WORKING PAPER 5: Supporting statistical collections through coordinated partnerships and a 5-year plan

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Purpose

- Recommend increased coordination among technical assistance providers and donors to support national statistical collections
- Acknowledge the benefits derived from:
  - Increased coordination among development partners through strategic delivery of technical assistance that leverages technical partner's comparative advantage
  - Forming a 5-year statistical collection plan to facilitate coordination among national statistics offices and technical and financial partners
- Note the efficiency gained by adopting optimised integrated statistical collection cycles
- Recommend that a comprehensive five-year Regional Plan for Statistical Collections be prepared
- Note the progress made to date in conceptualising such a plan and funding proposal

Acknowledgement

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- 5-year Regional Plan for Statistical Collections
  - 2018 to 2022 statistical collections schedule
  - Optimised integrated collection cycles

Background and rationale

- High dependence on statistical collections – national, regional and international frameworks

- Unprecedented demand for data

- Absence of alternative reliable sources

- Essential that statistical systems are well planned, resourced and sufficiently robust to respond to the challenge of meeting diverse data demands

- Unplanned (out of cycle) collections – funding driven

- Significant number of collections planned

Coordinated partnership: benefits

- Unique and complementary competencies
- Meet international standards and data user needs
- Efficiency gains
- Minimise duplication
- Planning and resource mobilisation
- Increased access to technical assistance
- Promote regionally standardised methods
- Pacific context

Coordinated partnership: scope

- Population and housing censuses

- Household income and expenditure surveys

- Demographic and health surveys

- Multiple indicator cluster survey

- Disability survey

- Agricultural censuses surveys

- Labour force surveys

	PHC	HIES	DHS*	MICS*	Disability*	Agriculture*	LFS*
Collection design, budgeting and planning	UNFPA, SDD, ABS, SNZ	SDD, WB	UNFPA, UNICEF, SDD	UNICEF, SDD	UNICEF, SDD	FAO, SDD	ILO, SDD
Questionnaire design and user engagement	UNFPA, SDD, ABS, SNZ	SDD, WB	UNFPA, UNICEF, SDD	UNICEF, SDD	UNICEF, SDD, WG	FAO, SDD	ILO, SDD
Collection cartography and household listing	SDD, UNFPA	SDD, WB	SDD, UNFPA, UNICEF	SDD, UNICEF	SDD, UNICEF	SDD, FAO	SDD, ILO
Selection of data capture and processing technology	SDD, UNFPA	SDD, WB	SDD, UNFPA, UNICEF	SDD, UNICEF	SDD, UNICEF	SDD, FAO	SDD, ILO
Field work training and management	SDD, UNFPA	SDD, WB	UNFPA, UNICEF, SDD	UNICEF, SDD	UNICEF, SDD, WG	FAO, SDD	ILO, SDD
Data processing and cleaning	SDD, UNFPA	SDD, WB	SDD, UNFPA, UNICEF	SDD, UNICEF	SDD, UNICEF	SDD, FAO	SDD, ILO
Secondary data assurance	UNFPA, SDD, ABS, SNZ	WB, SDD	UNFPA, UNICEF, SDD	UNICEF, SDD	UNICEF, SDD, WG	FAO, SDD	ILO, SDD
Data archiving and anonymization	SDD	SDD	SDD	SDD	SDD	SDD	SDD
Data analysis, dissemination and use	UNFPA, SDD, ABS, SNZ	SDD, WB, PFTAC, ABS	UNFPA, UNICEF, SDD	UNICEF, SDD	UNICEF, SDD, WG	FAO, SDD	ILO, SDD

* indicates that the Statistics for Development Division's services are provided on a cost-recovery basis

The order of technical partner proposes the leader for the activity for within each statistical collection.

ABS= Australian Bureau of Statistics, FAO = Food and Agriculture Organization, ILO = International Labour Organization, PFTAC = Pacific Financial Technical Assistance Centre, PHC = population and housing census, SDD = Statistics for Development Division, SNZ = Statistics New Zealand, UNFPA = United Nations Development Fund, UNICEF = United Nations Children's Fund, WB = World Bank, WG = Washington Group

Coordinated partnership: examples

ILO and SPC

- Analysis of existing data

- Improved collection of labour market statistics

- Strengthened capacity of PICs to conduct LFS

- Increased compilation, documentation and sharing of LF microdata (SDG reporting)

- Enhanced sharing of information

- Enhanced capacity development and transfer

Coordinated partnership: examples

UNICEF and SPC: Disability and childhood statistics partnership framework

- Building on existing or new data collection tools and systems to mainstream disability and childhood statistics in PICs

- Increasing the availability, accessibility and usability of information derived from existing and new data sets

- Forging statistical partnerships to share knowledge and expertise

- Dissemination of results, stakeholder engagement, and advocacy

Coordinated partnership: examples

- UNFPA: PHC and DHS, and Regional Plan for Statistical Collections
- World Bank: HIES experiment and data dissemination and use project
- FAO: Pacific Plan for Agricultural and Fisheries Statistics
- SIAP: Capacity building
- ABS, S-NZ, PFTAC and UNESCAP: technical partners and data users
- DFAT and MFAT: financial partners

Coordinated partnership: SPC-SDD

- Core: PHC and HIES
- Leadership and coordination

Planning, sample and budget	→	HH listing and cartography	→	Data capture system	→	Training and field management	→	Data processing	→	Tabulation and documentation	→	Dissemination and use

Strengthening and building national and regional statistical capacity

PICT schedule of statistical collections

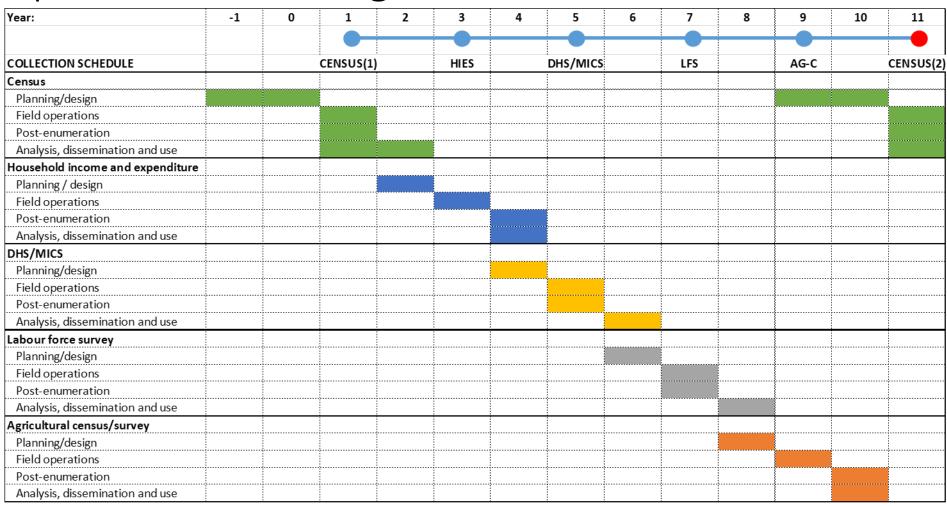|	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2022+
American Samoa	LFS	Agric	PHC			HIES (2025)
CNMI		Agric				
Cook Islands	LFS			PHC; Agric		LFS (2023)
Fiji	HIES; MICS	Agric; DHS	LFS			
French Polynesia					PHC	
FSM	HIES		PHC	DHS		HIES (2023)
Guam	HIES	Agric	PHC			
Kiribati	DHS&MICS	HIES	PHC			
Nauru	HIES; MICS&DHS; PHC(mini)	LFS		PHC	MICS&DHS	HIES (2023)
New Caledonia	HIES; LFS	PHC; LFS	DHS; LFS	LFS; migration	LFS	LFS (annually)
Niue		Agric		PHC; LFS		
Palau				PHC	DHS	
PNG		HIES	PHC			
RMI	HIES	PHC				
Samoa	HIES; LFS	Agric		PHC		
Solomon Islands	LFS	PHC	HIES		DHS; Agric	
Tokelau	HIES			PHC		
Tonga	LFS; Disab	DHS	HIES	PHC		Agric (2025)
Tuvalu			MICS&DHS	HIES; LFS	PHC	Disab
Vanuatu	HIES; Agric	PHC; LFS	Agric			
Wallis & Futuna	PHC	HIES				
Total	**22**	**18**	**12**	**14**	**7**	**7**

5-year Regional Plan for Statistical Collections

- Coordinate technical assistance

- Define partnerships and delineate contributions by technical assistance providers

- Facilitate planning for the national statistics office and technical assistance providers

- Serve as a platform for resource mobilisation and donor coordination

Optimised and integrated statistical collections

Year:	-1	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
COLLECTION SCHEDULE			CENSUS(1)		HIES		DHS/MICS		LFS		AG-C		CENSUS(2)
Census													
Planning/design	██	██									██	██	
Field operations			██										██
Post-enumeration			██										██
Analysis, dissemination and use			██	██									██
Household income and expenditure													
Planning / design				██									
Field operations					██								
Post-enumeration						██							
Analysis, dissemination and use						██							
DHS/MICS													
Planning/design						██							
Field operations							██						
Post-enumeration							██						
Analysis, dissemination and use								██					
Labour force survey													
Planning/design								██					
Field operations									██				
Post-enumeration									██				
Analysis, dissemination and use										██			
Agricultural census/survey													
Planning/design										██			
Field operations											██		
Post-enumeration											██		
Analysis, dissemination and use												██	

Recommendation

- HOPS are invited to discuss the proposal to supporting statistical collections through coordinated partnerships and a 5-year plan.

- HOPS are invited to:
  - endorse the recommendation for coordinated partnership among development partners (technical assistance providers and donors) to support the next five years of national statistical collections in the Pacific Islands region;
  - note the efficiency gained by adopting optimised statistical collection cycles; and
  - endorse the proposal to prepare a five-year Regional Plan for Statistical Collections that defines SPC members' collection schedule and associated technical assistance provision, and identifies gaps and potential funding sources to support resource mobilisation.