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# **PACIFIC FORUM ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**

## **‘IMPROVING DATA AVAILABILITY AND STRENGTHENING MONITORING’**

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# PRESENTATION OUTLINE

- SDG progress (*compilation, monitoring and availability*)
- Social Protection Indicator Framework (SSPIM – *Samoa Social Protection Indicator*)
- SDG Tracker (ESCAP)
- Disability Statistics
- Strategy for the Development of Samoa FY 2021-2025 (SDS FY 2021-2025)



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# SDG PROGRESS

## ➤ Compilation

- ✓ Primary data compiled through various surveys and censuses implemented by the bureau for indicator compilation and computation
- ✓ Secondary data sourced from sourced ministries and agencies for indicator compilation and computation

## ➤ Monitoring

- ✓ Framework updated based on survey/ census results

## ➤ Availability

- ✓ Officially disintegrated dissemination of indicators (eg: 2019 Agriculture Census, HIES 2018/2019, DHS-MICS 2019/2020)
- ✓ Currently have centralized SDG framework with the bureau for monitoring and reporting





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# SDG PROGRESS

## ➤ SDG Monitoring Platform

	Global Indicator Framework	Pacific Indicator Framework
Compiled Indicators	147	88
Proxy Indicators	31	19
Tier 2 Indicators	53	19
NA Indicators	16	4
TOTAL INDICATORS	247	133

- Data gaps (Tier 2) addressed during sector meetings. Most difficult and problematic due to data unavailability
- Data gaps (proxy indicators) to be addressed in future surveys and censuses. Eg: relevant disaggregation and definition
- Both Global and Pacific Frameworks are updated by SBS based on survey and census results such as Labor force Survey and Agriculture and Population Censuses.
- *On line training provided by international partners on indicator methodology, compilation and disaggregation*  
*eg: UNSD, SEEA-UNDESA, ESCAP, SIAP, FAO, UNDP etc*



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# SSPIM FRAMEWORK

- Developed a Samoa Social Protection Indicator Matrix Framework with Technical Assistance provided by ESCAP.
- An initiative to accelerate the compilation of Social Protection Indicators.
- Identified a total of 86 social protection indicators based on the SDG 2030 agenda.

TOTAL INDICATORS	86
Compiled indicators	55
Proxy indicators	19
Tier 2 indicators	9
Not Applicable indicators	3

- Updated and monitored by SBS based on periodic surveys and censuses.
- Data gaps (Tier 2) to be addressed during sector meetings.
- Data gaps (proxy indicators) to be addressed in future surveys and censuses. Eg: relevant disaggregation and definition.





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# SDG TRACKER

- Introduced by ESCAP for 9 Pacific Island Countries in July 2021, including Samoa, for tracking country progress against SDG 2030 indicators
- ESCAP has been working collaboratively with SBS ever since, on how to use the tracker tool including 3 on line workshop thus far.
- Samoa currently has a SDG tracker working group comprising of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources and Samoa Bureau of Statistics.
- Currently implementing the tool on a ‘trial and error basis’, using Samoa's 2<sup>nd</sup> VNR and latest available statistics compiled by SBS.
- Prompt and efficient technical assistance provided by ESCAP on an ad hoc basis.
- Presentation by Samoa in February 2022 on the implementation of the tool and to determine **whether to adopt the tool or not.**



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# DISABILITY STATISTICS

- Currently collecting and compiling disability statistics through population census using the Washington Group ‘Short Set Module’.
- Questions asked on six core functional domains: Seeing, Hearing, Mobility, Memory, Self-care and Communication
- As recommended by the United Nations Statistical Commission (UNSC) and the council of European Statisticians, a person is disabled with responses either ‘a lot of difficulty’ or cannot do it at all’ on any of the above 6 functional domain.
- Disability statistics: have the 2018 Samoa Disability Monograph based on the results of the 2016 Census of Population and Housing
- A full Disability Survey to be conducted in 2022, with assistance provided by Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (Aust DFAT)
- Regional Initiative: Pacific Group on Disability Statistics (PGDS).
- Currently awaiting approval of funding proposal to DFAT in 2020
- *Two of the main outputs/ deliverables of the PGDS – Generating of a Regional Disability Monograph by 2030 & A Regional Guidebook to improve Disability Data Collection and Analysis in the Pacific Region!!*





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# SDS FY 2021-2025

- Will be officially launched in the end of November 2021.
- Shift focus to Human and Social Development (from Economic Development) with the vision: ‘To secure a better future for the people’ and theme: ‘Empowering communities, sharing prosperity and Building Resilience’.  
*(social protection/ community empowerment, education and health)*
- Have a SMERF (Sector Monitoring Evaluation Reporting Framework) manual for all sector plans to ensure that they are aligned with the key outcomes in the SDS (Strategy for the Development of Samoa).
- This is facilitated by developing Sector Plan Outcomes and Indicators that are reflected in the SDS including, outcome mapping, monitoring and evaluation and reporting. *(top-down approach)*
- SMERF currently implemented and monitored by the Ministry of Finance.





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