

FY22 Work Plan - May 2021 to April 2022: RMI

TA Area	Objective	Country	Outcome Targeted	Activity	May 2021 - April 2022 (in person-days)			Number of Missions/ Activities	COVID Status	Milestones	Comments	Planned Date	Experts
					PFTAC resident advisors	ST experts	Total						
Financial Sector Supervision	Develop/strengthen banking regulations and prudential norms	RMI	Legal and regulatory framework equips supervisors to bring about timely corrective actions for banks' problems and weaknesses.	Follow-up mission - Assisting RMI BC in the finalization of prudential standards by reviewing the industry feedback on draft prudential standards	2	5	7	1	2 - Indirectly COVID Related	Authorities issue the final regulation.		Aug 2 - 6, 2021 (remote)	Kumar/ STX
	Implement a risk-based supervision (RBS) system and upgrade other supervisory processes		Strengthened institutional structure, operations, and procedures for RBS implementation	SFEP - Off-site financial risk analysis including training -Mission-1	2	5	7	1	2 - Indirectly COVID Related	The authorities start receiving data from banks in the revised prudential returns and producing financial risk analysis reports		Oct 8 - 12, 2021 (remote)	Kumar/ STX
	Legal		Legal and regulatory framework equips supervisors to bring about timely corrective actions for banks' problems and weaknesses.	Supplementary TA Request to review the Banking Legislation	1	5	6	1	1 - Not COVID Related	The authorities draft the amendment Bill		Aug 3 - 7, 2021 (remote)	LEG
Government Finance Statistics	Strengthen compilation and dissemination of fiscal statistics	RMI	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	Refine compilation techniques for using various administrative data sources to reduce statistical discrepancies	-	8	8	1	3 - Moderately COVID Related	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Investigate the detail and reconcile grants / transfers between levels of government Identify, reconcile and validate the loan transactions between general government units and its associated interest expense / revenue cost for elimination 	Improve data for GFS compilation and dissemination	Sep 13 - 17, 2021 (in-country)	Temes
			Higher frequency data has been compiled and disseminated internally and/or to the public	Compile, review and disseminate data to the IMF Statistics Department.						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Compile and disseminate annual data for general government, FY20 Compile and disseminate annual public sector debt statistics. Compile and disseminate consolidated general government quarterly data 	GFS for general government operations are compiled and disseminated on a annual basis.		
Real Sector Statistics	Strengthen compilation and dissemination of real sector statistics- national accounts	RMI	Staff capacity increased through training, especially on developing source data, compilation methods, and dissemination	Provide training on the compilation of non-market value-added	10	-	10	1	1 - Not COVID Related	Staff is trained on the use of administrative data for non-market industries' value-added compilation	The Graduate School USA compiles annual GDP but no training is provided to staff.	Jul 12 - 23, 2021 (remote)	Scheiblecker
			Source data are adequate for the compilation of the national accounts	Quality control and data editing for BGRT						Review of methods and data sources used for output and value added estimations.			
Macroeconomic Programming and Analysis	Stronger analytical skills and better macroeconomic forecasting and policy analysis	RMI	Sound medium-term macroeconomic framework (inclusive of GDP and inflation, commodity prices, the external and monetary sectors, and fiscal aggregates).	Support the use of the Marshall Islands Fiscal Model (MI_FM) and Medium Term Budget and Investment Framework (MTBIF) in budget preparations and policy analysis	8	-	8	1	3 - Moderately COVID Related	(1) The MI-FM continues to be used in budget preparations (Oct 21). (2) Expenditure forecasting by ministries is developed (Apr. 22). (3) The MI-FM is used for policy analysis including to develop a medium-term fiscal framework (Apr. 23). (4) Advice on tax reform is empirically based (Apr. 23)		May 3 - 14, 2021 (remote)	Beaumont
Public Financial Management	Comprehensive, credible, and policy-based budget preparation	RMI	A more comprehensive and unified annual budget is published	Increase transparency in the presentation of the budget	-	10	10	1	2 - Indirectly COVID Related	Budget provides economic item breakdown	Follow-on work from FY21 mission	Oct 11 - 20, 2021 (remote)	Higgins
	Improved coverage and quality of fiscal reporting		The chart of accounts and budget classifications are aligned with international standards	Strengthening financial reporting, including alignment of the Chart of Accounts to GFSM2014	-	12	12	1	1 - Not COVID Related	Recommendations for revised CoA accepted by MoF	Demand from annual meetings	Oct 18 - 29, 2021 (remote)	Youngberry
Revenue Administration	Strengthened revenue administration management and governance arrangements	RMI	Effective implementation of a new tax or modernized legislation	implementation of VAT	-	16	16	1	2 - Indirectly COVID Related	VAT implementation readiness by 10/31/22	Decision still to be taken on implementation of VAT	Apr 4 - 15, 2022 (in country)	Piper
	Strengthened core tax administration functions		A larger proportion of taxpayers meet their filing obligations as required by law / A larger proportion of taxpayers meet their payment obligations as required by law, Taxpayer services initiatives to support voluntary compliance are strengthened	Improving tax arrears and returns management	-	14	14	1	3 - Moderately COVID Related	(1) On-time filing and payments operating at improved efficiency levels by 31/12/2020 and measured against TADAT dimensions. (2) Improved delivery of taxpayer services by 12/31/2021 and measured against TADAT dimensions.	TA assistance requested by the authorities to improve current returns and payment compliance levels.	Jul 12 - 23, 2021 (remote)	Field
			Audit and other verification programs more effectively ensure accuracy of reporting	Strengthen tax audit function (challenges posed by cash economy)	-	16	16	1	2 - Indirectly COVID Related	The audit function operating at improved efficiency levels by 30/4/2022 and measured against TADAT dimensions.	Focus on small, medium and large businesses, tax avoidance/evasion and computer assisted audit techniques as well as investigation techniques.	Nov 15 - 26, 2021 (in-country)	Sutherland
TOTAL					23	91	114	11					