

# One off summary PSSC report for PSSC 10 – PSSC member countries and development partners – significant activities 2014

Key project area headings to be used (explanation and link to review attached in appendix)

Form of activity	In train/ completed in 2014/15	Planned for 2015/2016
<b>Administrative data</b>	<p><b>CRVS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CRVS Planning workshops held in Kiribati, Solomon islands, Guam (for Micronesian countries/territories);</li> <li>• National CRVS Data and analysis and report writing workshop, Vanuatu</li> <li>• Sub-regional CRVS Data and analysis and report writing workshop, Noumea (smallest PSIDS)</li> <li>• TA follow-up missions to these countries, plus TA mission to Tonga</li> <li>• Regional CRVS-IT workshop: review of draft regional standards on IT for CRVS</li> <li>• Attend CRVS Ministerial meeting in BKK, Nov 2014 – presentation of Poster session outlining current state of CRVS development in 18 PICTs + chairing Ministerial panel discussion on CRVS in Pacific (1 hour video, available on <i>YouTube</i>).</li> <li>• Attended 2015 Regional Ministers of Health Meeting – (repeat of BKK Poster session</li> <li>• Discussions of regional funding support for CRVS development with World Bank and Government of Canada</li> </ul> <p><b>EMIS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TA to various countries via On-demand-technical assistance (ODTA) to set up educational databases/EMIS systems across the region – start with Fiji, Solomon Islands, Vanuatu, RMI.</li> <li>• Regional workshop with UIS/Montreal on Education Statistics and indicators</li> <li>• 3-Year regional TA project funded by DFAT approved after about one year of stop-start on 18 May – shortened from 36 to 27 months.</li> <li>• With funding finally approved – staff recruitment can commence, and with a bit of luck we'll have 2 further staff on board soon (Education statistician, DB developer)</li> </ul>	<p><b>CRVS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CRVS Planning workshops for PNG, Vanuatu, and follow-up for Kiribati</li> <li>• Data analysis and Report workshops for several countries</li> <li>• CRVS-IT development regional workshop, Noumea</li> <li>• CRVS-IT development TA missions planned for 7 countries</li> </ul> <p><b>EMIS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Start rolling out EMIS 2015 – 2017 work plan, as from 1 June 2015.</li> </ul>
<b>Survey and census design and data collection</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2015 census TA: Palau and Kiribati</li> <li>• 2015: Tonga Agricultural census</li> <li>• 2014-15 HIES: TA to Nauru, FSM, Solomon islands, Palau, Tokelau (ongoing)</li> <li>• 2014-15 DHS: TA Vanuatu, Tonga (finish report from 2013 survey)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2015 census TA: Kiribati (11/15); and Tonga AG census</li> <li>• 2016: census Cook Islands, Niue, Nauru, Tonga</li> <li>• 2015-16 HIES: TA to Cook Islands, Niue, Tonga, Tuvalu</li> <li>• 2015-16 DHS: TA Solomons; Fiji (postponed since 2012)</li> </ul>

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<b>Regional knowledge generation</b>	<b>Publications/Reports</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pacific Business Register Guide, 2014 (with ABS),</li> <li>• Pacific Classification of Individual Consumption According to Purpose, (PACCOICOP; reprint 2014)</li> <li>• Pacific Standard Industrial Classification of all Economic Activities</li> <li>• Comprehensive Tonga and Vanuatu DHS Reports (MACRO International format/structure + density)</li> <li>• DHS Key Facts and Figures at your Fingertips (2 page fact sheets+ policy implications for each of the DHS report chapters) – easy to digest by those averse to analytical reports and statistical tables.</li> <li>• Vanuatu Pacific Living Condition Survey – factsheets on Household expenditure; Cultural Practice; Happiness)</li> <li>• Mortality Trends in the Pacific Islands (collaboration with UNSW and U of Queensland)</li> <li>• Trends in neonatal and Infant Mortality for Pacific Island States (collaboration with UNSW)</li> </ul>	<b>Publications/Reports</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pacific HIES Methodology Manual</li> <li>• Pacific Core set of Census questions</li> <li>• DHS and HIES reports</li> <li>• Fertility trends in the pacific islands (collaboration with University of NSW)</li> </ul>
<b>Production of statistics and indicators</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 100 of statistical tables contained in Census, HIES and DHS survey reports, and feeding into our on-line regional databases;</li> <li>• Each DHS factsheet contains two page (back-to-front) summary table containing all MDG related and other core development indicators</li> <li>• Regional database on 200+ development indicators (<b>National Minimum Development Indicator</b>, NMDI database (<a href="http://www.spc.int/nmdi">www.spc.int/nmdi</a>))</li> <li>• <b>Regional MDG database</b> (special folder on NMDI database; feeding into the annual MDG Tracking Report prepared by PIFS for Meeting of Pacific Leaders);</li> <li>• <b>Pacific Regional Information Management System, PRISM</b> – web portal to national NSO websites, and to regional statistics, reports</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ongoing activity</li> </ul>
<b>Dissemination and modernisation of statistical systems</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Greater focus on web-based dissemination</li> <li>• Upgrade of NSO websites</li> <li>• IT developments related to CRVS and EMIS referred to earlier (ongoing throughout 2017)</li> <li>• Introducing greater use of / receiving growing PIC support of adhering to international standards/ classifications and regional methodologies (e.g. PacCOICOP; Pacific HIES methodology; common core set of census questions in 2020 round)</li> </ul>	
<b>Statistical analysis and statistical literacy</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Statistical analysis</u>: see earlier reference to census and survey reports</li> <li>• <u>Statistical literacy</u>: nothing so far; [plans for later in 2015, and then throughout 2016 - 2017.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Statistical analysis</u>: part and parcel of every collection undertaken</li> <li>• <u>Statistical literacy</u>: data-user workshops/seminars and policy dialogues for all censuses and HH surveys</li> </ul>

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<b>Statistical planning</b>	<p><b>NSDS development</b> – in collaboration with Paris21 (excellent partnership) Completion of NSDS for Vanuatu and Cook islands; Tonga still in draft</p> <p><b>Regular BAG meetings</b> (Brisbane Accord Group) to coordinate CRVS TA/training activities (Excellent collaboration – shows it can be done with good will)</p>	<p><b>NSDS development</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Plans for Fiji and Tuvalu to kick off in 2015; followed by Nauru and FSM confirmed (RMI recently expressing interest)</li> </ul> <p><b>BAG</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Plans to continue partnership – could slow-down/derail, if funding situation remains uncertain (3<sup>rd</sup> International conference on Financing for Development, Addis Ababa, 13-16 June 2015) should provide an indication where things are heading</li> </ul>
<b>Statistical advocacy</b>	<p><b>Advocacy/information</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Progress in the Pacific: CRVS achievements and challenges in the Pacific islands</li> <li>18 PICT CRVS progress report posters</li> <li>Putting Statistics at the heart of development (Statistical advocacy video, 2014 – SPC/Paris1)</li> <li>The post-2015 Development Agenda and the Pacific island Region – Putting statistics at the heart of the debate</li> <li><b>Thematic Infographics</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Visitors at a Glance</li> <li>CPI in the Pacific</li> <li>Pacific Exports</li> <li>Education management Information Systems</li> </ul> </li> <li>Regular Stats-Chats (interviews) with Radio Australia pacific Program, and radio NZ International</li> </ul>	<p><b>Advocacy/information</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ongoing activity</li> </ul>

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**SAMPLE FROM ESCAP [DRAFT ONLY]**

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<b>Administrative data</b>		
<b>Survey and census design and data collection</b>		
<b>Regional knowledge generation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Regional labour migration statistics manual (ESCAP and ILO)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Compendium of time use statistics question modules (ESCAP)</li> </ul>
<b>Production of statistics and indicators</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- intermediate SNA online training (SIAP)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- TA on Water Statistics in Samoa (ESCAP)</li> </ul>
<b>Dissemination and modernisation of statistical systems</b>		
<b>Statistical analysis and statistical literacy</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Disability monograph in Nauru (UNFPA)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Training on using time use statistics for Fiji, Cooks and Samoa (ESCAP with SPC)</li> </ul>
<b>Statistical planning</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Assessment on environment statistics in Palau, FSM, Vanuatu and Fiji – which will be used to guide future TA in this area (ESCAP)</li> </ul>
<b>Statistical advocacy</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Asia-Pacific Ministerial Conference on CRVS and the CRVS Decade (ESCAP, UNICEF, UNFPA, SPC and others)</li> </ul>	

**APPENDIX: Detailed mapping of the PSSC functions to the components of TYPPS and the 2014 TYPPS review**

<b>Statistical sources expansion and development</b>	
<p>Matching scale of survey operations to need, within long term budgets</p> <p><b>[OBJ 1]</b></p> <p>[Activity 1.4]</p>	<p><b>The Pacific region cycle of surveys and censuses is becoming regular and stable.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Need to examine survey design methods now each survey has had its first iteration to assess sample sizes and survey design issues.</li> <li>• Exploit commonalities in strategies for business survey frame management and survey designs</li> <li>• Potential of emerging address registers on household survey frames</li> <li>• Extend commonality of data management systems</li> <li>• Examine satellite mapping, GPS potential</li> <li>• Innovative data capture methods (mobile phones) used in advanced administrative processes</li> <li>• Statistical training initiatives</li> </ul>
<p>Extending statistical sources through administrative records</p> <p><b>[1.5, 1.6]</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Key learning from the considerable experience in the access and use of administrative records from customs entries, inland revenue and civil registration of relevance to extending to other fields</li> <li>• Strategy for staging extending access to other sources</li> <li>• Complementary activities that need proceed in parallel (legislation, meta data standards, register development, data linking and research access protocols, recognised conceptual frameworks)</li> </ul>
<b>System-wide leadership</b>	
<p>Leverage across the region from development initiatives, to reduce development costs</p> <p><b>[OBJ 6]</b></p> <p>[2.3]</p>	<p><b>TYPPS system-wide leadership has several characteristics</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regional co-ordination of initiatives that all / most countries are engaged in (Survey programmes, SNA development, Population censuses)</li> <li>• Leadership of systems and process investments that have application in all countries</li> <li>• Development and endorsement of common standards, classifications and practices across the Pacific Islands</li> <li>• Identification of country practices and initiatives that are of value to all countries</li> <li>• Building collaboration between producers and users of statistics in lifting the usefulness and value gained from Pacific statistics</li> </ul>
<p>Adding value in reporting (econ/ social frameworks, comparative studies, trends, access</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lead the training in analysis of statistical data of NSO staff, departmental officials and academic researchers</li> <li>• Build partnerships with policy ministries to lift quality of interpretive commentary available to the public and media</li> </ul>

systems) [OBJ 4] [1.6, 2.2]	
Increasing scope through integration, to improve quality, consistency and comparability  [2.4]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• By the application of common systems and practices, enable the integration of Pacific statistical sources both at a country and regional level.</li> <li>• Enable the standards, classifications, registers and practices of statistical surveys to be used in managing administrative records of sector agencies.</li> <li>• Build up country registers of business, addresses, places through collaboration with administrative departments, legislative change and clear protocols</li> </ul>
<b>Adding value to decision-makers</b>	
Making statistical outputs add value to effective decision- making  [1.3, 2.1]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop informal processes for sharing experiences among countries in the way statistics in each main sector have been made useful and add value in decision-making</li> <li>• Advance learning initiatives including training programmes, staff exchanges for</li> </ul>
Increased statistical capability in decision-making bodies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enable access to statistical information in both aggregate form and unit records through user driven facilities</li> </ul>
Planning (NSDS, PSSC, SPC) [OBJ 2] [OBJ 3] [OBJ 5]  [1.1, 1.2, 1.7, 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Establish National Statistics advisory bodies in each country</li> <li>• Stimulate sector review processes</li> </ul>