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Update on Progress of Pacific against 2030 Agenda

ESCAP SDG Gateway
(https://www.unescap.org/stat/data)

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Outline of power point

Overview of Pacific progress against the SDGs
- Snapshot against each Goal

Data availability
- Why is data so scarce in the Pacific?

Focused progress on selected indicators
- SDG focus goals (1, 2, 3, 8, 10, 12, 13, 16 & 17)

Way forward
Pacific Progress

- Only Goal 13 on track

- Most other goals are heading in the right direction, but need acceleration

- Regression (Goal 16)
  - Largely influenced by unsentenced detainees
SDG Indicator Availability

Good availability:
- 3: Health
- 7: Energy
- 15: Land

Poor availability:
- 5: Gender
- 11: Cities
- 13: Climate Change
- 14: Oceans
- 16: Peace
Why so little data?

- Data does not exist – not being produced
- National Data flow problem from the data producer/provider to the indicator producer (often the NSO)
- Data flow problem from country to regional (ESCAP) or global DB
  - SDGs go through a custodian agency approval process
17.3.2: Personal remittances received (% of GDP)

- Only includes those countries 4% and above
- Tonga 20% -> 40% in this period
- Samoa (18%) and RMI (14%) also very significant
10.c.1: Remittance Costs as Proportion of Remittances

- Remittance costs on the decline
- Way off target

“10.c: By 2030, reduce to less than 3 per cent the transaction costs of migrant remittances and eliminate remittance corridors with costs higher than 5 per cent”
Since 2010

- Kiribati and Marshall Islands haven’t changed
- Tuvalu nearly doubled
- FSM nearly halved
Since 2000

- Obvious trend showing improvement

- SDG Target is less than 25/1,000 live births by 2030

- Countries like Kiribati and PNG need to get moving
• Not much happening 2000 - 2010
• Cooks, Niue and Tuvalu taking off
• Fiji steady progress
• Samoa good recent progress
• Solomons and PNG (and also Fiji) quite high &

• Heading in the wrong direction
Great progress being seen

Still work to be done

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NZ (90.8)
National Statistical Systems in the Pacific are over-whelmed with data requirements placed upon them (especially since the introduction of the SDGs)

1. Pacific Islands countries need to focus more on identifying what indicators are priority to them
   – SDGs and beyond
2. Data flows need to be improved
   – Nationally and by custodian agencies of SDG indicators
3. Progress assessments against the 2030 agenda at the national level can be enhanced a lot by including more proxy indicators
   – Work in progress just commenced by ESCAP Statistics Division
   – ESCAP will be looking to work with SPC and PIFS to see how this can be further developed in this region