

Pacific Statistics Steering Committee [PSSC10]

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Integrated report of development partners[PFTAC, ABS, ADB, PARIS21, ESCAP, SIAP, SNZ]:
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Extending statistical sources through administrative records, to expand knowledge base as by product of administrative activity				
	ABS	PFTAC	ADB	ALL OTHERS
In train/ completed in 2014/15	Terms of Reference (ToR) for PSSC Administrative Data Working Group developed with Cook Islands and circulated to working group membership.	Use of annual tax data and quarterly/monthly VAT data for the compilation of national accounts increased through advisory missions in the Cook Islands, Fiji, Kiribati, and PNG supported by change of legislation or MoU.		
Planned for 2015/2016	Regular attendance and contribution to PSSC Administrative Data Working Group meetings and work program. Cassandra Gligora will attend as ABS representative.	Implement recommendations to improve use of annual tax data in the Solomon Islands, Tonga, and Vanuatu. PFTAC will participate in the working group on administrative data.	Funding support to improve collection of administrative data for selected ADB Pacific developing member countries (DMCs) (TA preparation in progress)	SIAP (with SPC and FAO): Training on Agricultural and Rural Statistics [under Global Strategy to Improve Agricultural and Rural Statistics]

Increasing scope through integration, to improve quality, consistency and comparability				
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In train/ completed in 2014/15		Improved implementation of the System of National Accounts (PFTAC), Balance of Payments Manual (IMF headquarters) and Government Finance Statistics Manual (IMF headquarters). Assisted with creation of business registers using tax sources.		SIAP: Basic and intermediate SNA online training
Planned for 2015/2016		Continuation of actions undertaken in 2014/15.		SIAP: Basic and intermediate SNA online training

Matching scale of survey operations to need, within long term budgets				
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In train/ completed in 2014/15	Support to FBoS to deliver 2017 Fiji Census, including exploring changes in Census topics, data collection methods and data products. Support to FBoS to improve business and household survey sample design, questionnaire design and data collection methods.	Participation in HIES technical working group meetings and technical discussions with SPC and stakeholders on questionnaires and results from recent HIES.	Participation in HIES technical working group meetings and technical discussions with SPC and stakeholders on questionnaires and results from recent HIES.	
Planned for 2015/2016	Ongoing support to FBoS to deliver 2017 Fiji Census, including exploring changes in Census topics and data collection methods and data products. Technical assistance to FBoS to streamline household and business survey questionnaires to meet contemporary form design standards. Technical assistance to improve survey sampling and reduce respondent burden for business and household surveys, as well as strategies for improved response rates.	Participation in HIES technical working group meetings.	Participation in HIES technical working group meetings.	SIAP (with FAO and SPC): Training on Agricultural and Rural Statistics [under Global Strategy to Improve Agricultural and Rural Statistics]

Regional knowledge generation/ Leverage across the region from development initiatives, to reduce development costs				
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In train/ completed in 2014/15	Signed MoU with USP to deliver 'IT and Information Management' course for the Official Statistics degree from Semester 2 2016.	Increased number of sub-regional training in national accounts to tailor content and improve collaboration between national statistics offices and central banks and treasuries. Provided the IMF benchmarking system for quarterly national accounts to Timor Leste.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Semi-annual public dissemination of an expanded set of economic indicators in the ADB Pacific DMCs (Pacific Economic Management Phase 2) • Annual comprehensive compendium and analysis of latest trends of economic, social, financial and MDG indicators of ADB regional members (Key Indicators for Asia and the Pacific 2013/14) • Annual report on macroeconomic and development issues featuring assessment of economic trends, economic profiles and economic projections for ADB DMCs (Asian Development Outlook 2014: Fiscal Policy for Inclusive Growth) 	PARIS21: 2014 & 2015: Sponsored participation of Pacific countries in CRVS Conference, UNSC Meeting, PARIS21 Board Meeting
Planned for 2015/2016	Collaboration with USP to finalise structure and content of 'IT and Information Management' course as part of USP Official Statistics degree from Semester 2 2016.	Continue to conduct three annual sub-regional trainings in national accounts. Will assist with identification of processing systems for the compilation of price statistics and supply-use tables.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Semi-annual public dissemination of an expanded set of economic indicators in the ADB Pacific DMCs (Pacific Economic Management Phase 2) • Annual comprehensive compendium and analysis of latest trends of economic, social, financial and MDG indicators of ADB regional members (Key Indicators for Asia and the Pacific 2015) • Annual report on macroeconomic and development issues featuring assessment of economic trends, economic profiles and economic projections for ADB DMCs (RETA 8692 – Asian Development Outlook 2015: Financing Asia's Future Growth) • 2015 PPP updates and Poverty-specific PPP for selected ADB Pacific DMCs (RDTA 7507 - 2011 ICP for Asia and the Pacific) <p>Updating and construction of Supply and Use Tables for selected ADB Pacific DMCs (R-CDTA 8838 – Updating and Constructing the Supply and Use Tables for Selected Developing Member Economies)</p>	PARIS21: 2016: Sponsored participation of Pacific countries in CRVS Conference, UNSC Meeting, PARIS21 Board Meeting

Adding value in reporting (econ/ social frameworks, comparative studies, trends, access systems) , to accelerate country improvements				
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In train/ completed in 2014/15	<p>Regional GFS training workshop for Pacific NSO and central bank staff to improve production of quality GFS.</p> <p>Planning, support and training of SINSO prices staff for CPI rebase and reweight, and extension of CPI to regional centres.</p> <p>Support to BAG group and PVSAP through provision of technical assistance and regional training workshops on improvements to CRVS data.</p> <p>Prices training for FBoS staff, particularly services PPI.</p>	<p>Training provided to improve data and metadata availability for macroeconomic statistics (PFTAC and IMF headquarters) and communication with data users.</p> <p>Updated General Data Dissemination System metadata in Palau.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funding support to two HIES (Nauru and FSM) and two DHS (Tonga and Vanuatu) (<u>R-CDTA 7800 – Building Capacity for Statistics in the Pacific</u>) Semi-annual public dissemination of an expanded set of economic indicators in the ADB Pacific DMCs (<u>Pacific Economic Management Phase 2</u>) Annual comprehensive compendium and analysis of latest trends of economic, social, financial and MDG indicators of ADB regional members (<u>Key Indicators for Asia and the Pacific 2013/14</u>) <p>Annual report on macroeconomic and development issues featuring assessment of economic trends, economic profiles and economic projections for ADB DMCs (<u>Asian Development Outlook 2014</u>)</p>	<p>PARIS21: intermediate SNA online training (SIAP)</p> <p>ESCAP: Regional labour migration statistics manual (ESCAP and ILO)</p> <p>NZ: SNZ delivered Pacific Annual Attachment Programme (PAAP) to build statistical capability</p>
Planned for 2015/2016	<p>Training for SINSO price collection staff and other training to deliver Solomon Islands CPI rebase and reweight.</p> <p>GFS training for SINSO and CBSI staff.</p> <p>Support to FBoS for development of quarterly measures of P, E and I measures of GDP.</p> <p>Introduction of supply and use tables, chain linking, and seasonal adjustment to key time series data. Development of services PPI and CPI rebase.</p> <p>Support for Pacific CRVS improvements through attendance at BAG meetings, and extension of project to improve coding of Cause of Death data.</p> <p>Provision of technical assistance and capability development to improve the production of National Accounts and Prices statistics in PNG NSO.</p>	<p>PFTAC might gradually increase technical assistance for the compilation of external sector and government finance statistics as related IMF headquarters projects wind down during 2015/16.</p>	<p>Funding support to survey activities of selected ADB Pacific DMCs (TA preparation in progress)</p> <p>Semi-annual public dissemination of an expanded set of economic indicators in the ADB Pacific DMCs (<u>Pacific Economic Management Phase 2</u>)</p> <p>Annual comprehensive compendium and analysis of latest trends of economic, social, financial and MDG indicators of ADB regional members (<u>Key Indicators for Asia and the Pacific 2015</u>)</p> <p>Annual report on macroeconomic and development issues featuring assessment of economic trends, economic profiles and economic projections for ADB DMCs (<u>RETA 8692 – Asian Development Outlook 2015</u>)</p> <p>Updating and construction of Supply and Use Tables for selected ADB Pacific DMCs (<u>R-CDTA 8838 – Updating and Constructing the Supply and Use Tables for Selected Developing Member Economies</u>)</p> <p>2015 PPP updates and Poverty-specific PPP for selected ADB Pacific DMCs (<u>RDTA 7507 - 2011 ICP for Asia and the Pacific</u>)</p>	<p>PARIS21: TA on Water Statistics in Samoa (ESCAP)</p> <p>ESCAP: Compendium of time use statistics question modules (ESCAP)</p> <p>NZ: Ongoing building of statistical capability through the PAAP (new Activity design to be completed in June/July)</p> <p>SIAP: Training on SEEA Framework</p>

Dissemination and modernisation of statistical systems				
	ABS	PFTAC	ADB	ALL OTHERS
In train/ completed in 2014/15	Support to FBoS to improve statistical IT infrastructure and dissemination policies and practices, particularly refreshing FBoS web site and working towards simultaneous paper and web releases of statistical publications. Attendance at meetings and support for work of PSSC ICT Working Group, such as harmonising CRVS systems.	.		NZ: Contribution to Post-2015 Development Agenda / SDGs, indicators and targets (with SNZ) SNZ delivered PC Trade – working with partner countries to move to new upgraded system
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Making statistical outputs add value to effective decision-making/ Statistical analysis and statistical literacy				
	ABS	PFTAC	ADB	ALL OTHERS
In train/ completed in 2014/15	Support to HIES, CRVS and GFS regional workshops on analysis and use of data and report writing.	Assisted with finalization and timeliness improvement of national accounts (PFTAC) and external sector and government finance statistics (IMF headquarters).		<p>ESCAP: Disability monograph in Nauru (UNFPA)</p> <p>NZ: SNZ delivered Certificate in Official Statistics (CoS) - 2/4 modules delivered in Apia to Samoan and Tokelauan official statistics users (1st half of 2015).</p>
Planned for 2015/2016	Support to HIES, CRVS and GFS regional workshops on analysis and use of data and report writing.	Continue to strengthen relationship between producers and users of macroeconomic statistics through training and working groups.	2015 PPP updates and Poverty-specific PPP for selected ADB Pacific DMCs (RDTA 7507 - 2011 ICP for Asia and the Pacific)	<p>ESCAP: Training on using time use statistics for Fiji, Cooks and Samoa (ESCAP with SPC)</p> <p>PARIS21: November 2015 (PARIS21 in collaboration with SPC): Better data communication - Training of NSOs and Journalists</p> <p>NZ: CoS - final modules delivered in Apia to Samoan and Tokelauan official statistics users (2nd half of 2015) Further planning for CoS roll-out to Vanuatu, Fiji and Cooks.</p> <p>SIAP: Statistical literacy training under the Asia-Pacific Regional Action Plan for the Global Strategy to Improve Agricultural and Rural Statistics</p> <p>SIAP: Analysis and Interpretation of Survey Data</p>

Statistical advocacy				
	ABS	PFTAC	ADB	ALL OTHERS
In train/ completed in 2014/15				<p>PARIS21: Support in 2014</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • User-producer forum/ consultations on the NSDS preparation in PNG • PARIS21 Forum on Advancing Statistical Development in SIDS in the Post 2015 Era (PARIS21 side event in the SIDS Conference in partnership with Samoa Bureau of Statistics and SPC) • NSDS paper on SIDS • Pacific Statistics Video • Samoa CRVS video <p>NZ: Working with partner governments to strengthen production and use of statistics and data (through Joint Commitment for Developments)</p>
Planned for 2015/2016			2015 PPP updates and Poverty-specific PPP for selected ADB Pacific DMCs (<u>RDTA 7507 - 2011 ICP for Asia and the Pacific</u>)	<p>ESCAP: Asia-Pacific Ministerial Conference on CRVS and the CRVS Decade (ESCAP, UNICEF, UNFPA, SPC and others)</p> <p>PARIS21: Proposed Support in 2016:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advocacy materials for Cook Islands, Vanuatu • User-producer forum on statistics (regional and/or national) <p>NZ: On-going work with partner governments to strengthen production and use of statistics and data (through Joint Commitment for Developments)</p> <p>SIAP: Statistical advocacy training under the Asia-Pacific Regional Action Plan for the Global Strategy to Improve Agricultural and Rural Statistics</p>

Statistical planning				
	ABS	PFTAC	ADB	ALL OTHERS
In train/ completed in 2014/15	<p>Institutional strengthening and mentoring support to Fiji and Nauru Government Statisticians to advise on plans for NSO reform, statistical work program planning, and strategies for engaging with key stakeholders.</p> <p>Hosted Pacific Leadership Forum to discuss key contemporary statistical challenges in the Pacific, including greater use of administrative data, development of NSDS, and making greater use of technology in the production of official statistics.</p> <p>Attendance at, and contributions to, PSSC meetings, including TYPSS Phase II design process.</p> <p>Collaboration with IMF and World Bank to support PNG NSO to develop a five year 'reform roadmap' to strengthen governance systems and human resource capabilities within the organisation</p>	<p>Assisted with creation of macroeconomic statistics committees in PNG and in the Solomon Islands.</p>		<p>PARIS21: Support in 2014</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NSDS formulation in Vanuatu, Tonga, and Cook Islands (including NSS assessments, NSDS country training, strategic planning workshops, NSDS roadmap preparation, consultation workshops with stakeholders) • Assessment of the Economic Sector Statistics in Solomon Islands • Expert review of the draft PNG NSDS • PNG NSS assessment <p>Support in 1st sem. 2015 (PARIS21):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pacific Regional Training Course on NSDS (in collaboration with SPC) • Mid-term review of the Samoa NSDS <p>Finalization of the Cook Islands NSDS</p>
Planned for 2015/2016	<p>Support PNG NSO Leadership to implement reform agenda at an organisational level.</p> <p>Deployment of two ABS out posted officers to PNG to support the strengthening of governance and institutional systems in the NSO, and build macroeconomic statistics capacity and capability.</p> <p>Institutional strengthening and mentoring support to Fiji, Solomon Islands and Nauru Government Statisticians to advise on plans for NSO reform, statistical work program planning, and strategies for engaging with key stakeholders.</p> <p>Support to FBoS for workforce planning and corporate plan refresh to support NSO restructure and Fiji-wide civil service review.</p> <p>Forum to strengthen statistical leadership in fragile states.</p>	<p>As mentioned during previous PSSC meetings, PFTAC could provide more inputs to NSDS if invited to do so.</p>		<p>PARIS21: August-December 2015</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fiji NSDS Roadmap preparation • Fiji NSS Assessment • Fiji NSDS Country Training (in collaboration with SPC) • Finalization of the Tonga NSDS • Tokelau NSS Assessment • Proposed support for 2016: • NSDS formulation in Fiji • NSDS formulation in 2 other Pacific countries, including country training, NSS assessment, strategic planning workshop (TBD) • ESCAP: Assessment on environment statistics in Palau, FSM, Vanuatu and Fiji – which will be used to guide future TA in this area (ESCAP)