Overview of progress in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and the SAMOA Pathway (SPC and PIFS), Pacific Forum for Sustainable Development

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Outline

1. Pacific context & approach to implementing & measuring sustainable development
2. Where we are in developing indicators
3. Good practices on SDGs monitoring, data collection and reporting
4. Key challenges & next steps
5. Sectors requiring most data-related support from the UN system
Our Narrative

THE BLUE PACIFIC
Our Shared Value

GEOPOLITICAL
GEO-STRATEGIC
ECOLOGICAL SYSTEMS AND SERVICES
GEO-ECONOMIC
CULTURAL
NATURAL RESOURCES
Complexity of Planning, Implementation & Reporting at country level

- Small Administrations
- Limited capacities
- Limited resources
- Limited data/information
- Lack of coordination
- Numerous frameworks and commitments

Overworked Government Officials
Political commitment to integrated implementation & reporting

2015 – committed to SDGs, called for integrated implementation & reporting on global & regional sustainable development commitments

2017 – endorsed the *Pacific Roadmap for sustainable Development*

Endorsed the Blue Pacific Narrative

2018 – endorsed the 1st *Quadrennial Pacific Sustainable Development Report*

- Contextualise
- Integrate implementation & reporting
- Reduce reporting
THE PACIFIC ROADMAP FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

LEADERSHIP & COORDINATION
Establishing/strengthening national & regional leadership & coordination mechanisms for sustainable development (National Plans/SDGs/SAMOA Pathway/FPR) implementation & monitoring

ADVOCACY & COMMUNICATIONS on the Pacific Roadmap for Sustainable Development and on SDGs/SAMOA Pathway and FPR at all levels across Pacific countries engaging all stakeholders

REGIONAL PRIORITIES, MONITORING & INDICATORS
Regional Priorities established and monitored regionally through Initial Regional set of Sustainable Development Indicators

INTEGRATED REPORTING
Integrated regional Process of Follow up and Review for SDGs/SAMOA Pathway/FPR & PLGED through the 4 yearly Pacific Sustainable Development Report

SUPPORTING IMPLEMENTATION
Coordinated regional support to countries to assess/map the Means of Implementation, tailor SDGs targets/indicators in national development plans/budgets, strengthen national statistical systems & help deliver & report on SDGs/SAMOA Pathway/FPR

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2014
2015
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2030

2030 Agenda
Addis Ababa Action Agenda
Sendai Framework
Paris Agreement

2019
1st Pacific SDR
2015 High Level Political Forum
UN Climate Action Summit
Addis Ababa Action Agenda HLM
SAMOA Pathway High Level Review
PNG
RMI
Samoa
Tuvalu
Solomon Islands
VNRs

2019
2nd Pacific SDR

2019
3rd Pacific SDR

2019
4th PACIFIC SDR

Voluntary National Reviews (VNRs) aligned to National plan reviews & consider peer review

Pacific Sustainable Development Report every 4 years to inform the GAHLPF

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Purpose

1. Inform Leaders on regional progress & issues and influence decisions on Pacific priorities and resource allocation
2. Pacific regional report for the Asia Pacific SDGs Report & the Global Sustainable Report (every 4 years) for the High Level Political Forum at the UNGA (Sept 2019)

Main Audiences

1. Pacific Leaders (every 4 years)
2. FEMM – Annual update and biennial report
3. Government Ministers, Officials and development partners (including regional and UN organisations)
4. Pacific Public
5. Regional and global audience
VNR Reporting by the Pacific

2016
Samoa
Kiribati
Australia

2018
Fiji
Nauru
New Zealand
Palau
Tonga
Vanuatu

2019
FSM
PNG
Solomon Islands
Samoa (2nd report)

2020
Regional priorities monitoring and indicators

- The region will focus on three key types of Pacific priorities:
  - **Regional transboundary issues of climate change (and disaster risk management) and oceans (including integrated oceans management).**
  - **Unfinished business of MDGs & common priority issues at country level—NCDs and cervical cancer; improving connectivity; empowering women, girls and people with disabilities; reducing inequality and improving quality of education.**
  - **Means of Implementation; SDG 16 and 17; Effective institutions and partnerships for the 2030 Agenda**

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Total: 241 | 132 | 55%
Which sectors require most data-related support from the UN system?

What can we measure now?

- Environment (SDG12, 13,14)
- Peace, Justice & Strong Institutions
- Gender Equality
- Education
Challenges

Regional Level
• Only one-half of PSDI can be measured
• Lack of disaggregation of data across countries
• Silo approach to statistical capacity building

National / country level
• Average less than 50% of national indicators can be measured
• Lack of disaggregation
• Limited capacities and poor funding for national statistics offices and statistical systems
• Lack of integration of national statistical systems
• Lack of demand for and capacities for analysis of data
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https://pacificdata.org/content/17-goals-transform-pacific
Prepared collectively by the Pacific region


Pacific countries consulted 3x

- February 2018 to collect and endorse country datasets
- June 2018 at the Tonga meeting on SAMOA Pathway MTR
- June 2018 via PIFS Circular

- **Country Data sets** - compiled by SPC using available data including from other data sources – multilateral banks, SPREP, FFA, UN agencies. Some countries added data/information – others did not.

- **19 Regional Sustainable Development Briefs** – developed jointly by CROP and UN agencies to help support the drafting of the regional report.

- **Other global and regional datasets and publications** World Bank, IMF, ADB, FFA, SPREP, PIFS, ESCAP, UNDP, WHO, FAO etc
Cost of natural disaster to GDP: Fiji 30% and Vanuatu 64%

Regional progress

Cost of Remittances in Pacific high as 12%
SDG target for Pacific is 3%

Achieved 8% of 10% target for Marine Conservation

The Pacific is making good progress towards achieving marine life protection

NCDs ARE AT CRISIS LEVELS IN THE PACIFIC

70% of deaths in the Pacific are due to NCDs
84% of deaths in two Pacific countries are due to NCDs
Where are we in developing indicators – National level

- Most of the Pacific countries have either mapped or are in the process of mapping the SDGs against National development plans

- Some have integrated SDGs into their National Monitoring processes – Cook Islands, Fiji, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Vanuatu

- Indicators range from 100 to more than 300 in some of the countries

**Tonga National Poverty definition**

- those that experience both low income and are also materially and socially deprived;

- those vulnerable because of deprivation socially perceived necessities (items and activities) that the Tongan majority consider that no-one should go without; and

- those vulnerable because of income measured at the household level and takes into account both monetary (e.g. wages) and non-monetary sources (e.g. self-production).

**New Zealand Living Standards Framework and Indicators Aotearoa NZ**
Goal 1: End poverty in all its forms everywhere

One in Four Pacific Islanders live under their national poverty line
1.1.1 Proportion of population below the **international poverty line**, by sex, age, employment status and geographical location (urban/rural)

1.2.1 Proportion of population living below the **national poverty line**, by sex and age

1.2.2 Proportion of men, women and children of all ages living in **poverty in all its dimensions** according to national definitions

1.3.1 Proportion of population covered by **social protection floors/systems**, by sex, distinguishing children, unemployed persons, older persons, persons with disabilities, pregnant women, newborns, work-injury victims and the poor and the vulnerable

1.4.1 Proportion of population living in households with **access to basic services**
Roadmap for Gender Statistics in the Pacific

Participants discussed SDG localization processes with a gender lens, assessed gender-related SDG data gaps, and identified challenges and opportunities to fill such gaps.

Built on existing work in the region, including the statistical work for reporting on the 2012 Pacific Leaders Gender Equality Declaration, country and regional work plans, and national processes to localize the SDGs.

A Roadmap was created, with the aim of enhancing the production, dissemination and use of gender statistics in Pacific Island Countries.
1. Gender and Environment
2. Women’s Economic Empowerment
3. Violence Against Women

identified as the top thematic priorities for the region.
Pacific country monographs

“the results will inform the development of a successor policy to Samoa’s National Disability Policy 2011–2016”
Good practices at the national level on SDGs monitoring, data collection and reporting

- **SADATA - Samoa through NZ and UN support established a tool – initially to manage and monitor their human rights recommendations and progress – added SDGs and considering adding Aichi and Multi-lateral Environment Agreement indicators**
  
  [https://sadata-production.firebaseapp.com/](https://sadata-production.firebaseapp.com/)

- **Vanuatu**
  - Annual Development Report
  - M&E unit in the PMs office, M&E focal points in all line ministries
  - Vanuatu NSDP baseline/SDGs indicators survey

- **Vanuatu, Tonga and Samoa have developed national databases for their data, information**
Support is needed to:

• The Pacific needs to be better prepared to deal with the interlinked impacts of long-term trends, and deal with the inevitable changes the future will bring.

• A stronger focus on resilience can support these efforts; for example, it will be essential to incorporate a stronger focus on risk and resilience into the region’s strategies for financing development.

• Considering best options for mitigating risk and ensuring resilience in the medium to long term by assisting in building our adaptive capacities and continue to invest in climate adaption for our infrastructure and economies.

• Utilising opportunities in green growth, renewable energy, fisheries, tourism and agriculture.

• Taking advantage of advances on ICT and connectivity enabling more economic opportunities and empowerment.

• Enhance gender equality and opportunities for women, youth, the elderly and persons with disabilities.

• Intensify multisector efforts and financing for addressing the NCDs’ crisis in the Pacific.
WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE

• Continue to help build NATIONAL capacities, systems and institutions for planning, budgeting, public financial and aid management

• Look within the Pacific to find Pacific solutions- Expand and scale up Pacific south south cooperation / peer to peer learning

• Consider using more Pacific businesses and experts in implementation of DEVELOPMENT PARTNER programmes and projects where the expertise and capacity is available

• Increase levels of budget support, reduce fragmentation and deliver more assistance through country systems

• Increasing investment in national statistical systems and disaggregated data
Links to Pacific SDGs Documents


http://sddinnovations.spc.int/sdgs-for-the-pacific/

https://spccfpstore1.blob.core.windows.net/digitallibrary-docs/files/b6/b659a222ff6c5d2637c69302e3120040.pdf?sv=2015-12-11&sr=b&sig=KIroNc%2Fw%2BYqjI5RGRpuAqb7JCo3vA7675V7s%3D&se=2020-02-10T00%3A46%3A09Z&sp=r&rscc=public%2C%20max-age%3D864000%2C%20max-stale%3D864000&rsct=application%2Fpdf&rsct=inline%3B%20filename%3D%22SDGs_in_the_Pacific_Booklet_2018.pdf%22


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