

FY23 Work Plan - May 2022 to April 2023: Fiji - MID-YEAR Update at 31Oct2022

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Financial Sector Supervision	Develop/strengthen cybersecurity regulations and prudential norms	Fiji	Sound policies & processes to identify, measure, monitor and control cyber risks.	Cyber security -On-site examination	2	14	16	1	-	9	9	1	0%	Mar 13 - 17, 2023 (in-country)	Cyber Risk on-site examination framework implemented		Feb 6 - 15, 2023 (in-country)	Kumar/ STX/ HQ			
	Legal		Legal and regulatory framework equips supervisors to bring about timely corrective actions for banks' problems and weaknesses.	Follow-up Mission: Providing clarifications to RBF's queries on the draft Credit Union Legislation provided by the IMF (LEG)	1	9	10	1	-	-	-	-	0%	Cancelled	Revised Credit Union law is issued for industry consultation	Continuation of the Banking Regulatory Reform project.	Sep 12 - 16, 2022 (remote)	Kumar/ LEG			
	Payments Systems		Legal and regulatory framework equips supervisors to bring about timely corrective actions for banks' problems and weaknesses.	Development of regulatory and supervisory frameworks for the Payments System Entities	-	-	-	-	-	5	5	1	0%	Apr, 2023 (in-country)					STX		
Government Finance Statistics	Strengthen compilation and dissemination of fiscal statistics	Fiji	Improved periodicity, timeliness and consistency of data.	Improve GG compilation, accuracy and timeliness. Data is prepared with minimum statistical discrepancies.											<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Convert the State of the Nations Report with GFS level 2-3 data for BCG in the Government Finance Statistics Manual 2014 format for quarterly submission for International Financial Statistics.</li> <li>Compile and disseminate consolidated general government annual data.</li> <li>Share general government debt data in the World Bank quarterly public sector debt statistics template for publication.</li> <li>Compile and disseminate public sector debt data quarterly with the World Bank.</li> <li>Compile and disseminate annual BCG FY 2007-2009.</li> <li>Compile and disseminate annual data for BCG FY2021.</li> </ul>	GFS for general government operations are compiled and disseminated on an annual basis.		Jul 25 - 29, 2022 (in-country)/ Aug 15 - 19, 2022 (remote)/ Dec 12 - 16, 2022 (in-country)	Temes		
			Source data are adequate for the compilation of these macroeconomic statistics.	Source data provide sufficient detail to allow consolidation of GFS for the various levels of the general government (or public) sector.			12	8	20	2	5	22	27	2	50%		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Investigate the detail and reconcile grants / transfers between levels of gov.</li> <li>Identify, reconcile, and validate the loan transactions between general government units and its associated interest expense / revenue cost for elimination.</li> <li>Estimate incomplete transactions for local government data breaks preparing data for consolidation.</li> </ul>	Further investigate GG consolidation issues.			Moskalenko/ De La Beer
			Improved metadata accessibility.	Develop and maintain processes for regularly updating metadata and business process documentation.													<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Update metadata to cover GSM 2014 methodology and reconciling items to MOE source data. Explaining key differences like Other Economic Flows and Memorandum Items.</li> </ul>	Enhanced metadata and compilation guidelines are produced and disseminated.			
Real Sector Statistics	Strengthen compilation and dissemination of real sector statistics- national accounts	Fiji	A new data set has been compiled and disseminated internally and/or to the public	Rebasing national accounts to HIES 2019-20	10	-	10	1	3	-	3	1	0%	Dec 12, 2022 - Feb 17, 2023 (in-country)	Rebasing national accounts data have been made available		Aug 15 - 26, 2022 (in-country)	Powell			
			A new data set has been compiled and disseminated internally and/or to the public	Developing Constant Price GDP(E)	10	-	10	1	15	-	15	1	100%	May 2 - Jun 5, 2022 (in-country)					Powell		
Macroeconomic Programming and Analysis	Stronger analytical skills and better macroeconomic forecasting and policy analysis	Fiji	Improve the quality and frequency of macroeconomic surveillance and policy/research available for policymaking.	GDP(F) Forecasting	-	-	-	-	-	5	5	1	100%	Sep 26 - Oct 8, 2022 (in-country)					Scheblecker		
			Sound medium-term macroeconomic framework (inclusive of GDP and inflation, commodity prices, the external and monetary sectors, and fiscal aggregates).	Macro-Fiscal Modelling	19	19	38	1	12	-	12	1	0%	Feb 27 - Mar 10, 2023 (in-country)	Implementation of new fiscal rules		May 2 - 20, 2022 (in-country)	Beaumont/ Scheblecker			
			Sound medium-term macroeconomic framework (inclusive of GDP and inflation, commodity prices, the external and monetary sectors, and fiscal aggregates).	VAT Modelling	-	-	-	-	5	20	25	1	100%	May 16 - 20, 2022 (in-country)/ May 16 - Jun 20, 2022 (in-country)					Beaumont/ Seguin		
Public Financial Management	Improved budget execution and control	Fiji	Budget execution monitoring and controls are strengthened	(i) QA Internal Audit and Internal Audit Committee Charters (ii) Advise on establishing an Internal Audit Quality Assurance program	-	16	16	1	-	12	12	1	100%	Jun 6 - 17, 2022 (remote)					Pricevich		
			Budget execution monitoring and controls are strengthened	Internal Audit: Quality Assurance	-	-	-	-	-	16	16	1	100%	Oct 24 - Nov 4, 2022 (in-country)					Rafuse		
			Analysis, disclosure and management of other specific fiscal risks are more comprehensive	Improving fiscal risk analysis - Review Risk of Fiji Airways and PPPs	12	15	27	1	7	16	23	1	100%	Oct 24 - Nov 4, 2022 (in-country)	Fiscal risks from the selected assessments are quantified and discussed internally within MoE	postponed from FY22	May 16 - 27, 2022 (in-country)	Seeds/ Eshvin/ Rahiman			
Strengthened revenue administration management and governance arrangements	Support functions enable more effective delivery of strategy and reforms	Fiji	Support functions enable more effective delivery of strategy and reforms	Review of People Capability and Culture	-	20	20	1	10	20	30	1	100%	May 2 - Jun 10, 2022 (remote)	Implementation plan and road map approved	New people lead will assist CEO in implementing changes	May 2 - Jun 10, 2022 (remote)	Reardon/ Williams			
			Corporate priorities are better managed through effective risk management	Strengthen Data Analysis and Risk Management	-	12	12	1	-	21	21	1	0%	Nov 11 - 28, 2022 (in-country)	RMU systems and processes provide useable intelligence	Follow on from leadership series on enterprise and compliance risk management	Jun 30 - Jul 15, 2022 (remote)	Hamilton			
			Corporate priorities are better managed through effective risk management	Compliance Improvement Strategy (CIS) and RCAP	-	38	38	1	-	-	-	-	0%	FY24	Refreshed CIS is approved and improvement plan to increase revenue implemented	impact of COVID may change focus of CIS	Jun 6 - 24, 2022 (in-country)	Hamilton/ Strong			
			Capacity for reform increased due to clear reform strategy and a strategic management framework adopted and institutionalized	Develop Change Management Strategy	-	15	15	1	-	-	-	-	0%	Cancelled	Change management strategy approved and implemented by October 2022	informed by FRCS strategic plan	Jul 4 - 22, 2022 (remote)	Byrnes			
			Corporate priorities are better managed through effective risk management	Further assistance with the Industry Partnership approach	-	28	28	1	-	12	12	1	0%	Apr 4 - 21, 2023 (remote)	Compliance of key industries improves	The industry partnership will assist with post-COVID recovery	Jul 25 - Aug 5, 2022 (in-country)	Eshayem/ Shrovetree			
			Organizational arrangements enable more effective delivery of strategy and reforms	Organizational Design and Operating Model	-	38	38	1	-	-	-	-	0%	Cancelled	Organizational design and operating model, reviewed, updated approved and implemented by December 2022	informed by FRCS strategic plan	Aug 1 - 19, 2022 (in-country)	Tamm/ Udy			
			Support functions enable more effective delivery of strategy and reforms	Design and Implement Performance Management System	-	32	32	1	-	21	21	1	100%	Oct 26 - Nov 11, 2022 (in-country)	New PMS in place that meets needs of all parties	Current performance management system does not meet requirements of modern tax administration	Oct 10 - 26, 2022 (in-country)	Reardon/ Udy			
			Authorities have a baseline understanding of the current state of the government's revenue administration, management, and governance arrangements and core revenue administration operations	Review reform progress	4	-	4	1	10	-	10	1	0%	Apr 10 - 17, 2023 (in-country)	Agreement with the authorities on recommendations to facilitate modern tax administration and what anticipated CD requirements will be.	Following 2 years of remote CD, need to review implementation and progress in achieving outcomes.	Feb 28 - Mar 3, 2023 (in-country)	Williams			
			Authorities have a baseline understanding of the current state of the government's revenue administration, management, and governance arrangements and core revenue administration operations	TADAD Assessment	-	44	44	1	-	-	-	-	0%	FY24	TADAD assessment completed by end of April 2023	Last TADAD assessment undertaken during 2015, new assessment needed to assess current state of the administration, recognize progress and achieving as well as determine areas for improvement	Apr 3 - 20, 2023 (in-country)	Middleton/ HQ Staff			

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					Revenue Administration		Fiji		Corporate priorities are better managed through effective risk management	SORA Implementation	-							

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Strengthened core tax administration functions	Audit and other verification programs more effectively ensure accuracy of reporting		Strengthening tax audit - APA and Transfer Pricing	-	32	32	1	-	18	18	1	100%	Aug 27 - Sep 12, 2022 (in-country)	Quality of audits improved	Audit case work to be improved as requested by authorities	Aug 29 - Sep 9, 2022 (in-country)	Bell/Velji	
			APA and Transfer Pricing #2	-	-	-	-	-	16	16	1	100%	Oct 11 - 21, 2022 (in-country)	Capability of LTO staff increased	in depth training provided		Velji	
			APA and Transfer Pricing Application	-	-	-	-	-	21	21	1	0%	Nov 8 - 23, 2022 (in-country)	Confidence and competence of LTO staff increased	Mentoring and support provided		Velji	
			Transfer Pricing Risk Reviews & Benchmarking training	-	-	-	-	-	12	12	1	0%	Feb 13 - 17, 2023 (in-country)	Capability of staff improved significantly	in depth training provided		Velji	
			BEPS and Inclusive Framework	-	-	-	-	-	12	12	1	0%	Jan 9 - 20, 2023 (remote)	FRCS is able to make an informed decision on BEPs	FRCS know the implications of the inclusive framework within their country context		Velji	
			Compliance Assurance Program - LTO	-	-	-	-	-	24	24	1	0%	Feb 6 - 10, 2023 (in-country/ remote)	Compliance risks identified and used to develop a usable compliance assurance plan	Risk and audit teams working in tandem		Shrosbree/ Velji	
			improving taxpayer services and communication	-	40	40	1	-	-	-	-	0%	FY24	Increase in voluntary compliance and decrease in number of taxpayer complaints	Taxpayer services and communication important in COVID-19 context and to improve voluntary compliance	Oct 17 - Nov 1, 2022 (in-country)	Lendon/ O'Keefe	
			Strengthen Debt and Returns Management	-	28	28	1	-	-	-	-	0%	FY24	Filing and payment timeliness improves	TA assistance requested by the authorities to improve current returns and payment compliance levels.	Sep 19 - Oct 7, 2022 (in-country)	Sivang/ Uday/ STX	
			Audit Skills Development	-	32	32	1	-	-	-	-	0%	Cancelled	Audit skills development program completed	Skills level of auditors needs to be improved	Sep 12 - 27, 2022 (in-country)	Bell/ Velji	
Legal	Tax and/or customs laws are updated, simplified, and better aligned with modern standards and international protocols	Review of Legislation	-	-	-	-	-	12	12	1	0%	Mar 13 - 24, 2023 (remote)	international tax laws reviewed and modernized	PFTAC is supporting a request by the authorities to modernize their tax laws.		STX		
<b>TOTAL</b>					<b>70</b>	<b>440</b>	<b>510</b>	<b>22</b>										

Updated Mid-FY23 Workplan:	71	319	390	26
Delivered by Oct 31:	41	167	208	12
Percentage of Revised Plan:	58%	52%	53%	46%