

FY23 Work Plan - May 2022 to April 2023: Government Finance Statistics (GFS)

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					PFTAC resident advisors	ST experts	Total					
Government Finance Statistics	Strengthen compilation and dissemination of fiscal statistics	Cook Islands	Data are compiled and disseminated using appropriate statistical techniques, including dealing 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.	-	15	15	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cook Islands National Statistics Office and Crown Accounts should work with departments to resolve discrepancies for the flows recorded in the accounting system and the asset registers. Investigate solutions to further improve the new CoA with more granular coding to be able to bridge data to the GFSM 2014 economic and functional codes. 	GFS compilation for the GG is automated and maintained through the new CoA and financial management information system.	Aug 22 - Sep 2, 2022 (in-country)	STX
			Higher frequency data has been compiled and disseminated internally and/or to the public.	General Government (GG) coverage and statistical discrepancies.				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Compile and disseminate general government debt data in the World Bank quarterly public sector debt statistics template for publication. Compile and disseminate public sector debt data quarterly with the World Bank. Compile and disseminate GG GFS for FY2021. 	Address General Government (GG) coverage and statistical discrepancies. Encourage submission of GG debt data to the World Bank Quarterly Public Sector Debt Database (QPSD).			
	Fiji	Improved periodicity, timelines and consistency of data.	Improve GG compilation, accuracy and timeliness. Data is prepared with minimum statistical discrepancies.		12	8	20	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Convert the State of the Nations Report with GFS level 2-3 data for BCG in the Government Finance Statistics Manual 2014 format for quarterly submission for International Financial Statistics. Compile and disseminate consolidated general government annual data. Share general government debt data in the World Bank quarterly public sector debt statistics template for publication. Compile and disseminate public sector debt data quarterly with the World Bank. Compile and disseminate annual BCG FY 2007-2009. Compile and disseminate annual data for BCG FY2021 	GFS for general government operations are compiled and disseminated on an annual basis.	Jul 25 - 29, 2022 (in-country)/ Apr 17 - 28, 2023 (in-country)	Temes/ LTX
		Source data are adequate for the compilation of these macroeconomic statistics.	Source data provide sufficient detail to allow consolidation of GFS for the various levels of the general government (or public) sector.					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Investigate the detail and reconcile grants / transfers between levels of gov. Identify, reconcile, and validate the loan transactions between general government units and its associated interest expense / revenue cost for elimination. Estimate incomplete transactions for local government data breaks preparing data for consolidation. 	Further investigate GG consolidation issues.			
		Improved metadata accessibility.	Develop and maintain processes for regularly updating metadata and business process documentation.						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update metadata to cover GFSM 2014 methodology and reconciling items to MOE source data. Explaining key differences like Other Economic Flows and Memorandum items. 	Enhanced metadata and compilation guidelines are produced and disseminated.		
	FSM	Higher frequency data has been compiled and disseminated internally and/or to the public.	Compile public sector debt statistics.		8	-	8	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Investigate and resolve statistical discrepancies enabling the compilation and dissemination of quarterly BCG GFS. Compile and disseminate consolidated general government annual data. Compile and disseminate general government debt data in the World Bank quarterly public sector debt statistics template for publication. Compile and disseminate public sector debt data quarterly with the World Bank. Compile and disseminate BCG&SG FY2021. 	Encourage PSDS compilation and dissemination to the World Bank Quarterly Public Sector Debt Database (QPSD).	Jan 23 - 27, 2023 (in-country)	LTX
		Source data are adequate for the compilation of these macroeconomic statistics.	Source data provide sufficient detail to allow consolidation of GFS for the various levels of the general government (or public) sector.					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Investigate the detail and reconcile grants / transfers between levels of government. Identify, reconcile and validate the loan transactions between general government units and its associated interest expense / revenue cost for elimination. Ensure that foreign grants received by the BCG are properly classified and reported in the new FMS. Automate GFS economic and functional codes in the new CoA. 	Further investigate GG consolidation issues.			
	Kiribati	Higher frequency data has been compiled and disseminated internally and/or to the public.	Expand coverage to public nonfinancial corporations and for public sector debt statistics (PSDS).		-	15	15	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Compile and disseminate annual general government FY2021. Compile and disseminate general government debt data in the World Bank quarterly public sector debt statistics template for publication. Compile and disseminate public sector debt data quarterly with the World Bank. 	Encourage PSDS compilation and dissemination to the World Bank Quarterly Public Sector Debt Database (QPSD).	Jan 23 - Feb 3, 2023 (in-country)	Tillman-Zorn
		Business processes documentation for compilation and dissemination of macroeconomic and financial statistics is stored, accessed and regularly updated.	Update business process documentation to account for changes in procedures and source data.						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adequate business processes documentation exists, is well stored, accessible, and regularly updated to enable the compiling/disseminating statistical agency to sustain good statistical practices. 	Enhanced metadata and compilation guidelines are produced and disseminated.		
	Nauru	Higher frequency data has been compiled and disseminated internally and/or to the public.	Expand coverage to public nonfinancial corporations and for public sector debt statistics (PSDS).		12	-	12	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Compile and disseminate annual budgetary central government FY2021. 	Address General Government (GG) coverage and statistical discrepancies. Encourage submission of GG debt data to the World Bank Quarterly Public Sector Debt Database (QPSD).	Feb 13 - 24, 2022 (in-country)	LTX
		Data are compiled and disseminated using the coverage and scope of the latest manual/guide.	Expand the coverage to include all public sector units and the associated stocks and flows according to the GFSM 2014.						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Investigate and complete a list of all institutional units covered for GFS. 	Complete the public sector institutional table (PSIT).		
		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.	Update business process documentation to account for changes in procedures and source data.						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Produce basic compilation procedures. 	Enhanced metadata and compilation guidelines are produced and disseminated.		
	Palau	Higher frequency data has been compiled and disseminated internally and/or to the public.	Expand coverage to public nonfinancial corporations and for public sector debt statistics (PSDS).		8	-	8	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Compile and disseminate annual general government FY2021. Compile and disseminate general government debt data in the World Bank quarterly public sector debt statistics template for publication. Compile and disseminate public sector debt data quarterly with the World Bank. 	Encourage PSDS compilation and dissemination to the World Bank Quarterly Public Sector Debt Database (QPSD).	Jan 16 - 20, 2023 (in-country)	LTX
	RMI	Higher frequency data has been compiled and disseminated internally and/or to the public.	Expand coverage to public nonfinancial corporations and for public sector debt statistics (PSDS).		8	-	8	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Compile and disseminate annual general government FY2021. Compile and disseminate general government debt data in the World Bank quarterly public sector debt statistics template for publication. Compile and disseminate public sector debt data quarterly with the World Bank. 	Encourage PSDS compilation and dissemination to the World Bank Quarterly Public Sector Debt Database (QPSD).	Jan 30 - Feb 3, 2022 (in-country)	LTX
Source data are adequate for the compilation of these macroeconomic statistics.		Source data provide sufficient detail to allow consolidation of GFS for the various levels of the general government (or public) sector.						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CoA reform to include the automation of the GFS with GFSM 2014 economic and functional codes. 	Automation will improve overall GFS and PSDS compilation with minimal manual intervention.			
Samoa	Higher frequency data has been compiled and disseminated internally and/or to the public.	Expand coverage to public nonfinancial corporations and for public sector debt statistics (PSDS).		12	-	12	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Compile and disseminate annual GG for FY2021. Compile and disseminate general government debt data in the World Bank quarterly public sector debt statistics template for publication. Compile and disseminate public sector debt data quarterly with the World Bank. Compile and submit balance sheet stocks for the GG and the PS (FY2015-20) Compile a time series of public corporations GFS and PSDS. 	Encourage PSDS compilation and dissemination to the World Bank Quarterly Public Sector Debt Database (QPSD).	Nov 28 - Dec 9, 2022 (in-country)	LTX/De La Beer	
	Source data are adequate for the compilation of these macroeconomic statistics.	Source data provide sufficient detail to allow consolidation of GFS for the various levels of the general government (or public) sector.						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Statistical discrepancies and other potential indicators of problems in statistical outputs (in particular to the financial balance sheet) are investigated. Refine the process and resolve statistical discrepancies derived from using source data. 	Discrepancies in the balance sheet should be reconciled and resolved.			

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		Timor-Leste	Higher frequency data has been compiled and disseminated internally and/or to the public.	Refine compilation techniques for using various administrative data sources to reduce statistical discrepancies.				1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compile and disseminate general government (Public Sector) debt data in the World Bank quarterly public sector debt statistics template for publication. • Review quarterly and annual compilation processes to reflect results of cash balance reconciliation. • Resume compilation and dissemination of the quarterly GFS data and fiscal bulletin. • Compile and disseminate annual GG for FY19. • Compile and disseminate annual GG for FY20. • Compile and disseminate annual GG for FY21. 	Address General Government (GG) coverage and statistical discrepancies. Encourage submission of GG debt data to the World Bank Quarterly Public Sector Debt Database (QPSD).	Oct 24 - Nov 4, 2022 (in-country)	STX
			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.	Investigate statistical discrepancies and other potential indicators of problems in statistical outputs.	-	15	15		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update the National Chart of Accounts in ProClarity to facilitate GFS compilation, and resolve discrepancies between ProClarity and the Government Reporting program. • A process be initiated to reconcile currency and deposits in ProClarity to what is reported by the Central Bank of Timor-Leste in its monetary statistics • Finalize institutional sectorization enabling complete coverage for GFS compilation. • Collaborate with the Budget Division to update the budget format, and adopt an international reporting standard (i.e. GFSM2014), and release these on the MoF website. 	Investigate all data sources, in particular between the Government Reporting Program and ProClarity to narrow down inconsistencies and improve data quality.		
			Business processes documentation for compilation and dissemination of macroeconomic and financial statistics is stored, accessed and regularly updated.	Establish business process documentation to inform compilation and dissemination procedures.					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compilation procedures are designed to minimize processing errors, such as coding, editing, and tabulation errors. 	Enhanced metadata and compilation guidelines are produced and disseminated.		
		Tonga	Higher frequency data has been compiled and disseminated internally and/or to the public.	Refine compilation techniques for using various administrative data sources to reduce statistical discrepancies, and expand coverage to include public nonfinancial corporations.				1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compile and disseminate annual BCG for FY20. • Compile and disseminate annual BCG for FY21. • Compile and disseminate annual and quarterly public sector debt data to the World Bank. 	Address General Government (GG) coverage and statistical discrepancies. Encourage submission of GG debt data to the World Bank Quarterly Public Sector Debt Database (QPSD).	Sep 19 - 30, 2022 (in-country)	STX
			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.	Update business process documentation to account for changes in procedures and source data.	-	15	15		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Produce basic compilation procedures. 	Enhanced metadata and compilation guidelines are produced and disseminated.		
		Vanuatu	Higher frequency data has been compiled and disseminated internally and/or to the public.	Refine compilation techniques for using various administrative data sources to reduce statistical discrepancies, and expand coverage to include provincial and local governments.				1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compile and disseminate annual BCG for FY21. • Compile and disseminate general government (Public Sector) debt data to the World Bank. 	Address General Government (GG) coverage and statistical discrepancies. Encourage submission of GG debt data to the World Bank Quarterly Public Sector Debt Database (QPSD).	Mar 20 - 31, 2023 (in-country)	LTX
			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.	Investigate statistical discrepancies and other potential indicators of problems in statistical outputs.	12	-	12		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Produce basic compilation procedures. • A process be initiated to reconcile currency and deposits and other financial balance sheet transactions causing imbalances. • Reconciliation of transactions in the net investment of nonfinancial assets between various source data causing statistical discrepancies. 			
			Business processes documentation for compilation and dissemination of macroeconomic and financial statistics is stored, accessed and regularly updated.	Establish business process documentation to inform compilation and dissemination procedures.					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compilation procedures are designed to minimize processing errors, such as coding, editing, and tabulation errors. 	Enhanced metadata and compilation guidelines are produced and disseminated.		
		Regional	Compilation and dissemination of regionally harmonized/consistent macroeconomic and financial statistics.	GFS and PSDS methodological training, practical workgroup exercises and country data compilation.	7	7	14	1	Workshop delivered and staff trained.	Workshop for PFTAC member countries. Wrap up workshop under Phase V, and continuation and preparation into Phase VI.	Aug 1 - 5, 2022	Temes/ De La Beer/ LTX
	Total Days:					79	75	154	13			