

TEN YEAR PACIFIC STATISTICS STRATEGY (TYPSS) Phase II
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TYPSS Objectives	TYPSS Activity Focus	PFTAC Strategic Plan	Activity	In train/ completed in 2014/15	Planned for 2015/2016
Objective 1 Pacific island countries and territories have the technical capacity (either in-house capacity or through timely accessible technical support), to manage and implement all core statistical collections, including key administrative databases, as required by national development plans, including national strategies for the development of statistics (NSDS).	Activity Focus 1.1 Support to core (ongoing) collections	The overall objective is to help members develop more timely and reliable macroeconomic datasets based on enhanced source data. This support is undertaken within the framework of the regional TYPSS.			
	Activity Focus 1.2 Support in integration, quality and increased use of administrative stats (largely for economic statistics)		<i>All PFTAC activities as listed under Objective 1 also support 2.1 Capacity building.</i>	National accounts and price statistics technical assistance (TA) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fiji – Advice on development and balancing of supply-use tables for 2011 as a benchmark to rebase the constant price national accounts. Finalize the compilation of GDP estimates by expenditure and income in current prices for 2005-14 and further develop quarterly GDP estimates. • Niue – supplementation on updating the GDP measures to 2014 and revamping the underlying methodology for back-years and the introduction of new data sources. • Papua New Guinea (PNG) – PFTAC is working closely with the ABS in developing national accounts capacity in the NSO. In addition to on-the job-training, plans were further developed for the NSO to produce current price GDP estimates for 2007-2013 based around the greater use of administrative (tax) data and improved cooperation between stakeholders. The ABS has posted two advisors in the NSO and PFTAC will provide additional support. • PFTAC conducted a sub-regional national accounts training course in PNG during May—with assistance from the ABS—for staff from the NSO, Bank of PNG, Treasury, and 	Through the end of April 2016 the primary aim is to undertake a rebase in the Cook Islands, Solomon Islands, and possibly Vanuatu. TA will be provided to Palau, FSM and the Marshall Islands on strengthening their methodology and Fiji will receive assistance with increasing the frequency of their GDP estimates to quarterly. Further TA will be provided in both balance of payments (BOP) and GFS. Beyond this fiscal year, as PFTAC enters the fifth phase of its funding cycles, there will be increased emphasis on GFS training to complete the work that was started in the recently completed Japan-funded project based in headquarters. Some BOP assistance will also be provided.

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				<p>also to compilers from Vanuatu and the Solomon Islands.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Solomon Islands – provided assistance with the development of value added estimates for most industries and incorporated Government Finance Statistics compiled by the Central Bank. Training provided and local staff will complete the 2014 estimates by December. • PFTAC provided input to the HIES Working Group meeting which focused on HIES data outputs and report content. PFTAC presentations focused on the use of HIES data in national accounts and their importance for measuring informal sector production, household final consumption, and portions of capital and income. <p>External Sector Statistics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TA provided to IMF Member countries: missions to 12 Pacific island countries were conducted under the Pacific Region module of the JSA Project on the Improvement of External Sector Statistics in the Asia and Pacific Region. (IMF HQ) • Cook Islands – methodologies and data sources used for the balance of payments were improved. <p>Government Finance Statistics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The JSA Project on the Improvement of Government Finance Statistics (IMF HQ) has focused recent TA on the Melanesian countries—Fiji, PNG, Solomon Islands, and Vanuatu—working to introduce changes arising from the 2014 GFS Manual and preparing annual time series from audited financial statements. 	

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fiji and Palau are now newly publishing GFS data from the Central Government budget with the expectation that Solomon Islands and Vanuatu will soon do the same. The Project will conclude with a final seminar for Fiji, Kiribati, Samoa, Solomon Islands, and Vanuatu focusing on consolidation concepts. A follow-on project for the Asian region will only include PNG but PFTAC will increase its GFS TA to meet ongoing needs. 	
	Activity Focus 1.3 Support to social statistics				

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Objective 2 Pacific island countries and territories are producing the agreed core of statistics across key sectors including but not restricted to economics, population, CRVS, education and health, as required by their national plans and agreed-upon regional and international reporting frameworks as required by the national development plans, with timely analysis and dissemination of results to national users	Activity Focus 2.1 Support to NSO capacity building efforts	The overall objective is to help members develop more timely and reliable macroeconomic datasets based on enhanced source data. This support is undertaken within the framework of the regional TYPSS.		<i>All PFTAC activities as listed under Objective 1 also support 2.1 Capacity building.</i>	
	Activity Focus 2.2 Improved analysis and dissemination of statistics				

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Objective 3 All countries and territories have in place some form of national statistics strategy or plan in line with their national development strategies	Activity Focus 3.1 NSDS design and implementation				
	Activity Focus 3.2 Development of national statistical priorities				

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Objective 4 National level statistics stakeholders are advised on an ongoing basis about emerging statistical tools and systems, processes for effective data analysis, communication and quality assurance and Pacific interaction and proposed responses to international statistical standards	Activity Focus 4.1 Core statistical systems ¹				
	Activity Focus 4.2 Added value in analysis and reporting ²				
	Activity Focus 4.3 Added value in decision-making ³				

¹ Outputs proposed by Friend of the Chair (Note: no Outputs were included in the Phase II Interim Activity Plan)

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Objective 5 National and regional statistics governance is functioning effectively	Activity Focus 5.1 Statistics advocacy support (regional level)				
	Activity Focus 5.2 Statistics advocacy support (national level)				
	Activity Focus 5.3 TA inputs are in line with country and territory priorities, transparent and are delivered efficiently across the region				
	Activity Focus 5.4 Pacific leaders receive recommendations about priorities for statistical collections at national and regional level with accompanying data about resource and technology requirements				
	Activity 5.5 TYPSS Phase II operates in a coordinated and efficient manner with the best use being made of available technical assistance and informed progress assessment being made available to PSSC				