SESSION 11 – OPPORTUNITIES FOR CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT TO IMPROVE DATA COLLECTION AND USE IN SIDS: CASE STUDIES

Developing Indicators for Monitoring Global, Regional, Subregional and National Priorities

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Data and Statistics: Capacity development

To effectively plan, follow up on, evaluate
- To improve the collection, analysis, Dissemination & use of gender statistics
- To strengthen the availability & accessibility of their data and statistical system

To make greater use of the national statistics and development indicators
- To support a sustainable development statistics and information programme
- To strengthen national disaggregated data and information systems as well as analytical capabilities for decisionmaking

National Statistical Offices

SAMOA Pathway

2030 Agenda - SDGs
In 2022, 6th Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development Pacific member States *emphasized* the need for guidance in developing a realistic/rational set of indicators that could be used by small islands developing States (SIDS) to report on the SDG’s, the SIDS agenda, and other global and regional sector-specific reporting needs, as well as meet their own national reporting requirements.

Commenced the pilot project to develop these *Guidelines* for the Pacific Region as a whole.

Plan to make use of the recommendations of the *Guidelines* in three pilot countries:
- Fiji
- Tonga
- Kiribati
Developing Pacific Indicator Guidelines

Going Global
Why might indicator guidelines be useful?

Help countries understand what needs to be done to address indicator production at national level
&
Help countries plan how they go about doing it

Step 1: What issue are we trying to address

Step 2: How can we go about addressing it?

Step 2.1: Understanding where we are at the moment
Step 2.2: How are things progressing at the moment
Step 2.3: Proposing where we want to be in the future
Step 2.4: Developing a roadmap on how to get there
STEP 1: What are we trying to address

KFA 2: Relevant, Timely, Reliable, Well Maintained, and Accessible Statistics and Indicators

By 2030
All PICTs are producing and disseminating (either in-house or through TA) an agreed core set of high-quality economic, social, and environmental statistics in a timely and user-friendly manner in line with national priorities and are integrating SDGs and regional/global (such as the SIDS agenda) reporting requirements.

Indicators gathered from censuses and surveys are aligned as far as possible with the agreed national/regional core indicators and indicators required for national, regional, and global reporting and monitoring.

Metadata for the “agreed core set” will help ensure this

SPC STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK FOR PACIFIC STATISTICS, 2022–2030
STEP 2.1: Where are countries at the moment? What does their indicator landscape currently look like?

Some key questions to ask

What indicator frameworks are you currently required to report against?
- Global/Regional/Subregional
- National/Sub-national

How are these indicator frameworks identified/produced?
- Process
- Roles (Lead & Support)

How are these indicator frameworks monitored?
- Process
- Roles (Lead & Support)
STEP 2.2: How are things progressing at the moment?

Some potential challenges

1. Not clear where the focus should be
2. Poor alignment between different indicator frameworks
3. Workload not manageable
4. Too many data gaps
5. Poorly defined national indicators
6. Can’t set suitable targets
7. Data sharing issues between Line Ministries
STEP 2.3: What do you want your indicator landscape to look like in the future?

Key considerations

• One size does not fit all
  • Focus on own national priorities
• Ensure a manageable end product
• Focus on roles of key stakeholders
• Focus on sustainable processes that will work
• Address quality issues
STEP 2.4: Developing a roadmap on how to get there

• What needs to change?
  - Minor tweaks
  - Wholesale change

• How might these changes be implemented over time?
  - Workplan
  - Deadlines
  - Budget
Regional Guidelines ➔ Country Strategies (?)

- Pacific
- Kiribati
- Fiji
- Tonga