

FY22 Work Plan - May 2021 to April 2022: Vanuatu

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	Vanuatu	Supervisors and regulations require banks to have robust governance policies and processes.	SFEP - Regulatory Framework - Prudential Standards - Assist RBV develop comprehensive suite of prudential standards - industry and stakeholder consultation	3	7	10	1	2 - Indirectly COVID Related	Applicable guidelines and regulations are finalized and formally issued		Aug 23 - 27, 2021 (remote)	Kumar/ STX
Financial Crisis Management	Implement a framework to reduce private debt overhangs		Introduce/ strengthen publicly-supported Asset Management Company (AMC).	To assist RBV in designing a framework for operation of distressed assets resolution companies (AMCs)	-	12	12	1	4 - Predominantly COVID Related	The authorities set up the AMC		Jul 5-16,2021 (remote)	MCM-FC
Real Sector Statistics	Strengthen compilation and dissemination of real sector statistics-national accounts	Vanuatu	Improved timeliness of data made available internally and/or to the public (shorter delays)	Update extrapolation of QNA Provide training on QNA compilation	12	-	12	1	2 - Indirectly COVID Related	National accounts compiled and disseminated on a quarterly or monthly basis. Staff is trained on QNA compilation		Apr 4 - 15, 2022 (in-country)	Scheiblecker
Macroeconomic Programming and Analysis	Stronger analytical skills and better macroeconomic forecasting and policy analysis	Vanuatu	Sound medium-term macroeconomic framework (inclusive of GDP and inflation, commodity prices, the external and monetary sectors, and fiscal aggregates).	GDP (I) Modelling, Revenue Forecasting, Macro Fiscal Framework	-	16	16	1	3 - Moderately COVID Related			Nov 1 - 12, 2021 (in-country)	Bullen
Public Financial Management	Improved PFM laws and effective institutions	Vanuatu	The capacity of ministry of finance to plan, implement and sustain PFM reforms is enhanced	PEFA Climate Assessment						PEFA Report Endorsed	FY23: LTX - 24 days STX - 20 days	Jul 3 - 14, 2023 (in-country)	Lavea/ Seeds/ 2 STXs
	Improved coverage and quality of fiscal reporting		Comprehensiveness, frequency, and quality of fiscal reports is enhanced	Continue improvement on audit recommendations	12	12	24	1	1 - Not COVID Related	Plans prepared for improvements related to most recent audit recommendations		Nov 15 - 26, 2021 (remote)	Seeds/ Mellor
Revenue Administration	Strengthened revenue administration management and governance arrangements	Vanuatu	Authorities have a baseline understanding of the current state of the government's revenue administration, management, and governance arrangements and core revenue administration operations	Provide training to enable TADAT self assessment	-	10	10	1	2 - Indirectly COVID Related	TADAT self assessment completed by 11/30/20	Formal TADAT assessment at later stage	Aug 16 - 25, 2021 (remote)	Martens
			Support functions enable more effective delivery of strategy and reforms	Review RMS provider Master Service Agreement	-	12	12	1	2 - Indirectly COVID Related	RMS Master Service Agreement reviewed	Agreement signed in 2000, needs to be reviewed	Jun 14 - 25, 2021 (remote)	Grant
			Capacity for reform increased due to clear reform strategy and a strategic management framework adopted and institutionalized	Develop taxpayer service strategy	-	12	12	1	3 - Moderately COVID Related	Taxpayer Service Strategy implemented by 12/31/22	Improve taxpayers services and communication.	May 17 - 28, 2021 (remote)	Williams
			Corporate priorities are better managed through effective risk management	Reviewing and enhancing the CIS's	-	16	16	1	3 - Moderately COVID Related	An effective CIS facilitating high levels of compliance implemented by 12/31/21.	Review of existing CIS's and compliance risks leading to renewal of CIS's	Mar 1 - 14, 2022 (in-country)	Story
			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	10	-	10	1	2 - Indirectly COVID Related	Review overall reform progress and status of PFTAC recommendation	PFTAC has provided TA across objective 1 & 2 that needs to be reviewed	Apr 18 - 22, 2022 (in-country)	Eyeselein/ LTX
	Strengthened core tax administration functions		Audit and other verification programs more effectively ensure accuracy of reporting	Strengthening audit and audit skills development	-	12	12	1	3 - Moderately COVID Related	The audit function operating at improved efficiency levels by 31/12/2020 and measured against TADAT dimensions.	The authorities have requested TA to assist in building audit function and capability.	Nov 15 - 26, 2021 (remote)	Home
			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	Strengthening return filing and tax arrears management	-	12	12	1	3 - Moderately COVID Related	On-time filing and payments operating at improved efficiency levels by 31/12/2021 and measured against TADAT dimensions.	Training for collectors to be part of TA	Oct 4 - 15, 2021 (remote)	Field
TOTAL					37	121	158	12					