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Extensive support has been provided to countries for enhancing capacity of staff and developing EMIS in few Pacific Island Countries. The regional EMIS team enhanced capacity of the MoE in establishing and operationalization of EMIS in the country. Since 2015, a series of statistical capacity building workshops were organized through support from the Pacific Community (SPC) to train statisticians and EMIS staff of the MoE and their senior management on use of education indicators for planning and decision-making.

As part of strengthening their statistical literacy, SPC-EMIS team has undertaken several activities in the past years. Training attachments were conducted to train countries statisticians as well as their directors on how to develop a good statistical report/digest using data from EMIS.

Few countries have received technical assistance from the regional EMIS project to provide technical support in compiling their annual statistical digest since last year. These countries are Vanuatu, Tuvalu and Solomon Islands. The Vanuatu digest has been one of the greatest document been developed in consultation with the Ministry's top management insights and comments and it has a link with the MOET Strategic goals of the Corporate Plan. The Vanuatu 2015 Statistical digest covers a large series of data from preschool up to tertiary education.

The second Annual statistical Digest is the one for Tuvalu. The regional EMIS team in partnership with UNICEF were able to provide technical support to the MEYS in Tuvalu to compile their 2015 annual statistical digest. The digest has been developed based on a agreed set of indicators been endorsed by the director of the MoE and Youth and Sports in 2015. The set of the indicators were agreed upon during a national workshop in Tuvalu in January 2016.

Most of the education data and indicators were produced using the countries EMIS.

Solomon Island is another country where the regional EMIS team was able to provide its technical support in compiling their 2014 Performance Assessment Report (PAR). Once again, the indicators were generated from the Solomon Islands Education information system. The EMIS team was heavily trained on several occasions and on how to develop their PAR report since last year. The expected results of these training is to enable the SIEMIS team in Solomon Islands to take ownerships in compiling the 2016 PAR next year.



Recently the regional EMIS team was able to run a week training for the SIEMIS team to compile the 2015 PAR. This training was a success and the team was able to compile a first draft of this report in the second week of November 2016. This report is intended to be published in January 2017.

Other countries such as Samoa and Cook Island have been able to produce their 2016 Annual Statistical Digest this year as well. A high credit is given to these two island countries for being able to publish their 2016 annual statistical digest this year.

Sub-Regional workshop on International Merchandise Trade Statistics (IMTS) and Export and Import Unit Value Price Indices (XMUVI) - Tamuning, Guam, 21–25 November 2016



Sub-Regional Workshop Team

A Sub-regional workshop on IMTS Compilation and XMUVI was conducted by SPC in Tamuning, Guam from 21 – 25 November 2016. It brought together trade compilers and a few customs officials from SPCs North Pacific member countries, including Nauru to address areas of mutual interest in order to be able to produce more reliable and timely trade statistics.

Trade statistics and export and import price indices are – especially in small open economies – vital components of the official statistics framework and

are extensively used by decision and policy makers at the national and international level. Amongst others, IMTS and XMPIs are used for:

- Negotiation of bilateral and multilateral trade negotiations;
- Analysing sources of inflationary pressure and terms of trade analysis;
- Defining and implementing macroeconomic and monetary policies;
- Analysis of food security and availability.
- Furthermore, the commercial sector uses IMTS and XMPIs for conducting market research and to develop business strategies.

The workshop's aim is in line with the goals of the Ten Year Pacific Statistics Strategy and seeks to further harmonise the definitions, methods and classifications used in the Pacific. Furthermore, it represented a follow-up to the 2012 IMTS workshop and was used to assess progress made by the countries and to introduce and start work on the compilation of export and import unit value indices.

SPC would like to thank the attendants for their participations and their contributions to making the workshop a success.



Education Taskforce Workshop Group

Education Taskforce Workshop – Chuuk, FSM, 12–16 December 2016

In December 2016, the National Education Department in FSM has conducted a week training called “Taskforce Workshop” in Partnership with the technical support from the Secretariat of the Pacific Community and PACTAM. The objective of this workshop is to review the JEMCO 22 education Indicators. This workshop is

a follow-up of the previous taskforce workshop been held in 2012.

There are 20 participant altogether who attended the workshop, they came from the four states of FSM. The participants are mainly the national department of education staff. They were able to discuss and align the 22 JEMCO indicators to the regional and international goals. They were also able to learn more on concepts

and definitions of the global education indicators. After this session, the participants went through some basic exercise to learn how to calculate and interpret themselves few of these indicators.

It is also important to mention that FSMED has developed a draft policy on Education Data Management with the technical support of PACTAM in 2016. This draft policy has been developed in order to provide a framework that will facilitate effective, efficient, accurate and timely data collection from all public and private schools.

Another session of this workshop was the training on data analysis and interpretation. The participants were able to hands on some basic calculation of the few indicators. It was a very interesting session for them, they were able to use their own data to calculate some of the indicators.

The final input of this workshop was focused on data collection process and data validation. These two components of the training have been brought forward to remind all the participants that data collection requires effective processes and good resource support.

In general, this workshop has achieved its expected outcomes although that it happened at in December 2016:

- A revised list of FSMED indicators has been developed and awaited for NDOE's endorsement.
- Training on data analysis and interpretation was done, excel workbooks were prepared and shared with the participants
- The draft policy on Education Data management has been amended and will be brought forward to the National Department for endorsement.
- An action plan has been developed as a way forward after the workshop. The same action plan is yet to be endorsed by the national department of Education.

Upcoming events



10th SPC Heads of Fisheries Meeting – Pacific Strategic Plan for Agriculture

and Fisheries Statistics – Noumea, New Caledonia

Around the Region



Asia Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development (APFSD) 2017 – Bangkok (Krung Thep), Thailand

Work on-the-go

Demographic and Health Surveys (DHS)

- Solomon Islands – Report scheduled for completion by the end of February 2017.

Education Management Information System (EMIS)

- Solomon Islands – 2015 Performance Assessment Report; data collection and cleaning; report to be released by early march.

Household Income and Expenditure Survey (HIES)

- Cook Islands – Enumeration complete and data being compiled for phase 1 of cleaning.
- Kiribati – Computer Assisted Personal Interview (CAPI) HIES scheduled to begin October 2017.
- Marshall Islands – First Pacific CAPI HIES scheduled to begin mid-2017 (collaboration with World Bank and ADB).
- Niue – Enumeration and phase 1 cleaning completed; data processing underway.
- Tokelau – First HIES completed and survey report to be officially released soon.
- Tonga – Data being compiled for release and reporting.
- Tuvalu – Enumeration completed and data being compiled for phase 1 of cleaning.

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'EMIS team running a workshop to compile Performance Assessment Report'