

FY21 PFTAC Work Plan - May 2020 to April 2021: Solomon Islands

TA Area	Objective	Country	Outcome Targeted	Activity	May 2020 - April 2021 (in person-days)			Number of Missions/ Activities	Updated Post COVID Inputs at Jul 31, 2020 (person-days - changes in red)			Number of Missions/ Activities	Updated Inputs at Jan 31, 2021 (person-days - changes in red)			Number of Missions/ Activities	Updated Inputs at Apr 30, 2021 (person-days - changes in red)			Number of Missions/ Activities	% delivered	Delivery Status	COVID Status	Milestones	Comments	Planned Date	Experts	
					PFTAC resident advisors	ST experts	Total		PFTAC resident advisors	ST experts	Total		PFTAC resident advisors	ST experts	Total		PFTAC resident advisors	ST experts	Total									
Financial Sector Supervision	1. Develop and strengthen banking regulations in line with international standards	Solomon Islands	1.1 Supervisors and regulations require banks to apply sound policies and processes to identify, measure, monitor and control their financial risks on a timely basis and assess their capital adequacy in relation to their risk profile	SFEP - Regulatory Framework - Prudential Standards - Assist CBSI with industry and stakeholder consultation for new suite of prudential standards	5	-	5	1	5	5	10	1	3	3	6	1	3	5	8	1	100%	Dec 7 - 11, 2020 (remote)	2 - Indirectly COVID Related	Applicable guidelines and regulations drafted	Continuation of the SFEP - regulatory component of project		Kumar/ De Bie	
			1.2 Supervisors and regulations require banks to have robust governance policies and processes covering among others effective board and senior management oversight and sound control environment.																									
	2. To implement a risk-based supervision (RBS) system and upgrade other supervisory processes	Solomon Islands	2.4 Strengthened institutional structure and operational procedures for RBS implementation	SFEP - Assistance in developing a financial analysis process that effectively identifies risk	5	-	5	1	5	-	5	1	5	-	5	1	5	5	10	1	100%	Apr 26 - May 22, 2021 (remote)	2 - Indirectly COVID Related	Revised Reporting templates are developed	Continuation of SFEP		Kumar/ Jones	
				SFEP - Finalize off-site financial risk analysis reform	5	-	5	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%	FY22		Detailed Quarterly Financial Risk Report embedded			
Government Finance Statistics	1. Strengthened macroeconomic and financial statistics compilation and dissemination for decision making; compilation methodologies in line with international standards for GFS	Solomon Islands	1.9 Data are compiled and disseminated using appropriate statistical techniques, including to deal with data sources, and/or assessment and validation of intermediate data and statistical outputs.	Refine compilation techniques for using various administrative data sources to reduce statistical discrepancies	12	-	12	1	12	-	12	1	-	12	12	1	-	12	12	1	100%	Feb 22 - Mar 5, 2021 (remote)	3 - Moderately COVID Related	Establish work group between MOF, CBSI and National Statistics Office (NSO) to resolve discrepancies Complete integration of adjustments of "subventions and grants" for BCG, and for financial flow data and submit revised annual GFS time series to IMF database	GFS for general government operations are compiled and disseminated on an annual basis.	Sep, 2020	Jablonska	
			1.12 Higher frequency data has been compiled and disseminated internally and/or to the public.	Compile, review and disseminate data to the IMF Statistics Department.																								
Real Sector Statistics	1. Strengthen compilation and dissemination of data on macroeconomic and financial statistics for decision making according to the relevant internationally accepted statistical standards, including developing/improving statistical infrastructure, source data, serviceability and/or metadata.	Solomon Islands	1.10 Source data are adequate for the compilation of the national accounts	Assessing the quality and improving latest business survey data and continue rebase	-	16	16	1	6	-	6	1	6	-	6	1	6	-	6	1	100%	Jun 8 - 13, 2020 (remote)	1 - Not COVID Related	Finalize and publish rebased 2018 GDP estimates.		Mar, 2020	Scheiblecker	
			1.12 Higher frequency data have been compiled and/or disseminated internally and/or to the public	Implementing experimental Quarterly National Accounts data					12	-	12	1	12	-	12	1	5	-	5	1	100%	Dec 18 - 29, 2020 (remote)	4 - Predominantly COVID Related				Scheiblecker	
			1.4 Data are compiled using the concepts and definitions of the latest manual/guide	Rebasing Annual National Accounts (ANA)					-	16	16	1	10	-	10	1	12	-	12	1	100%	Mar 8 - 19, 2021 (remote)	4 - Predominantly COVID Related				Scheiblecker	
Macroeconomic Programming and Analysis	Well functioning macroeconomic policy and institutions: improved macroeconomic policy advice to government	Solomon Islands	1. Timely, high quality macroeconomic monitoring, analysis and research available for policymaking.	Inflation Forecast Modelling					15	-	15	1	15	-	15	1	15	-	15	1	100%	Jul 9 - Aug 31, 2020 (remote)	2 - Indirectly COVID Related				Beaumont	
				Inflation Forecast Modelling - follow-up																			0%	Cancelled				Beaumont
			4. Strong institutional structures for macroeconomic policymaking.	Establish and support an interagency macroeconomics working group.	5	24	29	3	10	-	10	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%	Shift to FY22		(1) The Ministry of Finance and Treasury's Solomon Islands Macroeconomic Model (SIMEM) continues to be used in budget preparations (Dec. 20). (2) Expenditure forecasting by ministries continues to be developed (Apr. 22). (3) The Central Bank of Solomon Islands' macroeconomic programming framework continues to be used in monetary policy settings (Apr. 21). (4) The frameworks are used to undertake sustainability analysis of policy scenarios (Apr. 21). (5) The compilation of key macroeconomic statistics is supported by users and source data providers (Apr. 21). (6) All relevant macroeconomic policy entities meet at least quarterly to discuss the country's economic and fiscal outlook (Apr. 21). (7) Policy proposals are consulted on (Apr. 23).	Support of the working group will be supplemented by assistance from the PFM program, the Institute for Capacity Development, and the Singapore Regional Training Institute.		Beaumont/ STX	
Public Financial Management	4. Improve coverage and quality of fiscal reporting	Solomon Islands	4.2 Comprehensiveness, frequency, and quality of fiscal reporting is enhanced	Financial statement reforms	12	-	12	1	12	-	12	1	-	10	10	1	-	-	-	-	0%	Cancelled		Adopt a plan to comply with IPSAS cash following PFTAC review draft financial statements.	Subsequent mission to follow in FY22		Cavanagh	
Revenue Administration	1. Strengthened revenue administration management and governance arrangements	Solomon Islands	1.8.1 Effective implementation of a new tax or modernized legislation	Assist with implementation of VAT	-	16	16	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%	Shift to FY22		Implementation strategies and plans for VAT finalized by 12/31/20.	A decision to implement a VAT has been made with a request from the authorities to support implementation.	Sep 7 - 18, 2020/ Dec 7 - 18, 2020	Expert	
			1.1.2. Capacity for reform increased due to clear reform strategy and a strategic management framework adopted and institutionalized	Facilitate design of MTRS	-	36	36	1	-	36	36	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%	Shift to FY22		Design and implementation of an MTRS by 6/30/2020.	The authorities have requested assistance in the design of an MTRS.	43983	HQ/ STX
				Workshop on MTRS Concepts and Gap																			0%	Shift to FY22			Additional remote mission requested by HQ	Jenkins/ Koukpaian
			1.5.2 Corporate priorities are better managed through effective risk management	Enhancing the compliance improvement strategy	-	16	16	1	-	12	12	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%	Shift to FY22		An effective CIS facilitating high levels of compliance implemented by 4/30/21.	PFTAC has assisted Fiji in the development of a CIS approach now in its third year. A review will be carried out to measure its effectiveness and suggestions for its further improvement.	Nov 16 - 27, 2020	Home
			1.2.2 Organizational arrangements enable more effective delivery of strategy and reforms	Establish large taxpayer office and functional structure	-	16	16	1	-	12	12	1	-	12	12	1	-	12	12	1	100%	Aug 31 - Sep 11, 2020 (remote)	2 - Indirectly COVID Related	Large taxpayer office established by 4/31/22	Authorities have requested assistance in the design and establishment of large taxpayer office as part of the reforms	May 4 - 15, 2020	Shrosbree	
		Facilitating the Implementation of LTO and Technical Training																			100%	Apr 15 - 26, 2021 (remote)	2 - Indirectly COVID Related				Shrosbree	
	Facilitating the Design of New Job Descriptions for a Function based Structure																			100%	Mar 18 - 29, 2021 (remote)	2 - Indirectly COVID Related				Shrosbree		
	2. Strengthened core functions evidenced by an accurate taxpayer base, taxpayer services supporting voluntary compliance, improvements in filing, payment and audit activities		2.5.1 Audit and other verification programs more effectively ensure accuracy of reporting	Strengthen tax audit function	-	16	16	1	-	12	12	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%	Shift to FY22		The audit function operating at improved efficiency levels by 31/12/2020 and measured against TADAT dimensions.	The authorities have requested TA to assist in building audit function and capability.	Jul 6 - 17, 2020	Sutherland	
TOTAL					44	150	194	15																				

Updated Post COVID-FY21 Workplan:	90	101	191	16
Delivered by Jul 31:	21	0	21	2
Percentage of Revised Plan:	23%	0%	11%	13%

Updated Workplan at Jan 31:	61	54	115	13
Delivered by Jan 31:	30	20	50	6
Percentage of Revised Plan:	49%	37%	43%	42%

Final Outturn at April 30:	46	63	109	11
Percentage of Jan 2021 Revised Plan:	75%	117%	95%	85%
Percentage of Jul 2020 Revised Plan:	51%	62%	57%	69%
Percentage of Original Plan:	105%	42%	56%	73%