

Workshop to support Pacific VNR reporting in 2019  
Indicator Development and its links to Planning/Budget processes

# Session 3.3: Progress of national indicator development

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# Overview of Presentation

1. What is EPIC – what is it trying to achieve?
2. Why have we developed a tool to go down this path?
3. Progress thus far with the tool (Samoa experience)
4. Future work planned



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# What is EPIC?

- EPIC stands for Every Policy Is Conected
- Tool objective – to assist countries better identify indicators which best track progress against key issues as addressed in national planning documents

## What we don't do

Suggest changes to the key issues in the policy/planning document



## What we do

Given the key issues raised in the policy/planning document, review indicators which can best help track progress against them



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# What is EPIC?

EPIC is carried out in two stages:

## Stage 1

- Closely scrutinize national and sector plans to identify all key issues which require action
- Review what indicators have been suggested to track progress against these issues
  - Could be an indicator in the M&E framework of the plan itself
  - Could be an indicator in another national M&E framework

## Stage 2

- Consult global and regional initiatives with indicator frameworks such as the SDGs
  - Does an indicator exist in these frameworks which could suitably assist with tracking progress against the key issues discussed in the plan



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# What is EPIC?

Along the process we are assessing how well the indicators monitor progress of the issues identified, and flagging deficiencies for further review by sector specialists

- No indicator available
- Indicator suggested, but not considered the most appropriate
- Indicator needs further clarification on disaggregation requirements

END product – if applied across all sectors

- Want to see a one-stop-shop of national indicators for NSOs to focus us when conducting surveys and guiding line ministries in how their administrative data can assist with the production of official statistics



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# Why are we going down this path?

## TYPSS Phase III – Objective 2

*“PICTs are producing the agreed core set of statistics across key sectors, economics, population, CRVS, education and health, as required by their national plans and agreed upon regional and international reporting frameworks, with timely analysis and dissemination of results to national users”*

### Key challenge

- Lack of clarity around the ‘agreed core set of statistics’ for the Pacific and linkages to the NMDIs and SDGs. Many data gaps remain in NMDIs. Few PICTs have clearly defined national core sets

Objective 1: PICTs have technical capacity to manage stats work

Objective 3: PICTs have a statistics strategic plan in place



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# Why are we going down this path?

Goal 17. Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development

## *Policy and Institutional Coherence*

17.15 Respect each country's policy space and leadership to establish and implement policies for poverty eradication and sustainable development

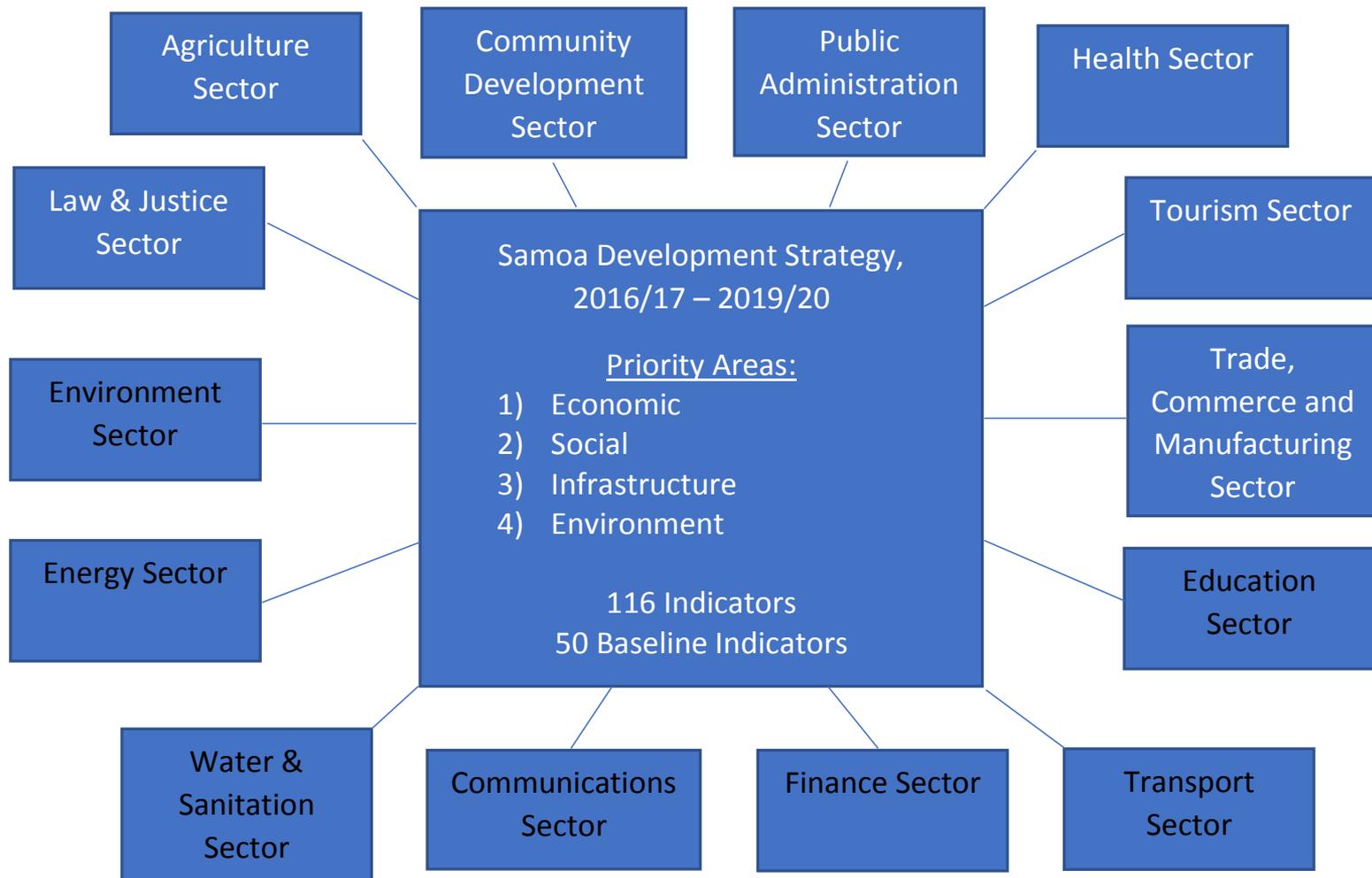
17.15.1 Extent of use of country-owned results frameworks and planning tools by providers of development cooperation



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# Progress thus far – Samoa Experience



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# Progress thus far – Samoa experience

Some of the key findings from this exercise are as follows:

- Policies and Plans appear to have very clear narratives:
  - Identify key issues well
  - Constructive suggestions for addressing them
- Not all key issues are addressed in the M&E Frameworks of plans, and thus don't have indicators to track their progress
- Many of the indicators are too output focused, instead of having a more outcome focus (something the SDGs are strong at)
  - What is meant there:
    - Rather than having indicators like “upgrade a road” or “extend the road”
    - Focus more on the why “Traffic move more smoothly” or “Less traffic accidents or fatalities”



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# Progress thus far – Samoa experience

- Sector plans not aligning very well with national plans
  - Acknowledge that the time lines of plans don't always align, but would expect a little more overlap
- Not too much alignment with SDGs from an indicator perspective
  - Not surprising given there's thousands of indicators to choose from
  - But if you want your national indicator framework to also help report against regional/global frameworks, it's worth encouraging the adoption of things like SDG indicators where relevant
  - Sectors in Samoa are all reviewing this aspect of their sector plans
- Disaggregation requirements are often overlooked, especially the indicators
  - Big push by the 2030 Agenda to leave no-one behind



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# Why do we need a National Sustainable Development Indicator Set?

## A) It clearly specifies all key indicator requirements for your country (National and each Sector)

- From a survey perspective, it can:
  - Guide us on what surveys need to be conducted in your country
  - What information should be collected in these surveys
  - How frequently these surveys should be run
- From an administrative data perspective, it can:
  - Guide us on what information can be collected in these systems to support indicator needs



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# Why do we need a National Sustainable Development Indicator Set?

B) It can guide us on the development needs of statistics in your country

## **National Strategy for the Development of Statistics (NSDS)**

- SDG 17.18.3

C) Assist your country to guide development partners on areas of support required for statistics

- What is missing?
- What is outdated?

D) Assist in meeting all your countries Global and Regional Reporting Requirements (including SDGs)

- How? Align all indicators to these frameworks



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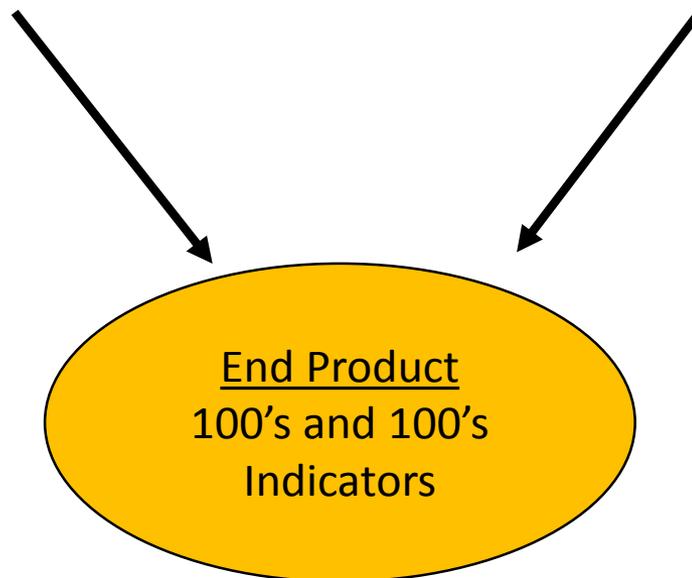
# What an NSDIS might look like

## Nationally Generated Indicators

- Indicators from NDP
- Indicators from Sector Plans
- Indicators from Sector Policies/Sector Strategies/Agency Corporate Plans

## Global & Regional Indicators

- SDGs
- Other Global/Regional initiatives
- Pacific generated indicator frameworks



End Product  
100's and 100's  
Indicators



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# Creating a Two-tier indicator system

## Tier 1 (the main NSDIS)

- Key indicators which tell the best story of development in your country
  - Indicators which are required for global/regional reporting
  - All other key sector indicators

## Tier 2

- All other indicators identified in the NDP and Sector work



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# What an NSDIS might look like

Key Sector Indicators  
(focus on outcomes)



## Tier 1: Indicators to be included in the NSDIS

Sector 1	Sector 2	Sector 3	Sector 4	Sector 5	Sector 6	Sector 7	Sector 8	Sector 9	Sector 10	Sector 11	Sector 12	Sector 13	Sector 14
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## Tier 2: Additional indicators for each sector

Sector 1	Sector 2	Sector 3	Sector 4	Sector 5	Sector 6	Sector 7	Sector 8	Sector 9	Sector 10	Sector 11	Sector 12	Sector 13	Sector 14
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All other relevant sector indicators



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# Moving forward

ESCAP are looking to develop an IT application to improve the EPIC tool's functionality and make it more user friendly

The project is thus planned to take place over three phases, as follows:

- Phase 1: Development of the new IT application of the EPIC tool
- Phase 2: Pilot test the new IT application of the EPIC tool in four member States (2 from the Pacific, and 2 from Asia). The testing would be supported by two missions per pilot country:
  - Mission 1) Apply EPIC tool in the new IT application
  - Mission 2) Finalize the indicators agreed upon for all key issues, including draft meta-data documentation
- Phase 3: Based on outcomes of the pilot tests, finalize the new IT application of the EPIC tool for further use around the Asia-Pacific region

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