

National Training: Producing and Using Gender Statistics to Monitor the SDGs and Implement the Pacific Roadmap in Solomon Islands

Concept Note

I. Background and Rationale

Halfway into the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals, which were set for attainment in 2030, the availability of gender data remains limited, despite recent improvements. Globally, only 48 per cent of the data needed to monitor SDG 5 on gender equality and women's empowerment is available. Gender data for other goals is even scarcer in many cases. [The Pacific Roadmap on Gender Statistics](#), which was designed and validated by statisticians, policy makers and civil society across the region in 2019, provides a guiding framework to support Pacific National Statistical Systems to generate quality, relevant and timely gender data that meets users' needs to advance gender equality.

The governments of Solomon Islands, Tonga, Kiribati, and Samoa have continued efforts to enhance the availability and quality of gender data, statistics, and indicators, along with its use. To better equip statisticians with the skills needed to enhance gender data production, and policy makers and advocates with the ability to find, interpret and use gender data effectively, SPC, UN SIAP and UN Women are organising this series of national training workshops.

The training will make use of the materials included in the [Gender Statistics Training Curriculum](#), which was developed in 2020 through a joint initiative by UN Women and the Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific (SIAP). The content will be tailored to meet the needs of the target participants in each country and fit the national and regional context for Pacific Island Countries and Territories (PICTs). The main governance mechanism for the Pacific Roadmap on Gender Statistics is the Pacific Gender Statistics Coordination Group (the Group) who have considered the Gender Statistics Training Curriculum and identified training and capacity development priority thematic areas (curriculum modules) for PICTs.

This training is jointly organised, funded and implemented by the International Women's Development Agency (IWDA), the Pacific Community (SPC), the Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific (SIAP) and the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN Women), with the generous support of the Government of Australia.

II. Objectives

The primary objective of the training is to build and strengthen the capacity of statisticians, representatives from Ministries of Women, gender equality focal points across governments, as well as civil society organisations and other ‘data analyst’ and/or policy specialists in PICTs on producing and using gender statistics. The training aims at supporting the implementation of the Pacific Roadmap on Gender Statistics, which serves as the overarching framework for the region to “*support the Pacific National Statistical Systems to generate quality, relevant and timely gender data that meets users’ needs to advance gender equality*”.

The specific objectives of the workshop are to enhance the capacity of participants to:

- Understand what gender data is and how to use it for SDG monitoring
- Avoid common mistakes when using gender data and learning about quality gender data sources
- Calculate gender statistics for SDG monitoring
- Collect gender data
- Analyse microdata with a gender angle, including generating estimates with multiple disaggregation
- Communicate gender data
- Organize effective data user-producer dialogues to promote better gender data availability and use
- Use gender data for policy making

III. Expected outputs

1. Increased availability of quality gender statistics for SDG monitoring
2. Enhanced technical capacity to produce gender statistics
3. Improved use of gender statistics for decision-making

IV. Target Participants

While some sessions of the training will bring together data users and producers, others will be targeted either to statisticians or to policy makers/advocates. The target participants for this course are government gender focal points from the national gender bureaus and women’s machineries; national statistics offices; policy and decision makers; as well as civil society and faith-based organisations women’s advocates, researchers and others. National government gender focal points and national statistics offices will identify target participants with support from the workshop organisers.

V. Methodology and Content

This training workshop will be delivered in person over 4 days. It will be followed by a session on Gender-sensitive measures of multidimensional poverty on the 5th day. It will consist of theory, practice, and praxis with hands-on exercises, discussion sessions, and Q&A.

The target audience is a mix of users and producers, and there will be some separate ‘break out groups’ to allow facilitators to focus on and address the specific training needs of each group, while meeting the overall learning objectives and promoting exchanges between producers and users of gender data and statistics. Joint sessions will enable hands-on and practical opportunities for interaction, to share best practices and gain knowledge. This ‘twin track’ approach will be finalised prior to training roll out as agreed in each country. The training programme includes facilitated and open sessions for producers and users for cross-learning and sharing of experiences and lessons learned.

Training workshop facilitators will meet with the training workshop conveners (NSO and government gender offices) to identify generic participant training needs, training modules, country objectives and outcomes prior to the workshop. Depending on needs identified in each country, this could include basic training in Microsoft Office Excel and Word.

A ‘template’ training program is as follows, excluding morning and afternoon refreshment and lunch breaks. The training facilitation will be mainly led by UN Women and SIAP, with SPC contributing across all sessions. Please note, Monday (the first day of the training) will be a half day, with sessions starting in the afternoon, while Tuesday-Friday will be full days.

Monday

Session 1, 10th October 2022 (9:00 – 3:30 pm)	Target audience
Opening remarks	Users & producers
Introductions	Users & producers
What is gender data and how to use it for SDG Monitoring	Users & producers
Q&A	Users & producers
Gender data literacy and avoiding common mistakes	Users & producers
Hands-on exercises	Users & producers
Q&A	Users & producers
Calculating gender statistics for SDG monitoring (part I)	Users & producers
Q&A	Users & producers
Exercises	Users & producers
National gender statistics action plan priorities	Users & producers

Tuesday

Session 2, 11th October 2022 (9:00 am – 3:30 pm)	Target audience
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Recap of Day 1	Users & producers
Calculating gender statistics for SDG monitoring (part II)	Users & producers
Q&A	Users & producers
Methods for data collection and estimation	Producers
Finding the right data and conducting basic analysis	Users
Exercises on data collection and estimation	Producers
Exercises on finding the right data and conducting basic analysis	Users
Analysing microdata with a gender angle	Producers
Using gender data for policy making	Users
Exercises analysing microdata using R	Producers
Exercises on evidence-based policy-making	Users
National gender statistics action plan priorities	Users & producers

Wednesday

Session 3, 12th October 2022 (9:00 am – 3:30 pm)	Target audience
Recap of day 2	Users & producers
Multi-level disaggregation analysis to monitor the SDGs from a Leave No One Behind perspective	Producers
Getting acquainted with Rapid Gender Assessment Surveys	Users
Communicating gender data	Users & producers
Exercises on communicating gender data	Users & producers
Q&A	Users & producers
User-Producer dialogue	Users & producers
Q&A	Users & producers
Brainstorming on implementing the Pacific Roadmap in the country: opportunities for gender data use	Users & producers
National gender statistics action plan priorities	Users & producers

Thursday

Session 4, 13th October 2022 (9:00 am – 3:30 pm)	Target audience
Recap of day 3	Users & producers
Practical: Mock user-producer dialogue	Users & producers
Practical: Mock development of evidence-based policy proposal	Users & producers
Hands-on exercise: Mock communication products for evidence-based policy	Users & producers
National gender statistics action plan priorities	Users & producers
Showcase of mock products	Users & producers

Friday

Equality Insights, 14th October 2022 (10:00 am – 2:30 pm)	Target audience
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Equality Insights: gender-sensitive measures of multidimensional poverty (see briefing note)	Producers & Policy makers
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VI. Registration, logistics and schedule

Government lead agencies in each country will send letters of invitation to stakeholders to participate in the workshop, with information about the venue, pre-workshop skills sessions etc.

VII. Language

The working language for this course is English.

VIII. Recommended reading

- [Gender Statistics Training Curriculum](#)

IX. Pre-course/ training requirements

Participants are expected to be familiar with:

1. The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development
2. SDG Voluntary National Review
3. The national development plan/strategy, and associated MEL/statistical indicators
4. National gender data and statistics and gender policies

Participants are required to bring their own laptop for the workshop to complete the practical exercises.