

FY25 Work Plan - May 2024 to April 2025: Samoa - MID-YEAR Update at 31Oct2024

| TA Area | Objective | Country | Outcome Targeted | Activity | May 2024 - April 2025: Baseline (in person-days) | | | Number of Missions/ Activities | Mid-Year Update at Oct 30, 2024 (in person-days) | | | Number of Missions/ Activities | % Delivery | Delivery Status | Modality | Milestones | Comments | Planned Date | Experts |
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| | | | | | PFTAC resident advisors | ST experts | Total | | 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 standard on capital and liquidity requirements for banks LCRR adequacy | 12 | - | 12 | 1 | 12 | - | 12 | 1 | 100% | Jul 15 - 26, 2024 | In-country | 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 | 12 | - | 12 | 1 | 100% | Jun 24 - Jul 5, 2024 | In-country | 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 and GDP Rebasng | - | 19 | 19 | 1 | - | 19 | 19 | 1 | 100% | Aug 19 - 30, 2024 | In-country | New measures developed | | Aug 19 - 30, 2024 (in-country) | Abbasi |
| | | | 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 | - | 19 | 19 | 1 | 0% | Mar 10 - 21, 2025 | Remote | 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 | 12 | - | 12 | 1 | 0% | Apr 7 - 18, 2025 | In-country | Ability to forecast macro-fiscal outcomes and run scenarios | | Jun 10 - 21, 2024 (in-country) | Beaumont |
| Macroeconomic Frameworks | 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 | 12 | - | 12 | 1 | 100% | Sep 9 - 20, 2024 | In-country | 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/ HQX - Heenan/ Sabuga |
| | | | | Nowcasting/ Forecasting Analysis Policy System (FPAS) | 12 | - | 12 | 1 | 12 | - | 12 | 1 | 0% | Mar 3 - 14, 2025 | In-country | CBS has developed forecast & measurement tools and models and has incorporated them into the CBS forecasting and policy analysis framework. | | Mar 3 - 14, 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 | | - | - | - | - | 0% | Cancelled | | Ability to forecast macro-fiscal outcomes and run scenarios | PFTAC-APD Led | Jun 10 - 21, 2024 (in-country) | Nield |
| Public Financial Management | Improved PFM laws and effective institutions | Samoa | The capacity of ministry of finance to plan, implement and sustain PFM reforms is enhanced | Peer Review of PEFA Self-Assessment | - | - | - | - | 5 | - | 5 | 1 | 0% | Jan 13 - 17, 2025 | Remote | | | | Seeds |
| | Strengthened identification, monitoring, and management of fiscal risks | | Analysis, disclosure and management of other specific fiscal risks are more comprehensive | Extend use and coverage of fiscal risk tools | 12 | 18 | 30 | 1 | 12 | 18 | 30 | 1 | 0% | Feb 10 - 21, 2025 | In-country | 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 | - | 16 | 16 | 1 | 0% | Jan 20 - 31, 2025 | In-country | 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 | - | - | - | - | 0% | Shift to FY26 | | 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 | - | 12 | 12 | 1 | 0% | Nov 25 - Dec 3, 2024 | In-country | Risk Assessment team is established as a permanent feature of MCR operating model | | May 13 - 24, 2025 (in-country) | Mitchell |
| | Strengthened core tax administration functions | | Audit and other verification programs more effectively ensure accuracy of reporting | Tax Evasion-Work-Program-Support Complex Audit Support | - | 12 | 12 | 1 | - | 10 | 10 | 1 | 0% | Dec 5 - 13, 2024 | In-country | Capability in audit of complex tax evasion case improves, resulting in changes to tax compliance behavior | | Jun 10 - Nov 29, 2024 (remote) | Mitchell |
| TOTAL | | | | | 96 | 120 | 216 | 12 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Updated Mid-FY25 Workplan: | | | | | | | | | 77 | 94 | 171 | 12 | | | | | | | |
| Delivered by Oct 31: | | | | | | | | | 36 | 19 | 55 | 4 | | | | | | | |
| Percentage of Revised Plan: | | | | | | | | | 47% | 20% | 32% | 33% | | | | | | | |

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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 | 5 | 9 | 14 | 1 | 0% | Mar 3 - 7, 2025 | In-country | 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 |
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