

FY21 PFTAC Work Plan - May 2020 to April 2021: Vanuatu

TA Area	Objective	Country	Outcome Targeted	Activity	May 2020 - April 2021 (in person-days)			Number of Missions/ Activities	Milestones	Comments	Planned Date	Experts
					PFTAC resident advisors	ST experts	Total					
Financial Sector Supervision	1. Develop and strengthen banking regulations in line with international standards	Vanuatu	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	SFEP - Regulatory Framework - Prudential Standards - Assist RBV develop comprehensive suite of prudential standards	5	10	15	1	Applicable guidelines and regulations drafted	Continuation of the SFEP - regulatory component of project		
			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.	SFEP - Regulatory Framework - Prudential Standards - Assist RBV develop comprehensive suite of prudential standards - industry and stakeholder consultation	-	-	-	-	Applicable guidelines and regulations are finalized and formally issued		FY22	
	2. To implement a risk-based supervision (RBS) system and upgrade other supervisory processes		2.4 Strengthened institutional structure and operational and procedures for RBS implementation	SFEP - Finalize off-site financial risk analysis reform	5	-	5	1	Detailed Quarterly Financial Risk Report embedded	Continuation of SFEP		
				SFEP - Finalize Risk Rating and Supervisory Action Planning	-	10	10	1				
Government Finance Statistics	1. Strengthened macroeconomic and financial statistics compilation and dissemination for decision making: compilation methodologies in line with international standards for GFS	Vanuatu	1.9 Data are compiled and disseminated using appropriate statistical techniques, including to deal with data sources, and/or assessment and validation of intermediate data and statistical outputs.	Imbalances using various data sources to compile GFS are investigated and resolved.	12	-	12	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Establish a GFS technical workgroup between DoFT, VNSO and RBV to reconcile data before its published and disseminated.</li> <li>A reconciliation of transactions in the net investment of nonfinancial assets between various source data causing statistical discrepancies be finalized.</li> <li>Update the Financial Management Information System with GFSM 2014 economic and functional codes enabling the automation of the GFS for BCG.</li> </ul>	Statistical discrepancies and other potential indicators of problems in statistical outputs are investigated.	Apr, 2021	Temes
			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.								
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.	Vanuatu	1.15 Improved Timeliness of data made available internally and/or to the public	Higher frequency + Source data are adequate	12	-	12	1	National accounts compiled and disseminated on a quarterly or monthly basis.		Jun, 2020	Scheiblecker
			1.18 A new data set has been compiled and disseminated internally and/or to the public	Rebase and update GDP(P)	-	16	16	1	Rebase of GDP(P) and GDP(E) to suitable, more recent year		Nov, 2020	McAllister
Macroeconomic Programming and Analysis	Well functioning macroeconomic policy and institutions: improved macroeconomic policy advice to government	Vanuatu	1. Timely, high quality macroeconomic monitoring, analysis and research available for policymaking.	Support GDP forecasting.	12	-	12	1	(1) GDP forecasting methodology is reviewed and updated following the rebasing of GDP (Apr. 21).			Beaumont
				Support empirical analysis of tax reform.	-	14	14	1	(1) Empirical estimates of tax reform options are updated (Apr. 21). (2) Updated analysis of tax reform options is published (Apr. 21).			Claus
			3. Sound medium-term macroeconomic framework	Support the use of the Model Of the Vanuatu Economy (MOVE) and the national framework for revenue forecasting.	5	-	5	1	(1) The MOVE is used in monetary policy settings and policy analysis (Apr. 21). (2) The national framework for revenue forecasting is used in budget preparations (Dec. 21). (3) Documentation on the MOVE is publicly available (Apr. 22).			Beaumont
Public Financial Management	4. Improve coverage and quality of fiscal reporting	Vanuatu	4.2 Comprehensiveness, frequency, and quality of fiscal reporting is enhanced	Continue improvement on audit recommendations	-	16	16	1	Plans prepared for improvements related to most recent audit recommendations			Mellor

Revenue Administration	1. Strengthened revenue administration management and governance arrangements	Vanuatu	1.5.2 Corporate priorities are better managed through effective risk management	Further assistance with compliance improvement strategy	-	16	16	1	An effective CIS facilitating high levels of compliance implemented by 12/31/20	CIS developed to improve monitoring and evaluation of compliance risk mitigation	Oct 5 - 16, 2020	Shrosbree
			1.1.1 Capacity for reform increased due to clear reform strategy and a strategic management framework adopted and institutionalized	Develop strategic plan	-	-	-	-	Strategic plan approved and implementation started by 12/31/20	Assistance with development of strategic plans requested by authorities	FY22	Expert
			1&2 Better revenue administration, management and governance arrangements & stronger tax administration core functions.	TADAT Assessment	-	16	16	1	TADAT assessment completed by 11/30/20	TADAT Secretariat	Nov 16 - 24, 2020	Expert
			1&2 Better revenue administration, management and governance arrangements & stronger tax administration core functions.	Review reform progress	5	-	5	1	Review overall reform progress and status of PFTAC recommendation	PFTAC has provided TA across objective 1 & 2 that needs to be reviewed	Oct 20 -23, 2020, 2020	Eysselein
	2. Strengthened core functions evidenced by an accurate taxpayer base, taxpayer services supporting voluntary compliance, improvements in filing, payment and audit activities		2.5.1 Audit and other verification programs more effectively ensure accuracy of reporting	Strengthening audit, Implementation of the VAT audit toolkit	-	16	16	1	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.	Oct 5 - 16, 2020	Home
			2.3 - 2.4 A larger proportion of taxpayers meet their filings and payments obligations as required by law	Management of debt and returns	-	16	16	1	On-time filing and payments operating at improved efficiency levels by 31/12/2020 and measured against TADAT dimensions.	TA assistance requested by the authorities to improve current returns and payment compliance levels.	Aug 17 - 28, 2020	Field
<b>TOTAL</b>					<b>56</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>186</b>	<b>15</b>				