

FY25 Work Plan - May 2024 to April 2025: Samoa - BASELINE

TA Area	Objective	Country	Outcome Targeted	Activity	May 2024 - April 2025 (in person-days)			Number of Missions/ Activities	Milestones	Comments	Planned Date	Experts
					PFTAC resident advisors	ST experts	Total					
Financial Sector Supervision	Develop/strengthen banking regulations and supervision frameworks	Samoa	Legal/ prudential regulations for risk management, governance framework and prudential ratios on consolidated basis, developed/ strengthened.	Review of prudential standards on capital and liquidity requirements for banks ( LCR)	12	-	12	1	CBS issues revised prudential standards to banks.		Sep 8 - 19, 2024 (in-country)	Kumar
Government Finance Statistics	Strengthen compilation and dissemination of fiscal statistics	Samoa	A new data set has been compiled and disseminated internally and/ or to the public	Improving consistency between budget and outturn data	12	-	12	1	1. A full set of GFS tables for the extrabudgetary subsector of the general government is compiled by the statistical authorities and disseminated on an annual basis. 2. Consolidated general government (or public sector) GFS dataset is compiled by the statistical authorities and disseminated on an annual basis.		Sep 23 - Oct 4, 2024 (in-country)	Moskalenko
			Legal and institutional environment are adequate for the compilation and dissemination of statistics						1. A formal or informal coordination forum exists to bring together GFS compilers, data suppliers, expert users and other key stakeholders at both technical and managerial levels. 2. A full spectrum of relevant existing administrative datasets are available to the GFS compilers for the purpose of GFS compilation, with appropriate disclosure controls applied where commercial or political sensitivities exist.			
			Methodological basis for the statistics follows internationally accepted standards, guidelines or good practices						1. Conceptual adjustments are made where appropriate to account for the differences in the GFSM 2014 relative to the framework used to compile the source dataset (such as IFRS, IPSAS or the national GAAP). 2. The mapping of the source data to the GFSM 2014 taxonomy is reviewed by the statistical authorities at least on an annual basis, to ensure it continues to meet the needs of GFS statistics and new activities are recorded under the appropriate categories.			
Real Sector Statistics	Strengthen compilation and dissemination of real sector statistics- national accounts	Samoa	A new data set has been compiled and disseminated internally and/or to the public.	Develop Supply and Use Tables	-	19	19	1	New measures developed		Aug 19 - 30, 2024 (in-country)	Abbasi
	Strengthen compilation and dissemination of real sector statistics- national accounts		A new data set has been compiled and disseminated internally and/or to the public.	Develop SUT product and industries framework, finalize Business Activity Survey sample frame and questionnaires, and review 2023 data already collected	-	19	19	1	SUT framework developed and data plan operational		Mar 10 - 21, 2025 (remote)	Abbasi
Macroeconomic Programming and Analysis	Stronger analytical skills and better macroeconomic forecasting and policy analysis	Samoa	Sound medium-term macroeconomic framework (inclusive of GDP and inflation, commodity prices, the external and monetary sectors, and fiscal aggregates).	Macro-Fiscal Modeling	12	-	12	1	Ability to forecast macro-fiscal outcomes and run scenarios		Jun 10 - 21, 2024 (in-country)	Beaumont
Macroeconomic Frameworks (MF)	Develop capacity in macroeconomic forecasting and policy analysis to support policy decision making and communications	Samoa	Improved analytical skills, and better macroeconomic forecasting and policy analysis capacity	Nowcasting/ Forecasting Analysis Policy System (FPAS)	12	-	12	1	CBS has developed forecast & measurement tools and models and has incorporated them into the CBS forecasting and policy analysis framework.		Sep 2 - 13, 2024 (in-country)	Nield
	Develop capacity in macroeconomic forecasting and policy analysis to support policy decision making and communications		Improved analytical skills, and better macroeconomic forecasting and policy analysis capacity	Nowcasting/ Forecasting Analysis Policy System (FPAS)	12	-	12	1	CBS has developed forecast & measurement tools and models and has incorporated them into the CBS forecasting and policy analysis framework.		Mar, 2025 (in-country)	Nield
	Stronger analytical skills and better macroeconomic forecasting and policy analysis		Sound medium-term macroeconomic framework (inclusive of GDP and inflation, commodity prices, the external and monetary sectors, and fiscal aggregates).	Macro-Fiscal Modeling	12	-	12		Ability to forecast macro-fiscal outcomes and run scenarios	PFTAC-APD Led	Jun 10 - 21, 2024 (in-country)	Nield
Public Financial Management	Strengthened identification, monitoring, and management of fiscal risks	Samoa	Analysis, disclosure and management of other specific fiscal risks are more comprehensive	Extend use and coverage of fiscal risk tools	12	18	30	1	MoF sustains use of the fiscal risk tools		Nov 18 - 29, 2024 (in-country)	Seeds/ Barry
Revenue Administration	Strengthened revenue administration management and governance arrangements	Samoa	Corporate priorities are better managed through effective risk management	Compliance Risk Management and Data Analysis	-	18	18	1	Compliance risks are identified and revenue risk quantified		Jun 3 - 14, 2024 (in-country)	Hamilton
			Organizational arrangements enable more effective delivery of strategy and reforms	Analyze impacts of tax processing system on organization, people, processes, system	12	17	29	1	Organizational impact assessment informs change management planning		Feb 10 - 21, 2025 (in-country)	Williams/ Shrosbree
			Corporate priorities are better managed through effective risk management	Pilot Risk Assessment Team	-	17	17	1	Risk Assessment team is established as a permanent feature of MCR operating model		May 13 - 24, 2025 (in-country)	Velji
	Strengthened core tax administration functions		Audit and other verification programs more effectively ensure accuracy of reporting	Tax Evasion Work Program Support	-	12	12	1	Capability in audit of complex tax evasion case improves, resulting in changes to tax compliance behavior		Jun 10 - Nov 29, 2024 (remote)	Velji
TOTAL					96	120	216	12				

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Debt Management	Develop/ strengthen processes for accurate debt recording, reporting, and monitoring	Samoa	Improved staff capacity for debt recording, reporting, and monitoring	Enhanced debt reporting capacity	5	9	14	1	Key staff trained on debt reporting, including producing a debt bulletin/annual debt management report; Annual debt management report approved by competent authority; Annual debt management report published.		Mar 3 - 7, 2025 (in-country)	Vilanova/ STX