Innovations in Meeting the Demand for Development Data

Action Area A. Engaging Users and Investing in Statistics (Fiji)

Tourism Statistics: Opportunities for and Barriers to Growth

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Leaving no one and nowhere behind

2019 Highlights

- Annual Visitor Arrivals - 894,398
- Japan recorded highest % increase – 3 direct flights to Narita weekly
- July arrivals topped the 96,000 mark
- New Zealand arrivals – 205, 99
- USA arrivals - 96, 968
DATA USERS

Information by Region
Data on arrivals by State or Province is critical in formulating successful tourism strategies. Knowing who is coming to your area, why they are coming and what they are doing upon arrival

A snapshot of visitors from a region
Example, Fiji has recorded the highest number of visitors for the month of July for years 2018 & 2019

Planners using arrival by State data will have detailed information to suit the need of a visitor in terms of:

- Tourism related expenditure
- Accommodation
- Market share
- Transport
- Other related activities – Eco Tourism etc....
International Markets
Visitors from different regions/states travel in different ways.

A region may experience high levels of visitation from a particular state, or you may be looking to attract visitors from a particular international source market.

In either case, understanding how these visitors travel and what they like to do is crucial.

Continuous data compilation on arrivals by state or province provides a benchmark going back several years to help identify visitor trends over time – USERS OF VA’S DATA DEPEND ON FBOS TO PROVIDE THIS.
Figure 1 below is a graphical representation of Visitor Arrivals by Country for the year 2019 and 2018 – FBOS Website
Source: Fiji Bureau of Statistics
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<td>Complement each other- used for coding reason for visit</td>
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<td>7. Arrival country code</td>
<td>Identifies residency information - linked to permanent address of visitor [15]</td>
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<td>Arrival by State or Province - data users Tourism Fiji &amp; Min. of Tourism</td>
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<td>Confirms address of visitor - thus confirming the Arrival Country Code</td>
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<td>17. Expected date of departure</td>
<td>Used to calculate the average length of stay for visitors</td>
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<td>18. Address in Fiji</td>
<td>Preffered destination for visitors</td>
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<td>19.*Country of usual residence – added from March 2018</td>
<td>Used as a counter check to confirm visitor addresses</td>
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• Problems
• Recording of Data at the Border

I. Partial understanding

II. Inconsistent data
Visitor Arrivals Data

Collection Strategies

Administrative Registers

Population Register, Register of Foreigners

Border Control Statistics

Visas, Resident Permits, Work Permits

Household based surveys

Population Census, HIES, LFS
Review several options to add extra reason for visit on the current arrival card.

Different data sources are needed for complete picture.

Visitor arrivals data – very critical component of the economy.

Statistics produced to be relevant to the Statistics Act, not just for the sake of statistics.

Terminology...

Measures & Methods

Policy Requirements

Data Sources