



NEWSLETTER



Agriculture Survey 2015 Report Writing

The Agriculture Survey report writing training was conducted by Jack Colwell the International FAO Consultant, Tapuai Laupua Fiti, the FAO Consultants here in the Country along with Edith Faaola the Assistant Chief Executive Officer of the Economic Statistic Division. The Agriculture Survey 2015 Analytical Report was put together along with the help from members of different division from Ministry Of Agriculture and Fisheries along with members of The Economic Statistic Division and other division (Social Statistic division and Census and Survey Division). The report was divided into six different Chapters:



1. **Agriculture Holdings** - (Toese Uelese, Meipo Lomiga, Legatasia Auvae) ESD
2. **Crops** - Siata Ulu (ESD) Ken Faafo (CSD) Fillagi Toleafoa, Saipele Komiti (MAF)
3. **Livestock's** - Lima Filemu, Unasa Viane Faifuaina (MAF) Masani Enele, Mata'u Tuialii, John Talavou (ESD)
4. **Farm Population** - Jack Colwell (Consultant)
5. **Labour** - Edith Faaola (ACEO ESD) Tapuai Laupua Fiti (Consultant)
6. **Fisheries** - Tavvaga Etimani, Laveaina Loia (ESD) Faigalotu Taamilosaga (SSD) Tuluiga Taito, Soo Iuvale (MAF)

Members of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries were divided among each category that they are specialise with different statistician from the Samoa Bureau of Statistic in able to read statistic information from the agriculture survey data 2015 and other previous years to produce the Agriculture Survey Report 2015.



Public Consultation of Population and Housing Census (PHC) 2016

In preparation for the next Census of Population and Housing (PHC) 2016, the Division of Census, Survey and Demography, held its first Public Consultation on the

12th May 2016 at the TATTE Conference Room. The public consultation aimed at reviewing the draft PHC 2016 list of questions which will be asked to all households in Samoa in November and to collect recommendations and feedbacks that will assist the Census division in finalising of all the data needs which will be presented on the questionnaire.

The public consultation was officially opened with a prayer by Reverend Taumafai Komiti and the welcoming remarks by Government Statistician Afioga Muagututia Sefuiva Reupena while the keynote address was delivered by the Associate Minister of the Ministry of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (MPMC), Afioga Peseta Vaifou Tevagaena.

About eighty members from different Government ministries, Corporations and Non-government organisations (NGO's), were able to participate in this important process of the PHC2016.

The Assistant Chief Executive Officer (ACEO) of the Census division, Susuga Aliimuamua Malaefono Tauā Taaloga presented an overview of the new 2016 PHC Questionnaire. Afterwards the participants were divided into 6 groups for review of each section of the questionnaire. The Census staffs facilitated the discussions in each group. At the end of the two hours reviews, all teams presented constructive feedbacks and comments on each section of the questionnaire.

The consultation was officially closed by Aliimuamua Malaefono, expressing gratitude for everyone's participation and contribution which made the Census of 2016 1st public consultation a very successful one.



Upolu Listing & GPS Update 2016

The Census, Survey and Demography division successfully completed its final 10 weeks of listing and GPS update for all villages in Upolu on the 8th of May 2016. The huge task had been carried out by three teams of six persons led by Taiaopo Faumuina, Junior Ah Yen and Lewis Sinclair. Another two weeks of call-backs was again conducted to list about 80 households which were not available during the first 10 weeks of fieldwork. A preliminary count of all households arrived at 31,011.



Pacific Catastrophe Risk Assessment & Financing Initiative (Phase 3 Project).

The PCRAFI is a joint initiative of SPC, WORLD BANK, and ADB with the financial support of the Government of Japan and Global Facility for Disaster Reduction and Recovery, and Technical support from Air Worldwide, NZ GNS Science, Geo-science Australia, Pacific Disaster Centre (PDC), OpenGeo and GFDRR Labs. It was held in April 5th-8th April 2016 at Tanoa Tusitala Hotel Conference Room, Samoa. Mr Masani Enele from the Economics Statistics Division attended this workshop. Facilitators are Norene Iyehen (Coordinator and Risk Advisor), Mana Etches (Software Engineer), Naomi Jackson (GIS/RS Project Assistant) and Savita Chand (Finance and Administration Officer).

The WORKSHOP PURPOSE:

1. Provide update on PCRAFI risk assessment, tool development and risk modelling initiatives.
2. Provide PCRAFI Products and discuss their future in Samoa.
3. Ongoing dialogue with countries on PCRAFI and provide an opportunity for peer exchange and learning..
4. Use of QGIS platform.
5. Development of country risk profile the hazard, exposure and potential damages



Millennium Development Goals 3rd Verification Phase

On the 16th – 20th of May 2016 five staff members namely Mr Talaimalo Simanu, Ms Poinsettia Epati, Mr Iosefa Lualuea, Ms Alefa Lefo and Ms Kaisarina Moananu of the Census, Survey and Demography division were working for the Millennium Development Goals (MDG) verification 3rd phase activity for the Water and Sanitation Sector of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment (MNRE).



Representatives from other ministries and organisation namely the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment (MNRE), Ministry of Women Community and Social Development (MWCSD) and the Samoa Red Cross (SRC) were also involved

during the verification process. The main role of the SBS staffs in this activity was to verify the remaining beneficiary households in which water tanks, and VIP latrines were distributed and installed by the Water and Sanitation Sector and the Red Cross Office in Samoa. There were 700 rainwater harvesting tanks targeted for 63 villages and 700 latrines for 41 villages.



Workshop on Evidence-based Policies on Youth Development in the Pacific

The Commonwealth Secretariat, in collaboration with the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) conducted a workshop on “Evidence-based Policies on Youth Development in the Pacific” in Nadi Fiji from the 13th – 16th of June 2016. It was aimed at policy makers and civil society representatives, especially those working on youth issues or in youth-led organizations. It provided a forum for the exchange of experiences and substantive knowledge on youth policies, mainstreaming youth in sectoral policies and application of youth development indicators. The objective was to strengthen the capacity of participants to monitor and review policies on, and relevant to, young people at national and local levels, using various indicators and methodologies conducive to youth participation and empowerment. The workshop also examined the issues and challenges related to monitoring youth indicators in the region; explored strategies to enhance the collection and analysis of youth data; identified resources to equip National Statistics Offices (NSOs) and made recommendations to embed evidence based youth policy principles into national statistical processes.

The workshop was considered to be a successful one with increased regional commitment to youth after the agreements made at the Pacific Commonwealth Youth Ministers Meeting held here in Samoa in 2015, as well as the World Programme of Action for Youth, the S.A.M.O.A Pathway (Small Island Development States Accelerated Modalities of Action) and the 2030 agenda for Sustainable Development, specifically its objective to leave no person behind.

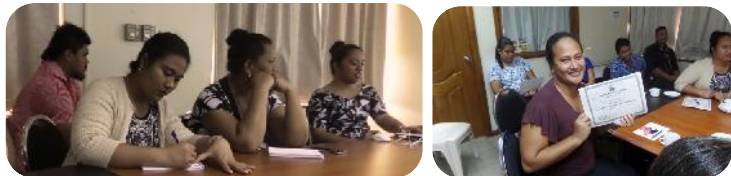
Mr Tanielu Tagimaiala Isara (*Principal Statistician – Social Statistics Division*) represented SBS at the workshop. He was also invited to present on the current status of Samoa’s SDG Profile and how youth policies can be



Derived from SDG targets and indicators. Samoa (through SBS) has now become a member of the Pacific Government Youth Officials Network, a working group to discuss progress, challenges and common way forward related to youth policies in the region, as well as addressing the four pillars of the Pacific Youth Development Framework which is Education & Employment; young people's health; governance & participation; and youth engagement in climate change and environmental action.

Induction Program

The Ministry conducts its annual Induction Program in May. The programme was a half day event and eleven employees participated. The main objectives of this program, was to give a fair understanding and knowledge: of The Bureau and its functions, the service standards and their requirements, to refresh with Code of Conduct and Values of the PSC and to familiarise with the Amended Working Condition and Entitlement Manual 2015. The session aims to make sure that new employee is given all help and guidance they need with understanding the objectives listed above. With recognising the effort and participation on the program, each employee receive certificate of attendance as evidence of their full participation in the Induction program.



International Arrival Statistics

April 2016 compared with April 2015:

- Total Arrivals (15,462) increased by 14.1%
- Total Visitors (11,206) increased by 21.2%
- 4,993 visitors from New Zealand, up by 16.5%
- 2,288 visitors from Australia, up by 8.1%
- 803 visitors from USA, up by 45.8%
- 818 visitors from American Samoa, down by 11.7%

CPI, Trade, IPI & Volume

CPI May 2016

This is the first release on the February 2016 base, and includes weights. The Consumer Price index for May 2016 increases by 0.7 percent compared to previous month.

- Transport index increased by 5.0 percent, mainly due to higher prices for airline fare and fuel
- Recreation and Culture also increases by 3.9 percent
- The Average Annual Inflation for the year ended May 2016 down by 0.1 percent.

CPI April 2016 (In the year to April 2016, the CPI rose 1.8 %)

The Consumer price Index for April 2016 increased by 2.7 percent compared to previous month

- The food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages index increased 5.7 percent
- Transport index decrease by 3.1 percent
- Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels index also decreased by 1.5 percent
- The Average Annual Inflation for the year ended April 2016 was 0.2percent

LOCAL MARKET MAY 2016

Local Market Survey in May 2016 showed overall volume decrease by 38 percent while limited supply pushed average price up 13 percent when compared to April 2016.

- Significant reduction in the supplies of most staple produce, and vegetable produce supplied to the local Markets strongly contributed to the rise in the price index.
- The value of supplies decrease 25 percent to \$43,800 from the previous month as total number of sellers also decline 21 percent to the 210 from 265 in April 2016.



MERCHANDISE TRADE

April 2016

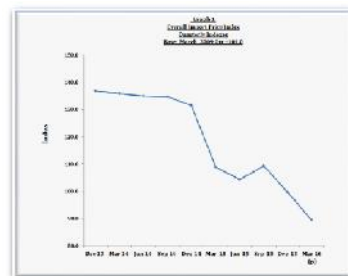
- * Exports were valued at \$8.8 million
- * Imports were valued at \$62.2 million
- * There was a trade deficit of \$53.3 million

March 2016

- * Exports were valued at \$8.6 million
- * Imports were valued at \$70.7 million
- * There was a trade deficit of \$62.0 million

IMPORT PRICE INDEX FOR MARCH 2016

The import price index for the March 2016 quarter showed an overall decrease of 3.5 percent from the December 2015 quarter. In comparison with the March 2015 quarter, the current import price index fell 10.3 percent. The four quarters ending March 2016 decreased 13.2 percent in the overall import price index compared to the four quarters ending March 2015. (See graph 1).



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