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Overview of FY2018 PFTAC Coordinator: David Kloeden





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AGENDA OF COORDINATOR'S PRESENTATION

FY18 PROGRAM

Overview Key program highlights and outcomes Managing the FY18 workplan Resource utilization and expected year-end outturn TA delivery by country





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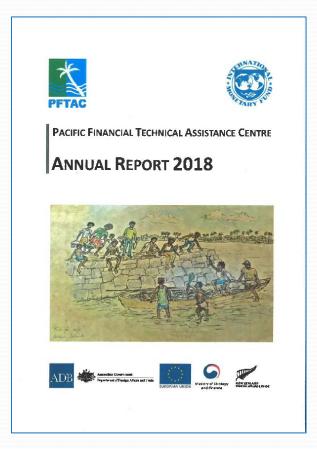


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AN OVERVIEW OF THE DRAFT FY18 ANNUAL REPORT

- Only provided as **electronic draft** at this time
- Follows format of past Annual Reports, covers:
 - Projected **FY18 results**: activity & financial
 - Proposed FY19 plan and budget
- Final version by June:
 - Will follow new streamlined IMF standard
 - To be printed in Washington
 - To be updated to reflect final outturn & plan













FY18 HIGHLIGHTS: PFTAC OPERATIONS BACK TO NORMAL

• First full Phase V fiscal year of operations:

- Approaching month 18 of Phase V that runs 66 months (Nov 2016 April 2022) if fully funded
- Strong execution of work plan, above 90 percent of missions and TA days delivered
- Sufficient funds/liquidity to finance full FY18 budget but likely budget outturn around 77%,
- Fund raising reasonable, but still a gap
- Good, but incomplete rate of member contributions
- 2018 marks the 25th anniversary of the establishment of PFTAC in 1993

• Staff stability:

- Other than early departure of Chita Marzan (PFM advisor) in February, stable staffing situation: coordinator and team of 7 resident advisors and 4 local support staff
- Job Descriptions instituted for local staff, and two junior staff grades reclassified higher











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Ongoing efforts to further improve outcomes and PEFA scores:

- Stronger Fiscal Reporting: robust advances in IPSAS compliance in Fiji, PNG, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, & Vanuatu
- Asset Management: Cash Management in Samoa (Policy & Manual); Solomon Islands (training on forecasting); forthcoming Kiribati PIMA with FAD.
- Managing SOE Fiscal Risks: Fiji and Samoa and a sub-regional workshop

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... working with partners and using latest tools, but increasing demand exceeds supply :

- *PITAA*: very strong collaboration in most training and increasingly TA delivery, and peer-to-peer initiatives (Fiji to Niue)
- OCO: joint workshop on VAT Fraud
- *Tools*: Medium-Term Revenue Strategy (MTRS)
 Papua New Guinea mission, ISORA workshop
- ...but demands grow to address revenue needs (e.g. Pacer Plus), but PFTAC delivery is constrained:
 - Tax reforms launched or options being considered in Palau, Solomon Islands, Timor-Leste
 - Options to scale-up Revenue program being pursued

... AS FINANCIAL SECTOR VULNERABILITIES ARE ADDRESSED...

Financial systems are being strengthened to identify and address vulnerabilities, with TA to enhance supervisor capacity and utilization of tools and frameworks:

Developing and strengthening banking regulations and prudential norms, through diagnostic evaluations and development of Supervision Frameworks and Enhancement Strategies with progress in Cook Islands, Papua New Guinea, Vanuatu, and the Solomon Islands

• *Supporting banking regulatory reform* in the Northern Pacific (**FSM**, **Palau**, **RMI**) through a subregional workshop with the IMF Legal Department.

• Strengthening bank supervision in RMI, and facilitated the creation of supervision capacity in Tuvalu

Responding to regional priorities and interests in PFTAC facilitated annual AFSPC meeting in the
 Cook Islands, with workshop topics of FinTech and Banking Resolution with agreed future focus on IT
 Risk Assessment.

...AND RELIABLE MACROECONOMIC STATISTICS REMAIN CRUCIAL

Improvements with statistical methodologies, and working with partners, pushing for better dissemination to enhance wider, timelier and consistent use of data:

o Most PICs received TA, major beneficiaries Cook Islands, FSM, RSI, and Solomon Islands

National Accounts: GDP rebasing using censuses and HIES (Cook Islands, Nauru, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, and Vanuatu); better use of admin/tax data in all countries, GDP enhancements (Fiji and Kiribati); more accurate GDP deflation (Fiji, Nauru, PNG, Samoa)

• *External Sector*: support to **Cook Islands**, **FSM** & **Solomon Islands** + 5 PICs from Thailand

GFS program scaled-up with new LTX, Chart of Account reform in Cook Islands, Fiji, and Tonga; now 11 PICSs (up from 8) reporting to *GFS Yearbook;* coverage expanding to General Government in Samoa, Solomon Islands, and Vanuatu; and public debts statistics compilation starting in Fiji, Samoa, Solomon Islands and Vanuatu; and regional GFS workshop.

...UNDERPINNED BY ROBUST MACROECONOMIC ANALYSIS AND FORECASTING

Greater capacity and use of appropriate models for sound national macroeconomic analysis and programming is being supported by the PFTAC macroeconomic program:

 Macroeconomic Programming Frameworks now contributing to policy analysis in 10 PICs: Cook Islands, Fiji, Palau, PNG, RMI, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, and Vanuatu.

• Assistance provided to model and forecast tax reform options in Palau, RMI, and Vanuatu

• *Delivered hands-on, practical in-country and regional training,* including collaboratively with other PFTAC programs and development partners:

o with real sector statistics program, a workshop of both developers and users of GDP data

o with the PFM program, and jointly delivered with UN/ESCAP and Samoa MoF, regional workshop on *Medium-term Expenditure Planning for Sustainable Development*

 innovative workshop with PFM program and ADB funding on *Fishing Revenue Forecasting* and Management for PNA members plus Cook Islands and Tokelau

...REGIONAL TRAINING HAS NOW SCALED BACK UP

Table X. PFTAC FY18 Workshop details													
Sector	Partner	Location	Торіс	Duration (Days)	Male	Female	Total	Participant Days					
Revenue		Fiji	Auditing Financal Statements	5	13	12	25	125					
Revenue		Fiji	VAT Fraud	5	21	7	28	140					
Revenue	PITAA	Samoa	Senior Managers Workshop	3	13	8	21	63					
Revenue		FSM	Developing Effective Taxpayer Services	3	14	4	18	54					
Revenue	IMF/FAD	Fiji	International Survey on Revenue Administration (ISORA)	5	18	12	30	150					
FSS	AFSPC	Cook Islands	Annual AFSPC Meeting and Workshop	5	13	12	25	125					
FSS	IMF/LEG	Guam	Financial Sector Regulatory Reform for the Northern Pacific	5	4	6	10	50					
Statistics/GFS		Fiji	Government Finance Statistics	5	13	17	30	150					
Macro/Stats		Fiji	Compiling and Forecasting GDP	5	8	21	29	145					
Macro/Statistics		FSM	Compiling GDP and Forecasting Revenue	5	7	8	15	75					
PFM		Fiji	Fiscal Oversight of State Owned Enterprises	5	8	7	15	75					
PFM		Fiji	Strengthening Budget Execution Controls	5	10	5	15	75					
PFM/ Macro	UN/ESCAP	Samoa	Medium-term Expenditure Planing for National Sustainable Development	5	38	36	74	370					
PFM/ Macro	ADB	RMI	Fishing Revenue Forecasting Management	5	28	20	48	240					
			Totals:	66	208	175	383	1,837					

- 14 events: up from 8 in FY17
- 383 trainees (up from 178),
 1,837 days (up from 796 days)
- 0 46 percent female participation
- Cross-sector events leverage programs and bring different agency staff together
- Strong collaboration with regional partners(e.g., PITAA, AFSPC, ADB, UN/ESCAP, USP) supports sustainability & impact

MANAGING THE FY2018 WORKPLAN

Monitoring, Updating, and Reporting of Workplan was Enhanced:

- Applying consistent resource utilization accounting across programs:
 - More accurate counting of LTX and STX days, plus LTX work time at PFTAC
 - Instituted local 'Dashboards' to track expenses and commitments for STX and Workshop Costs and LTX Travel
- *Capacity Development Portal (CD-PORT)* IT platform is now operational:
 - for Results Based Management purposes more later
 - with summary financial data drawn from back-office IMF systems
- Advisors now more closely managing and monitoring budget utilization:
 - using local dashboards
 - and CD-PORT financials

MANAGING THE FY2018 WORKPLAN

• Monitoring, Updating, and Reporting of Workplan was Enhanced:

- Streamlined and repackaged the previous workplan format, with two perspectives: (1) by Program (e.g. PFM), and (2) by Country, with each plan:
 - 1 to 3 pages long listing missions/activities in country order
 - missions are grouped by RBM objectives and outcomes of the TA and the targeted milestones
 - with details of resources (LTX/STX), mission duration and dates, and expert names
- Mid-year (end-October) review of program execution, with updated plan reflecting delivery so far, and amendments. Circulated with November Quarterly Report
- Year-End Outturn clearly reflecting original and updated plan and projected delivery through end-April

FY2018 WORKPLAN MONITORING & REPORTING

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TA Area	Objective	Country	Outcome Targeted	Activity		STX T	Total #	LTX	x stx	Total	#	Delivery Status		ST experts	Total	Number of Missions/ Activities	f plan delivered	Milestones	Comments	Experts
Public 6 Financial i Management r r	6. Strengthen identification, monitoring, and management of fiscal risks	Fiji	6.2 Central fiscal oversight and analysis of public corporation risks are strengthened	Identification, monitoring, and management of SOE fiscal risks	12	0	12 1	12	0	12	1	May 1-12	12	0	12	1	100%	Fiscal risk assessment and reporting framework developed by PFTAC and adopted by authorities by August 2017.	Part of PFM Roadmap.	Marzan
		Niue	6.2 Central fiscal oversight and analysis of public corporation risks are strengthened	Scoping mission to improve fiscal risk analysis	11	0	11 1	11	0	11	1	Not requested	0	0	0	0	0%	1. Deliver seminar on fiscal risks to MoF staff. 2. Key issues and TA needs identified and prioritized.		Marzan
		Samoa	6.2 Central fiscal oversight and analysis of public corporation risks are strengthened	Improve fiscal oversight of the financial sector and non- commercial SOEs	0	18	18 1	0	15	15	1	July 10 - 17	0	15	15	1	100%	Performance and fiscal risk indicators to monitor SOEs developed by PFTAC and adopted by authorities by October 2017.	Builds on TA on general fiscal oversight of SOEs. To be coordinated with MCM and FSS advisor	Savenaca
		Regional	6.2 Central fiscal oversight and analysis of public corporation risks are strengthened	Identification, monitoring, and management of SOE fiscal risks	0	0	0 0	0	0	0	1	Replaced by Kiribati PIMA	0	0	0	0	0%	Fiscal risk assessment and reporting framework developed by PFTAC by April 2018.		from PFTAC budg changed to PIMA Kiribati, subject
		Regional	6.2 Central fiscal oversight and analysis of public corporation risks are strengthened	Workshop of Fiscal Oversight of SOEs			19 1	7	12	19	1	February 2018	7	12	19	1	100%	1. Workshop delivered. 2. Participant countries identify gaps, next steps and TA needs	Priority for countries with a C or D PEFA score in PEFA category 9 and 10	Marzan/Colvin
				Original Plan Total Days: Updated Plan Total Da		390 5	562 38	³ 197	364	561	43									
			Delivered by Oct 31: Percentage of Revised			lan:				99 234 332 0% 64% 59%										
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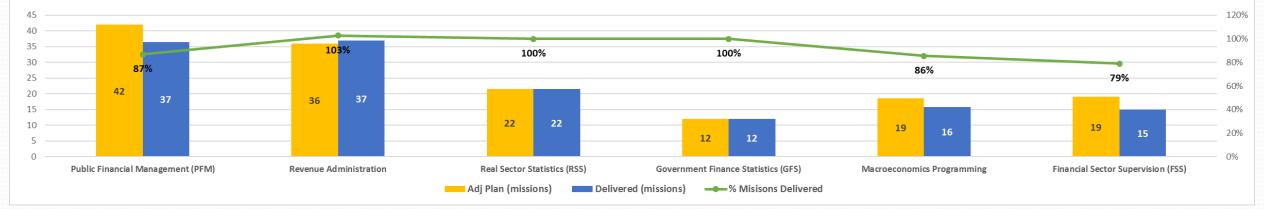
• Financial: Budget \$6.9 m, estimated Outturn \$5.3 m (77 percent), of which:

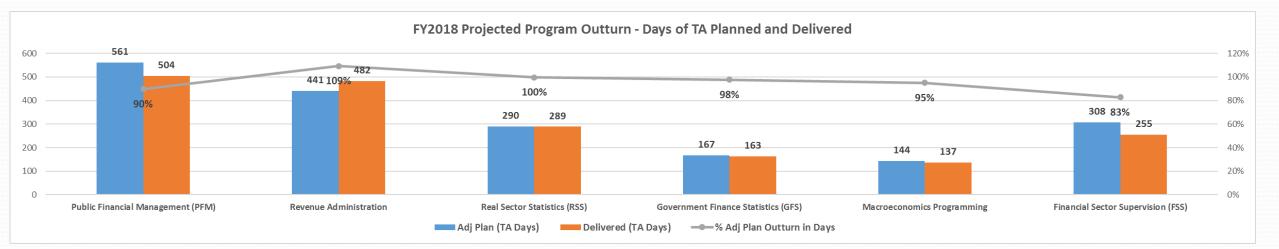
- Resident Advisors (LTX): budget \$2.24 m, outturn \$2.10 m (94 percent)
- Short-Term Experts (STX): budget \$2.04 m, outturn \$1.46 m (77 percent)
- Travel: budget \$0.44 m, outturn \$0.34 m (78 percent)
- Workshops/seminars: budget \$1.22 m, outturn \$0.89 m (73 percent)
- Other costs: budget \$0.64m, outturn \$0.29m (46 percent)

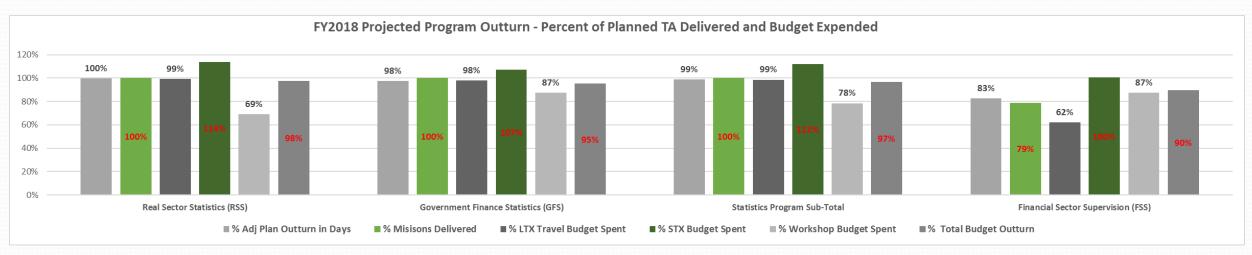
• Activity: (measured in LTX/STX field person days):

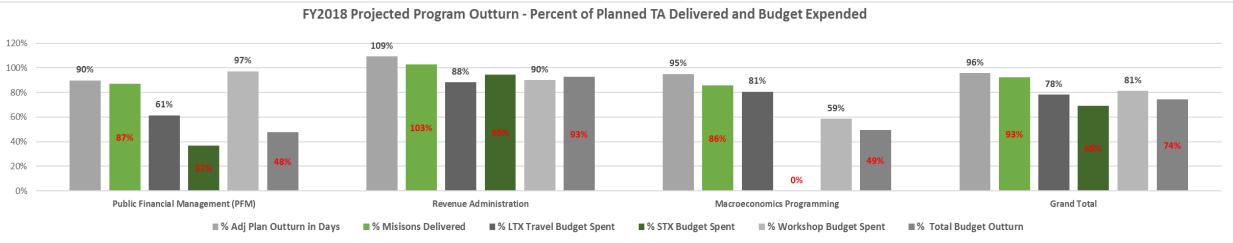
- Planned 149 missions, 138 delivered (93 percent)
- Planned 1,911 TA days, outturn 1,830 days (96 percent)
- Of which, PFM: 504 of 561 days (90%); Revenue: 482 of 441 days (109%); FSS 255 of 308 days (83%); RSS 289 of 290 days (100%); GFS 163 of 167 days (98%); Macro 137 of 144 days (95%)
- Plus 732 days of LTX time at PFTAC, with 740 LTX and 1,090 STX mission days = 2,562 TA Days

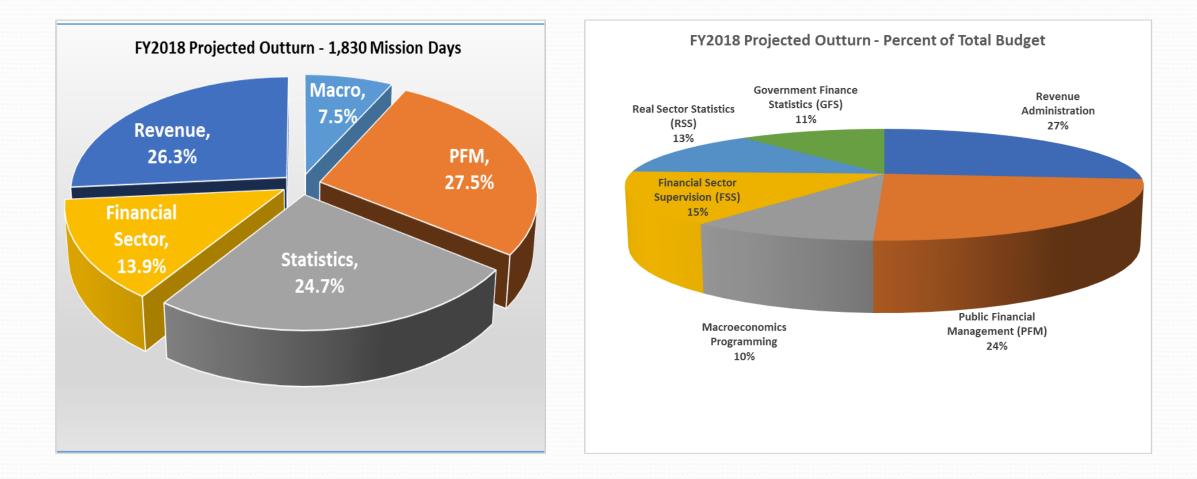
FY2018 Projected Program Outturn - Number of Missions/Activities Planned and Delivered











FY18 OUTTURN BY COUNTRY

• Major beneficiaries/activities (10 percent or more of resources):

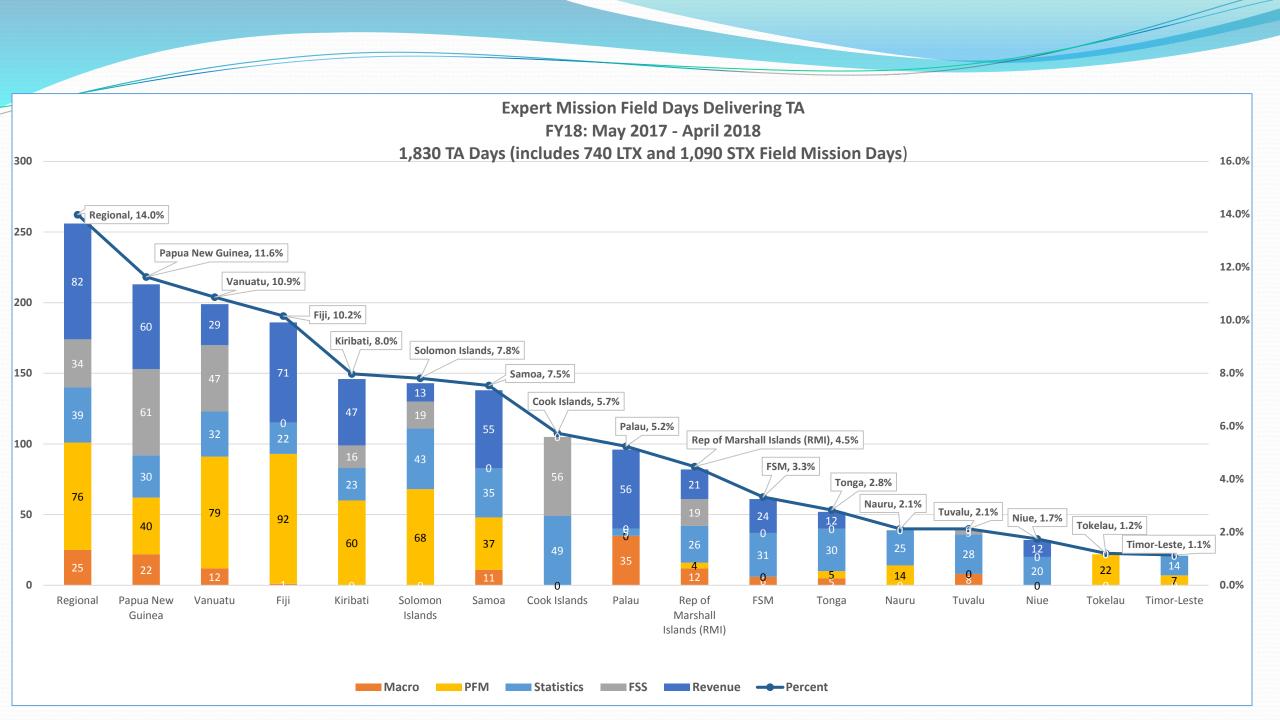
- (Sub-)Regional, mostly workshops, plus LTX time at PFTAC: 560 days, 21.8 % of resources
- Papua New Guinea: 292 days, 11.4 % of resources
- Vanuatu: 257 days, 10.0 % of resources

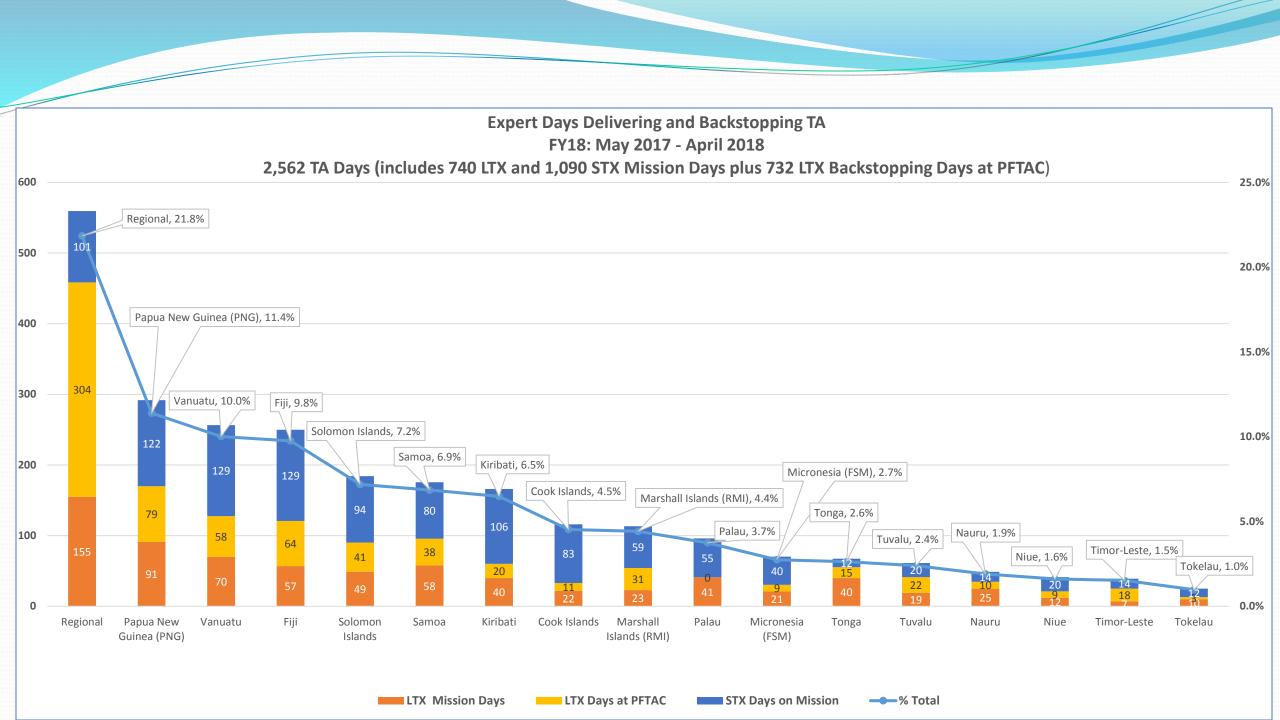
Moderate beneficiaries (4 < 10 percent of resources):

• Fiji (250 days, 9.8 %); Solomon Islands (184 days, 7.2%); Samoa (176 days, 6.9 %); Kiribati (166 days, 6.5 %); Cook Islands (116 days, 4.5 %); RMI (113 days, 4.4 %)

Targeted TA users:

 Palau (96 days, 3.7 %); FSM (70 days, 2.7%); Tonga (67 days, 2.6 %); Tuvalu (61 days, 2.4 %); Nauru (49 days, 1.9 %); Niue (41 days, 1.6%); Timor-Leste (39 days, 1.5 %); Tokelau (25 days, 1.0 %)





Thankyou.