

# Solomon Islands: Data governance profile

## 1. Vision and policy intent

The Solomon Islands government [National-Statistics-Development-Strategy-NSDS-2015-2035](#) has a vision that by 2035, there will be a robust, sustainable, and well-co-ordinated statistical system providing credible official statistical information for the benefit of Solomon Islands.

The NSDS identifies five strategic aims to achieve:

- Improve the range and quality of statistics;
- Improve access to national statistics;
- Enhance co-ordination and leadership;
- Efficient management of resources; and
- Improved statistical capability.

## 2. Data Management: policies, rules & institutions

The [Solomon-Islands-National-Statistics-Office \(SINSO\)](#) is the lead Statistical Agency, led by the Government Statistician and the Deputy Government Statistician.

The SINSO is a standalone Division under the [Ministry of Finance and Treasury](#) (MOFT).

Solomon Islands has a decentralised national statistical system (NSS). Key data producers are the SINSO and the [Central Bank of Solomon Islands](#). Other key statistics producers include; Ministries of [education](#), [health](#), [police](#), and [natural resources](#).

Key data users include government, development partners and international agencies.

The SINSO operates under the Statistics Act 1970 ([and 2007 Amendment](#)) which is enacted to compile and disseminate official statistics of the Solomon Islands. SINSO are responsible for data collection, including for the most recent population and housing [census-2019](#).



## 3. Data custodians and data stewardship

The SINSO serves as the leading source of quality data on the population and economy. The role of SINSO includes many of the functions of a data custodian, including:

- Designing standardized statistical instruments for producing statistics: harmonized classifications, organizational methods and structures, and technical standards;
- Harmonising statistical information;
- Consolidating the statistics of the provinces ensuring that they are comparable;
- Supplying statistical information;
- Disseminating statistical information;
- Coordinating the Solomon Islands' Statistical System;
- Advising the statistical systems: helping to improve the national statistical systems and promoting good practice within the Solomon Islands' Statistical System; and
- Promoting research and development: encouraging research into techniques and tools for collecting, processing and analyzing data.

## 4. Data sharing, accessibility and integration

Data is disseminated in a variety of formats including [main publication](#) onto the website as well as [press-releases](#), paper publications, CDROM, website, online data bases, databanks).

The new ICT framework provides incentives for agencies to work with ICT Support Unit(SU) under the MOFT to develop and maintain their information systems and the centralised data centre managed by ICTSU.

## 5. Data sharing risks & mitigation

Data confidentiality arrangements include honouring privacy, protect confidentiality and work openly.