National SDG Tracker Clinic

Tonga Experience

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National SDG Tracker Clinic, 12:00 – 13:00hrs (UTC +7), 25 August (Meeting Room H, UNCC)
Current situation of producing indicators and setting targets

**National Planning Office**
- Tonga Strategic Development Plan
  - Aligned SDGs & Regional frameworks
  - Sectoral & organizational plans mapped

**Tonga Statistics Department**
- National Strategy for Development for Statistics
  - National Statistical System data reality check

**Line Ministries**
- Sectoral and Organizational plans
  - Data / Information use and/or produce
Current situation of producing indicators and setting targets

Challenges

• Many different frameworks to monitor
• Increasing demands (new thematic areas for information) but resources remain the same
• Silo-ed approaches that increases duplication
• No national coordination of the Statistical System

Statistics Department’s Approach

• Strong coordination of the National Statistical System
• Advocate for using official statistics for policy making
• National surveys and indicators come through Statistics Department
Long term plan for Tonga

• Tonga is transitioning into a more data-driven approach to policy making.
  ▪ Multiple surveys and survey requests
  ▪ More demands for data

• Strong Statistics Office presence to coordinate an effective National Statistical System.
• All actors of the Statistical System contribute to and use indicators. No more silos.
• A national indicator dashboard where all can access thus, when it comes to indicators;
  
  We all know who is doing what and when.
Experience thus far with National SDG Tracker

To engage those in the NSS, a great way is through visuals:
- National SDG Tracker could track Tonga’s progress
- Provide visuals and dashboards of the results

Country Owned

Greatly assist Tonga Statistics Department as no tool in place yet
Thank you

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