

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

TA Area	Objective	Country	Outcome Targeted	Activity	May 2020 - April 2021 (in person-days)			Number of Missions/Activities	Updated Post COVID Inputs at Jul 31, 2020 (person-days - changes in red)			Number of Missions/Activities	Updated Inputs at Jan 31, 2021 (person-days - changes in red)			Number of Missions/Activities	Updated Inputs at Apr 30, 2021 (person-days - changes in red)			Number of Missions/Activities	% delivered	Delivery Status	COVID Status	Milestones	Comments	Planned Date	Experts	
					PFTAC resident advisors	ST experts	Total		PFTAC resident advisors	ST experts	Total		PFTAC resident advisors	ST experts	Total		PFTAC resident advisors	ST experts	Total									
Financial Sector Supervision	1. Develop and strengthen banking regulations in line with international standards  2. To implement a risk-based supervision (RBS) system and upgrade other supervisory processes	Palau	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  2.4 Strengthened institutional structure and operational and procedures for RBS implementation	Second Follow-up mission from the Regional Workshop on Banking Legislation and Prudential Standards - review revised draft banking law and regulations and propose final amendments	-	15	15	1	-	5	5	1	-	5	5	1	-	5	5	1	100%	Jul 15 - 19, 2020 (remote)	2 - Indirectly COVID Related	Applicable guidelines and regulations are sent to industry for consultation Applicable guidelines and regulations are finalized and formally issued Amendments and redrafting of laws, regulations in line with BCP 11	Continuation of the Banking Regulatory Reform project.		Heerden (LEG)	
				Finalization of legislation and stakeholder consultation	-	-	-	-	5	12	17	1	7	10	17	1	-	-	-	-	0%	Cancelled						Kumar/ De Bie
Government Finance Statistics	1. Strengthened macroeconomic and financial statistics compilation and dissemination for decision making: compilation methodologies in line with international standards for GFS	Palau	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.  1.12 Higher frequency data has been compiled and disseminated internally and/or to the public.	Refine compilation techniques for using various administrative data sources to reduce statistical discrepancies																								
				Compile, review and disseminate data to the IMF Statistics Department.	5	-	5	1	10	-	10	1	12	-	12	1	12	-	12	1	100%	Sep 14 - Oct 1, 2020 (remote)	2 - Indirectly COVID Related	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 Compile and disseminate consolidated general government annual data Start incorporating state governments quarterly data at minimum Koror and Arai States Compile and disseminate general government debt data in the World Bank quarterly public sector debt statistics template for publication Compile and disseminate annual data for BCG FY 19	Improve data for GFS compilation and dissemination  GFS for general government operations are compiled and disseminated on an annual basis.	Jan, 2021	Temes	
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.	Palau	1.3 Staff capacity increased through training, especially on developing source data, compilation methods, and dissemination	Assist independent GDP calculation					10	-	10	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%	Shift to FY22							Scheiblecker
Public Financial Management	1. Improved laws and effective PFM institutions	Palau	1.2 MoF capacity can meet enacted PFM responsibilities	PEFA Assessment	12	16	28	1	12	16	28	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%	Cancelled		Data and evidence provided for Agile PEFA and draft report reviewed by government.		Aug, 2020	Neves/Marzan		
Revenue Administration	1. Strengthened revenue administration management and governance arrangements	Palau	1.2.2 Organizational arrangements enable more effective delivery of strategy and reforms  2.2 Taxpayer service initiatives to support voluntary compliance are strengthened 2.3 - 2.4 A larger proportion of taxpayers meet their filings and payments obligations as required by law	Developing implementation plan for GST and Tax Reform	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	12	1	-	17	17	1	100%	Apr 12 - May 31, 2021 (remote)	3 - Moderately COVID Related				Piper		
	2. Strengthened core functions evidenced by an accurate taxpayer base, taxpayer services supporting voluntary compliance, improvements in filing, payment and audit activities			Improve taxpayer services, debt and returns management	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%			Taxpayer Services, 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 taxpayer services as well as returns and payment compliance levels.	FY22	Lawrence	
	Legal			1.8. Effective implementation of a new tax or modernized legislation	Assist with Final Amendments to the Tax Reform Bill														5	5	1	100%	Apr 5 - 9, 2021 (remote)	3 - Moderately COVID Related				Burns
				VAT / Income Tax	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	10	1	-	7	7	1	100%	Jan 25 - 31, 2021 (remote)	3 - Moderately COVID Related				Burns		
<b>TOTAL</b>					17	41	58	4	42	43	85	6	5	15	20	2	12%	35%	24%	33%								

Updated Post COVID-FY21 Workplan:

Delivered by Jul 31:

Percentage of Revised Plan:

42	43	85	6
5	15	20	2
12%	35%	24%	33%

Updated Workplan at Jan 31:

Delivered by Jan 31:

Percentage of Revised Plan:

24	47	71	6
17	25	42	4
71%	53%	59%	67%

Final Outturn at April 30:

Percentage of Jan 2021 Revised Plan:

Percentage of Jul 2020 Revised Plan:

Percentage of Original Plan:

17	48	65	6
71%	102%	92%	100%
40%	112%	76%	100%
100%	117%	112%	150%