CATI surveys that are ongoing and planned to monitor the socioeconomic impact of COVID-19 on Pacific Islanders. PSMB is aware of the discussion among Government Statisticians and development partners in relation to the implementation of CATI surveys. Endorsement from PSMB to test the HFPM Survey method as experimental research of alternative data collection methods under the IDA project. Agree on reporting arrangement to PSMB on the status of the HFPM Surveys. 	
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DAY 2: FRIDAY, 10 JULY 2020

0 – 70	<p><i>Session 3: Poverty guidelines for monetary poverty analysis</i></p> <p><i>Discussion items:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Outstanding questions from 4th meeting of PSMB (October 2019): How to price home production and gifts? What multiplier to use for prepared meals? What health spending to include in consumption aggregates? Methods for the calculation of price deflators? Dietary energy requirement? Non-food component of the poverty line? Adjustments to poverty lines over time? Discussion on timeline and publishing Pacific guidelines for monetary poverty analysis. <p><i>Expected outcomes:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Endorsement from PSMB on poverty guidelines. Agreed way forward to disseminate guidelines to PICTs. 	Kristen / PowerPoint presentation and paper
70 – 90	<p><i>Session 4: Labour Market Module in Pacific Population and Housing Census</i></p> <p><i>Discussion items:</i></p>	Mike on behalf of ILO / PSMB paper

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A newly developed labour market module for inclusion in census was presented to PSMB in October 2019. PSMB “requested that the new module be tested in the context of a census in the Pacific”. This session will present the results of the analysis of the data generated through the Kiribati pilot census where the newly developed labour market module was tested. <p><i>Expected outcome:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Based on the performance of the newly developed labour market module that was tested in the Kiribati pilot census and feedback from the International Labour Organization, endorsement for inclusion of the module as the core labour market module for implementation in all Pacific censuses. 	
90 – 100	Break	
100 – 140	<p>Session 5: Update on matters as per October 2019 PSMB meeting report</p> <p><i>Discussion items:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Representation of PICT NSOs on PSMB; Update on sampling guidelines; and Brief on 2020 sampling workshop. 	Vince, Ofa and Tracey
140 – 150 (time permitting)	<p>Session 6: Utilization of administrative databases in Census programmes of Pacific Island countries</p> <p><i>Discussion items:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recognizing the importance of administrative databases in providing timely information and data on population and demographic change, SPC is implementing a two-phased project aimed at capacity building of PICTs (national statistics, civil registration and other officials). The first phase will provide rationale and methodologies for the use of administrative databases for census purposes. The second phase is to support selected Pacific Island countries in the implementation of expanded use of administrative databases for censuses. Phase 1 will: raise awareness of the potential uses of administrative data (including learning from international experiences); highlight the constraints, benefits and options from greater use of administrative databases; explore what administrative databases are available to countries for use in census/population statistics; and develop options for future action from those countries who wish to take the work further. <p><i>Expected outcomes:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PSMB is informed of the project and its role in the project is defined. Timeline for presentation and review of discussion and methodological papers at interim PSMB meeting (proposed for August 2020) is agreed. 	Mike and Gloria / Consultancy TOR
150 – 180	<p>Session 7: Administrative Matters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Follow-up action from previous PSMB meeting. Date and agenda of next virtual PSMB meeting in August 2020. Any other business (HOPS, TYPSS Review, SDD’s Business Plan). Review of PSMB meeting minutes. 	Vince, Epeli