REPUBLIC OF MARSHALL ISLANDS : FY18 Work Plan - May 2017 to April 2018 MID-YEAR UPDATE

TA Area	Objective	Country	Outcome Targeted	Activity	Planned Inputs (in person-days)			#	Updated Inputs at Nov 1 (person-days - changes in red)			#	% of updated plan delivered at end-Oct	Delivery Status	Milestones	Comments	Experts
					LTX	STX	Total		PFTAC resident advisors	ST experts	Total						
Financial Sector Supervision	1. Develop and strengthen banking regulations in line with international standards	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	Follow-up mission from the Regional Workshop on Banking Legislation and Prudential Standards	5	12	17	1	-	12	12	1	0%	March 2018	i) Applicable guidelines and regulations are drafted. April 2018	Workshop to review and establish revision plan for banking legislation and prudential standards, held in July 2017. Follow up with bilateral missions to each country to follow-up on and progress reform. First follow-up.	Stefanou/ LEG / Expert
			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.												i) Applicable guidelines and regulations are drafted. April 2018		
Financial Sector Supervision	2. To implement a risk-based supervision (RBS) system and upgrade other supervisory processes	RMI	2.4 Strengthened institutional structure and operational and procedures for RBS implementation	Provide guidance and training for on-site examination, using an actual on-site examination as a working case.	-	19	19	1	-	19	19	1	100%	July 2017	i) Use of CAMELS assessment framework embedded in organization. April 2018	Follow-up TA mission to the on-site examination mission undertaken in February 2017	Expert
Macroeconomic Management	1. Improved macroeconomic policy advice to government and central bank management	RMI	1.2 Sound medium-term macroeconomic framework	Support the use of the Marshall Islands Fiscal Model (MI-FM) in budget preparations and policy analysis.	15	-	15	2	10	-	10	2	50%	May 2017; Feb 2018	(1) The MI-FM is used in budget preparations (Oct. 17). (2) The MI-FM is used for policy analysis including to develop a medium-term fiscal framework (Apr. 18). (3) Quarterly Government Finance Statistics (GFS) and outturns compared to forecasts are reported on (Apr. 18).		Claus
Public Financial Management	2. Strengthen budget preparation towards more comprehensive, credible, and policy oriented budget.	RMI	2.2 More comprehensive and unified annual budget is published	Refinement of budget documents and process	0	0	0	0	4	0	4	1	0%	Feb 2018	To complete a template budget document building the 2018/19 RMI Budget on the previous year document	Building on work done earlier in the year from the desk on improving the budget documentation in RMI. Mission will be alonside the fishing revenue workshop	Neves
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	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	-	21	21	1	-	21	21	1	100%	October 2017	Relative to the baseline, business processes documentation has been improved by becoming adequate, stored, accessible, and/or regularly updated by October 2017	• Existing documentation is reviewed by PFTAC, explained further to staff (October 2017)	Freeman
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	-	5	1	5	-	5	-	100%	Remote	• Compile and disseminate annual data for budgetary central government FY16 by November 2017. • Investigate general government elimination entries in preparation for consolidation by April 2018. [RBM – GO – 12.3]	GFS for general government operations are compiled and disseminated on a annual basis.	DeLaBeer
Revenue Administration	1. Strengthened revenue administration management and governance arrangements	RMI	1.1 Reform strategy and implementation governance framework adopted and institutionalized	Strategy and governance arrangements in place to support reform initiatives.	3	-	3	1	2	-	2	1	100%	May 9 - 10	A commitment by Government to kick start reforms by 30 June, 2017.	Review overall reform progress and support the development of a more structured approach to reforms	Shrosbree
Revenue Administration	2. Strengthened core functions evidenced by an accurate taxpayer base, taxpayer services supporting voluntary compliance, improvements in filing, payment and audit activities	RMI	2.1 Integrity of the registered taxpayer base strengthened	Strengthen the integrity of the registered taxpayer base.	-	9	9	1	-	5	5	1	100%	Aug 28 - Sept 8	A reliable and accurate taxpayer base aligned to TADAT dimensions by 12/31/2017.	The current data base is corrupt - the authorities have requested PFTAC advise to rectify.	Lawrence
			2.2 Taxpayer Services initiatives to support voluntary compliance strengthened	Strengthen the taxpayer services function.	-	7	7		-	5	5				Taxpayer services strategy in place by 12/31/2017 and aligned to TADAT dimensions.	Additional TA required in setting up a sustainable taxpayer services program.	
			2.3 Larger proportion of taxpayers meet their filing obligations as required by law	Improve on-time filing ratios over time.	-	9	9		-	5	5				On-time filing improvements based on TADAT dimensions in place and reflected in improvements achieved by 12/31/2017.	An environmental scan shows potential to improve on-time filing.	
			2.4 Larger proportion of taxpayers meet their payment obligations as required by the law	On-time payment compliance and management of arrears improves over time.	-	7	7		-	4	4				On-time payment improvements demonstrated and in line with TADAT dimensions by 12/31/2017.	An environmental scan shows potential to improve on-time payment of taxes	
			2.5 Audit and other verification programs more effectively ensure completeness and accuracy of reporting	Strengthen audit capability and programs to ensure completeness and accuracy of reporting.	-	15	15	1	-	15	15	1	0%	Feb 2018	The audit function operating at improved efficiency levels in line with TADAT dimensions by 12/31/2018.	RMI has a low audit skills base and requested TA to build capability.	Leano

	LTX	STX	Total	#
Original Plan Total Days:	28	99	127	9
Updated Plan Total Days:	21	86	107	9
Delivered by Oct 31:	12	59	71	4
Percentage of Revised Plan:	57%	69%	66%	44%