

FY20 Proposed PFTAC Work Plan - May 2019 to April 2020: Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI)

TA Area	Objective	Country	Outcome Targeted	Activity	May 2019 - April 2020 (in person-days)			Number of Missions/ Activities	Milestones	Comments	Planned Date	Experts
					PFTAC resident advisors	ST experts	Total					
Government Finance Statistics	1. Strengthened macroeconomic and financial statistics compilation and dissemination for decision making: compilation methodologies in line with international standards for GFS	RMI	1.12 Higher frequency data has been compiled and disseminated internally and/or to the public.	Compile, review and disseminate data to the IMF Statistics Department.	5	0	5	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Compile and disseminate annual data for budgetary central government, FY18 and start expanding the coverage to the general government. Compile and disseminate annual public sector debt statistics. (RBM – GO – 12.3) 	GFS for general government operations are compiled and disseminated on an annual basis.	Oct-19	LTX
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.	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 GDP(P) estimates to be compiled independently conforming to 2008 SNA 	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						First time independent estimates of EPPSO (RMI) and OPS (Palau) are to be reviewed		
Macroeconomic Management	1. Improved macroeconomic policy advice to government and central bank management	RMI	1.1 Improved quality and frequency of macroeconomic surveillance and policy/research available for policymaking	Support empirical analysis of tax reform.	10	17	27	2	(1) Advice on tax reform is empirically based (Apr. 20). (2) Analysis of tax reform options is published (Apr. 20).		Oct-19/ Apr-20	Claus/Expert
			1.3 Sound medium-term macroeconomic framework	Support the use of the Marshall Islands Fiscal Model (MI-FM) in budget preparations and policy analysis and document the model.	12	0	12	1	(1) The MI-FM continues to be used in budget preparations (Oct. 19). (2) The MI-FM is used for policy analysis including to develop a medium-term fiscal framework (Apr. 20). (3) Quarterly GFS and outturns compared to forecasts are reported on (Apr. 20).	Assistance will be provided jointly with the PFM Advisor. Technical assistance will be supplemented with attachments.	May-19	Claus
Public Financial Management	2. Strengthen budget preparation towards more comprehensive, credible, and policy oriented budget.	RMI	2.3 More credible medium-term budget framework is integrated in annual budget process	Further developing budget process development tools to automate the process and improve budget documentation	12	0	12	1	2019/20 Budget document is improved in terms of presentation and development process of the budget is improved.	Working with the Macro Advisor to enable improved budget presentation. Assisting the MoF to utilize improved budgeting development tools across government	May-19	Neves
Revenue Administration	1. Strengthened revenue administration management and governance arrangements	RMI	1.5.1. - 1.5.4 Corporate priorities are better managed through effective risk management	Review compliance improvement strategy	0	16	16	1	An effective CIS facilitating high levels of compliance.	PFTAC has assisted in the development of a CIS approach. A review will be carried out to measure its effectiveness and suggestions for its further improvement.	Jul-19	Story
			1.1. - 1.7. Strengthen revenue administration management and governance arrangements	Review reform progress and status of PFTAC Recommendations	1	0	1	1	Review overall reform progress and status of PFTAC recommendation	PFTAC has provided TA across objective 1 that need to be reviewed	Sep-19	Eysselein
	2. Strengthened core functions evidenced by an accurate taxpayer base, taxpayer services supporting voluntary compliance, improvements in filing, payment and audit activities		2.1.1. The integrity of the taxpayer base is strengthened	Review current registration processes	0	6	6	2	Data base kept up to date and accurate	A cleansed and accurately maintained taxpayer data base	Oct-19/ Apr-20	Lawrence
			2.2.1. Taxpayer services initiatives to support voluntary compliance are strengthened	Review and further enhance taxpayer service function	0	6	6		Improved delivery of taxpayer services by 31/12/2019 and measured against TADAT dimensions.	Visits included under 2.1.1 A taxpayer services plan is in place but more TA is needed to institutionalize the concept.	Oct-19/ Apr-20	Lawrence
			2.3.1. - 2.3.2 A larger proportion of taxpayers meet their filing obligations as required by law	Review progress and facilitate further improvements on-time filing and management of outstanding tax returns	0	14	14		On-time filing operating at improved efficiency levels by 31/12/2019 and measured against TADAT dimensions.	Visits included under 2.1.1 PFTAC has assisted in setting up new processes to improve efficiency levels but more work is needed to take performance to the next level.	Oct-19/ Apr-20	Lawrence
			2.4.1. - 2.4.3 A larger proportion of taxpayers meet their payment obligations as required by law	Review progress and facilitate further improvements on time payment and management of tax arrears	0	10	10		On-time payment operating at improved efficiency levels by 31/12/2019 and measured against TADAT dimensions.	Visits included under 2.1.1 PFTAC has assisted in setting up new processes to improve efficiency levels but more work is needed to take performance to the next level.	Oct-19/ Apr-20	Lawrence
2.1. - 2.5. Strengthened core tax administration functions	Review reform progress and status of PFTAC Recommendations	2	0	2		Review overall reform progress and status of PFTAC recommendation	Visits included under 2.1.1 PFTAC has provided TA across objective 1 that needs to be reviewed	Sep-19	Eysselein			
TOTAL					54	81	135	10				

Financial Sector Supervision	Legal	RMI	1.1 Supervisors and regulations require banks to apply sound policies and processes to identify, measure, monitor and control their financial risks on a timely basis and assess their capital adequacy in relation to their risk profile	Second Follow-up mission from the Regional Workshop on Banking Legislation and Prudential Standards	0	12	12	1	Finalize revised draft legislation, for internal stakeholder and industry consultation	Workshop to review and establish revision plan for banking legislation and prudential standards held in July 2017. First Follow up bilateral mission held in June 2018. Second follow-up.	1-Jun-19	TBC LEG
			1.2 Supervisors and regulations require banks to have robust governance policies and processes covering among others effective board and senior management oversight and sound control environment.	Finalize revised draft prudential standards, for internal stakeholder and industry consultation								
TOTAL					0	12	12	1				