

# SDG Implementation Progress: Palau

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# National Budgeting Process

- Budget Calendar (fiscal year starts in October)
  - March - Annual Performance Reports deadline
  - June – Budget submissions deadline
  - July 13 – Budget Authorization & Appropriation Bill submitted to congress (approval before end of Sept)
  - Sept 28 – Allotments executed

## Current M&E Framework

- **Defining criteria for evaluation**
- Assessment of the relevant, effective and efficiency of an intervention has to be based on certain criteria. The socio-economic results to which an intervention (program or project) contributes are measured by performance indicators.
- The evaluation criteria would comprise establishing desired results and selecting an appropriate set of performance indicators. These two factors assist in determining the extent of success or failure of an intervention and in drawing lessons for design and implementation of future interventions.

# Effectiveness of Current M&E Framework in Meeting National & Global Commitments

- Not effective – for now, can only be evaluated at sector level

# Activities to Assess Alignment of SDGs to National Priorities

- **End Product** – National Core SDG Indicators (128 Indicators) -----> **1<sup>st</sup> National SDG Report**
- **Approach & Set-Up**
  - Selection of global indicators that are relevant, prioritized & “reportable”
  - Validation of selected indicators focused mostly on gov’t and semi-gov’t agencies
  - Ministerial SDG Contact Points main source of info
- **Process**
  - Literature Review to identify nat’l priorities and action plans with indicators
  - Agency consultation re: SDG Core Indicators
  - 2 National SDG Consultations (Feb 2016 & June 2017)
  - Data collection

## At a Glance: Comparison between Palau's Core Indicators & Pacific Sustainable Dev Indicators (PSDI)

<b>Palau Core Indicators</b>	<b>PSDI</b>	<b>Shared</b>	<b>With Data</b>
127	132	90	44

## Progress to date

- 128 Core SDG Indicators identified to feed into 1<sup>st</sup> National SDG Report (Baseline Report)
- Data collection not successful – only 17 indicators were submitted
  - Reasons for limited data submission:
    1. Data is simply not available or not as readily available as originally perceived
    2. Current set-up is inadequate – Ministerial Contact Points not enough
- 1<sup>st</sup> National SDG Report not done yet – just a progress report
- Appears that 1<sup>st</sup> National SDG Report will rely on completion of the VNR