

FY19 PFTAC Work Plan - May 2018 to April 2019: Republic of Marshall Islands (RMI)- MID-YEAR UPDATE

TA Area	Objective	Country	Outcome Targeted	Activity	May 2018 - April 2019 (in person-days)			Number of Missions/ Activities	Updated Inputs at Oct 3, 2018 (person-days - changes in red)			Number of Missions/ Activities	% of updated plan delivered at end-Oct	Delivery Status	Milestones	Comments	Planned Date	Experts
					PFTAC resident advisors	ST experts	Total		PFTAC resident advisors	ST experts	Total							
Financial Sector Supervision	1. Develop and strengthen banking regulations in line with international standards	RMI	Legal and regulatory framework equips supervisors with an adequate range of tools to bring about timely corrective actions for banks' problems and weaknesses	Second Follow-up mission from the Regional Workshop on Banking Legislation and Prudential Standards	-	10	10	1	0	10	10	1	100%	Jul 2018	- Amendments and redrafting of laws, regulations in line with BCP 11 April 2020	Workshop to review and establish revision plan for banking legislation and prudential standards, held in July 2017. Follow up with bilateral missions to each country to follow-up on and progress reform. Second follow-up.	Nov 2018	Joel Hefty / LEG
			Supervisors and regulations require banks to have robust governance policies and processes covering among others effective board and senior management oversight and sound control environment												- Applicable guidelines and regulations are sent to industry for consultation. April 2019			
			Supervisors and regulations require banks to apply sound policies and processes to identify, measure, monitor and control their financial risks on a timely basis and assess their capital adequacy in relation to their risk profile												- Applicable guidelines and regulations are sent to industry for consultation. April 2019			
Government Finance Statistics	1. Strengthened macroeconomic and financial statistics compilation and dissemination for decision making: compilation methodologies in line with international standards for GFS	RMI	1.12 Higher frequency data has been compiled and disseminated internally and/or to the public.	Compile, review and disseminate data to the IMF Statistics Department.	5	-	5	Remote	2	0	2	Remote			• Compile and disseminate annual data for budgetary central government (FY17) by November 2018. [RBM – GO – 12.3]	GFS for general government operations are compiled and disseminated on a annual basis.	Jun-18 and Apr-19	De La Beer
Real Sector Statistics	1. Strengthen compilation and dissemination of data on macroeconomic and financial statistics for decision making according to the relevant internationally accepted statistical standard, including developing/improving statistical infrastructure, source data, serviceability and/or metadata.	RMI	1.15 Improved Timeliness of data made available internally and/or to the public	Improve BOP coverage and methodology	-	21	21	1	0	21	21	1	100%	Aug 20 - 31, 2018	The BOP and/or IIP are consistent or reconcilable with the national accounts by April 2019			Fitzgibbon, Margaret
		RMI/ Palau	1.3 Staff capacity increased through training, especially on developing source data, compilation methods, and dissemination	Further train local staff to produce independent estimates of GDP	12	21	33	1	12	0	12	1	0%	Feb 4 - 15, 2019	Relative to the baseline, the number of staff trained to compile and/or disseminate these statistics is adequate by Jan 2019	• Existing compiler and assistant given further technical and practical compilation training stemming from methods/data updates and dummy production runs		Marcus
			1.18 A new data set has been compiled and disseminated internally and/or to the public	Improvements to web dissemination practices											New national accounts statistics, as set out in the latest System of National Accounts (2008) manual, are available by Jan 2019	• STX and compiler work with local web team / SPC to update key data releases on NSO website.		
Revenue Administration	1. Strengthened revenue administration management and governance arrangements	RMI	1.1 Capacity for reform increased due to clear reform strategy and a strategic management framework adopted and institutionalized.	Review overall reform progress and governance framework.	5	-	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	An administrative reform implementation plan in place and being regularly monitored.	PFTAC has assisted in setting up an administrative reform with some progress made to date but additional TA is required to support implementation.	7/9/2018 - 7/13.2018	Shrosbree
	2. Strengthened core functions evidenced by an accurate taxpayer base, taxpayer services supporting voluntary compliance, improvements in filing, payment and audit activities		2.3 A larger proportion of taxpayers meet their filing obligations as required by law.	Strengthen strategies to improve on-time filing.	-	4	4	1	0	6	6	1	0%	Nov 5 - 8, 2018	On-time filing operating at improved efficiency levels by 12/31/2019 and measured against TADAT dimensions.	PFTAC has assisted in setting up new processes to improve efficiency levels but more work is needed to take performance to the next level.	6/11/2018 - 6/14/2018	Lawrence
			2.4 A larger proportion of taxpayers meet their payment obligations as required by law.	Strengthen strategies to improve on-time payment.	-	4	4		0	4	4		0%	Nov 9 - 12, 2018	On-time payment operating at improved efficiency levels by 12/31/2019 and measured against TADAT dimensions.	PFTAC has assisted in setting up new processes to improve efficiency levels but more work is needed to take performance to the next level.	6/15/2018 - 6/18/2018	
			2.2 Taxpayer Services initiatives to support voluntary compliance are strengthened.	Strengthen the taxpayer services functions to further improve voluntary compliance levels.	-	4	4		0	6	6		0%	Nov 13 - 16, 2018	Improved delivery of taxpayer services by 12/31/2019 and measured against TADAT dimensions.	A taxpayer services plan is in place but more TA is needed to institutionalize the concept.	6/19/2018 - 6/22/2018	
Macroeconomic Programming and Analysis	Well functioning macroeconomic policy and institutions: improved macroeconomic policy advice to government	RMI	1. Timely, high quality macroeconomic monitoring, analysis and research available for policymaking.	Support empirical analysis of tax reform.	5	0	5	1	0	0	0	0	0%	FY20	(1) Advice on tax reform is empirically based (Apr. 19). (2) Analysis of tax reform options is published (Apr. 19).		Feb 19	Claus
			2. Ready public access to key monetary, fiscal and financial soundness information.	Develop regular fiscal reporting.	5	0	5	1	0	0	0	0	0%	FY20	(1) Government finance statistics are monitored, analyzed and regularly reported on to ministry leadership and cabinet (Apr. 19).		Sept 18	Claus
			3. Sound medium-term macroeconomic programming framework.	Support the use of the Marshall Islands Fiscal Model (MI-FM) in budget preparations and policy analysis.	5	0	5	1	1.5	0	1.5	1	0%	Feb 25 - Mar 1, 2019	(1) The MI-FM is used in budget preparations (Oct. 18). (2) The MI-FM is used for policy analysis including to develop a medium-term fiscal framework (Apr. 19). (3) Quarterly GFS and outturns compared to forecasts are reported on (Apr. 19).	Assistance will be provided jointly with the PFM Advisor.	Apr. 19	PFTAC Advisor
									0	0	0	0	0%	Feb 2019	(1) The MI-FM is documented in a manual.	A staff member from the Samoa Ministry of Finance will be attached to the Marshall Islands Ministry of Finance.		