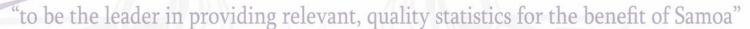


PACIFIC FORUM ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

'IMPROVING DATA AVAILABILITY AND STRENGHTENIND 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)



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

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



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.



SDG TRACKER

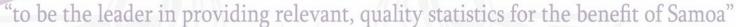
- Introduced by ESCAP for 9 Pacific Island Countries in July 2021, including Samoa, for tracking country progress against SDG 2030 indicators
- > ESCAP has been working collaboratively with SBS ever since, on how to use the tracker tool including 3 on line workshop thus far.
- Samoa currently has a SDG 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 2nd 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.



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 disable 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!!





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.

