

FY19 Proposed PFTAC Work Plan May 2019 to April 2020: Real Sector Statistics

TA Area	Objective	Country	Outcome Targeted	Activity	May 2019 - April 2020 (in person-days)			Number of Missions/ Activities	Milestones	Comments	Dates	Experts	
					PFTAC resident advisors	STX	Total						
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.	Cook Islands	1.10 In the compilation of BOP and/or IIP data, source data are obtained from comprehensive data collection programs that take into account country-specific conditions; source data reasonably approximate the definitions, scope, classifications, valuation, and time of recording required; and source data are timely.	Review measures of primary and secondary income flows in ESS	-	12	12	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New QNA estimates are regularly compiled within 6 months of the reference period. All staff trained on use of quarterly and annual tax data in GDP. All staff trained on updated industry methodologies. ESS data correctly reflects data on foreign aid and loan-funded development. All staff trained on compiling and disseminating rebased GDP estimates. 		Oct-19	Andrews	
			1.3 Staff capacity increased through training, especially on developing source data, compilation methods, and dissemination	Improve capacity on rebasing principles and industry-specific methods									
			1.4 Data are compiled and disseminated using the concepts and definitions of the latest manual/guide.	Assist with rebasing GDP by production using latest benchmark information									
		Fiji	1.4 Data are compiled and disseminated using the concepts and definitions of the latest manual/guide.	Assist with rebasing GDP by production using latest benchmark information						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GDP data on expenditure and income side conforms concept and definitions of 2008 SNA. 	Methods and data used on expenditure and income side of GDP have to be reviewed.	Jul-19	Scheiblecker
			1.20 Metadata released internally and to the public have been strengthened consistent with the dataset to enhance interpretation and analysis	Assist in production of external supporting documentation for GDP users	10	-	10	2		Review corrected Operating Surplus and Social Security formulas in advance of the 2018 GDP release.			
			National accounts compiled and disseminated on a quarterly basis	Review and resumption of QNA compilation						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Publication of QNA in the dimensions of ANA. 	Training in seasonal adjustment would be beneficial but mission time seems too short.	Jul-19	Margaret Fitzgibbon
		FSM	1.3 Staff capacity increased through training, especially on developing source data, compilation methods, and dissemination	Train local staff to produce independent estimates of GDP						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A routine quality control process for unit BGRT data (delivered according the MoU between NSO and Tax office) has been set up. BGRT unit records and government payroll data are reflected in NA. A business process documentation for using administrative data is stored and accessible. 		Jun-19	Scheiblecker
			1.21 Business processes documentation for compilation and/or dissemination of macroeconomic and financial statistics is stored, accessed and regularly updated	Review and update previous BPD in line with latest system's operation	5	5	10	1		For processing BGRT unit records and government payroll data a step-by-step compilation instruction was given already by a mission.			
		Nauru	1.3 Staff capacity increased through training, especially on developing source data, compilation methods, and dissemination	Build independent compilation capacity						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 Staff members trained on the usage of collected survey and administrative data for compiling NA. 		Sep-19/ Mar-20	Scheiblecker
			1.4 Data are compiled and disseminated using the concepts and definitions of the latest manual/guide.	Assist with benchmarking and rebasing	24	-	24	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete analysis/extraction of HIES 2012/13 data for informal prod estimates. Derivation of 2013 benchmark estimates by industry. Implementation of revised estimates on construction, house rental data and financial services. Collection of quality adjusted unit-level tax data, for potential replacement of weak models/assumptions. A new set of draft GDP estimates for 2016/2017 has been published. 				
			1.18 A new data set has been compiled and disseminated internally and/or to the public	Provide supplementation to produce latest GDP estimates									
				Niue	1.3 Staff capacity increased through training, especially on developing source data, compilation methods, and dissemination	Build independent compilation capacity					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NA training on 2008 SNA principles and usage of administrative data for both compilers 		Mar-20
1.4 Data are compiled and disseminated using the concepts and definitions of the latest manual/guide.	Assist with benchmarking and rebasing				-	12	12	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rebasing to new 2017 HIES and population census 				
1.18 A new data set has been compiled and disseminated internally and/or to the public	Provide supplementation to produce latest GDP estimates								<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Compilation of 2017 data set 				
PNG	1.3 Staff capacity increased through training, especially on developing source data, compilation methods, and dissemination			Train local staff to produce independent estimates of GDP	24	-	24	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 Staff members trained to edit, process and validate tax data. 2 Staff members trained on the spectrum of application and usability of Corporate Income Tax. 		Oct-19/ Jan-20	Scheiblecker	
	1.4 Data are compiled and disseminated using the concepts and definitions of the latest manual/guide			Further review of the GDP by production system; update road map, including rebasing									
Regional	1.3 Staff capacity increased through training, especially on developing source data, compilation methods, and dissemination			Workshop on Facilitating Exchange and Use of Administrative (Tax and Social Security) Data for National Accounts	5	-	5		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Workshop on the accession and usage of administrative data 	Joint workshop with Macro and Revenue	Jul-19	Scheiblecker	
	1.3 Staff capacity increased through training, especially on developing source data, compilation methods, and dissemination			Delivery of training to compilers from Fiji, PNG, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga and Vanuatu	5	-	5	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Training about Seasonal Adjustment and quality control of high frequency source data using automatic time series modelling software for outlier detection. 		Sep-19	Scheiblecker	
	1.20 Metadata released internally and to the public have been strengthened consistent with the dataset to enhance interpretation and analysis.			Participation in the ABS Pacific Leadership Forum	2	-	2		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PFTAC RSS LTX participation in ABS Pacific Leadership Forum 				
	1.20 Metadata released internally and to the public have been strengthened consistent with the dataset to enhance interpretation and analysis.			Participation in the Pacific Statistics Steering Committee (facilitated by the SPC)	2	-	2		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PFTAC RSS LTX participation in ABS Pacific Leadership Forum 			Scheiblecker	
RMI/PLW	1.3 Staff capacity increased through training, especially on developing source data, compilation methods, and dissemination	TA mission/workshop --- Further train local staff to produce independent estimates of GDP	12	12	24	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 Staff members of each country were trained on implementing survey and administrative data for compiling NA. 	Improvement of imputation for mission source data points according to a state-of-the art approach is urgently needed in order to improve GDP quality on the most recent time margin.	Jun-19	Scheiblecker			

			1.18 A new data set has been compiled and disseminated internally and/or to the public	Improvements to web dissemination practices						• GDP(P) estimates to be compiled independently conforming to 2008 SNA	First time independent estimates of EPPSO (RMI) and OPS (Palau) are to be reviewed		
		Samoa	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						• Training on data extrapolation according to high frequency data in order to improve the reliability of most recent NA estimates has been given.		Feb-20	Scheiblecker
			1.5 Data are compiled and disseminated using the coverage and scope of the latest manual/guide	Further develop new estimates of GDP by expenditure	12		12	1		• GDP(E) estimates to be compiled and published conforming to 2008 SNA			
			1.20 Metadata released internally and to the public have been strengthened consistent with the dataset to enhance interpretation and analysis.	Development of GDP methodology guides for users						• A documentation about data sources and methods concerning GDP(P) estimates to be published.			
		Solomon Islands	1.3 Staff capacity increased through training, especially on developing source data, compilation methods, and dissemination	Staff trained further in analyzing and adjusting results						• Rebased GDP estimates up to 2017 were finalized and published.	Mission only makes sense if more staff is allocated to economic statistics. Large backlog in publication. Still only drafted figures for 2016 available	Dec-19	Scheiblecker
			1.9 Data are compiled and disseminated using appropriate statistical techniques, including dealing with data sources, and/or assessment and validation of intermediate data and statistical outputs	Business survey imputation and processing review	12		12	1		• Annual business survey imputation methods are documented and published			
			1.10 Source data are adequate for the compilation of the national accounts	Scoping work on better access to tax data						• Existing two staff adequately trained on state-of-the-art business survey imputation methods.			
		Tonga**	1.3 Staff capacity increased through training, especially on developing source data, compilation methods, and dissemination	Principles and techniques required for benchmarking and rebasing						• Staff members trained on quality control of administrative data.	Mission only makes sense if more staff is allocated to economic statistics. Large backlog in publication. Still only drafted and unpublished figures for 2017 available	Feb-20	McAllister
			1.4 Data are compiled and disseminated using the concepts and definitions of the latest manual/guide	Begin work to set new annual benchmarks for rebasing in FY19	-		12	12	1	• GDP(P) classification converted from ISIC Rev. 3 to ISIC Rev. 4. • FISIM is correctly estimated and allocated.			
			1.10 Source data are adequate for the compilation of the national accounts	Further assist on obtaining and using tax data alongside/in place of business survey						• Business register set-up completed. • Rebased GDP estimates to 2016 population census.			
		Tuvalu	1.3 Staff capacity increased through training, especially on developing source data, compilation methods, and dissemination	Build independent compilation capacity						• Staff capacity increased through training on utilization of tax data.	Mission only makes sense if more staff is allocated to economic statistics. Large backlog in publication. Still only drafted and unpublished figures for 2017 available	Mar-20	Andrews
			1.4 Data are compiled and disseminated using the concepts and definitions of the latest manual/guide	Refine sources/methods; plan for a rebase	-		12	12	1	• Benchmark sources fully analyzed, processed and appropriately adjusted to form new base year values.			
			1.18 A new data set has been compiled and disseminated internally and/or to the public	Provide supplementation to produce latest GDP estimates						• To assist with the compilation of GDP estimates for 2017 in current and constant prices, plus potential historical revisions. • Rebasing to 2016 HIES and population mini-census 2017 completed.			
			1.15 Improved Timeliness of data made available internally and/or to the public	Improve BOP coverage and methodology	-		12	12	1			Oct-19	John Motala
		Vanuatu	1.3 Staff capacity increased through training, especially on developing source data, compilation methods, and dissemination	Build independent compilation capacity						• Staff given training on GDP(E) compilation & rebasing • Implement new fishery data.		Nov-19	Scheiblecker
			1.4 Data are compiled and disseminated using the concepts and definitions of the latest manual/guide	Refine sources/methods; CPI/GDP rebasing plans	12			12	1	• Implement corrected VAT data in NA. • Methods for value added calculation in tourism industry reviewed.			
			TOTAL		125	89	214	18					