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13th September 2022

Honourable Speaker of the House,
Legislative Assembly,

MULINUU

It is a pleasure for me to table the Annual Report for the Samoa Bureau of Statistics, for the period of July 2021 to June 2022, for Parliament's consideration and discussion.

Honourable Leota Laki Lamositele Sio
MINISTER OF SAMOA BUREAU OF STATISTICS





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Afioga Leota Laki Lamositele Sio,
Honourable Minister of Sama Bureau of Statistics.

Pursuant to section 15 of the PSC Act 2004, I hereby submit the Annual Report for the Samoa Bureau of Statistics for the financial year 2021-2022.

The report contains the records of the Bureau's work for the entire financial year, and to be laid before the General Assembly for discussion and consideration.

Ma le fa'aalalo tele,

Leota Aliielua Salani
GOVERNMENT STATISTICIAN





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FOREWORD



I am pleased to introduce the Bureau's annual report for the financial year 2021-2022. As everyone continued to feel the strain of the COVID-19 pandemic around the world, the bureau also had to grips with the many challenges that the pandemic has engendered.

The crisis has somehow elevated data needs for rapid assessment of social and economic impacts on the global level, regional as well as the national level. We have realized the increasing data requests from our partners, various organizations, academia and individuals, in their efforts to assess and report on the adverse impacts of the pandemic on the world stage. This has coupled with the statistical requirements on the implementation of the global Sustainable Development Goals 2030 Agenda in which Samoa is also committed to.

Amidst the pandemic work, we were greatly saddened with the untimely passing of our former Government Statistician, Mrs Aliimuamua Malaefono. She has been leading the Bureau in the last couple of years, and had been working with the Bureau for so many years, before she was called home by her maker. She had been a remarkable leader and her legacy will remain with us, and we will continue to build on the work that she left behind.

Our main undertakings earmarked for this year include the Population Housing and Census field work, the Multi-cluster Indicator survey (MICS) and the mass consultations for the National Identification project. Aside from these normal surveys, there were ad hoc surveys and projects on special requests by our partners. These extra projects include the Multi-Poverty Index (MPI), and the UN Accelerated Lab project. These projects are explained in details in the pages that follow.

This year is the final year of implementation of our ten-year Statistics Strategy 2011-2021. The Bureau was fortunate to secure funding assistance from the Australian Bureau of Statistics for developing and compiling of our new Statistics Strategy for the next five years. This strategic plan provides an overarching view of our work and it documents the strategic approaches and goals to guide the work of the bureau and its stakeholders in the next five years.



Last but not the least, this year the Bureau welcomed the new members of our Statistics Advisory Board. The cabinet has approved the establishment of the Statistics Advisory Board for the first time. The Advisory Board is mandated in the Statistics Act 2015 to act as an advisory body to the work of the bureau. The Board will be of great benefit to us, particularly during such times as we are in now with the increasing need of reliable and trusted data.

I took over this leadership role later on this year, and this change came at a time of tremendous pressure on the bureau with the pending official result of the Population and Housing Census 2021, as well as the final Poverty analysis report. Despite these challenges, there was a seamless transition due to the endurance and confidence of my management and staff.

I would like to thank the Lord for giving us the wisdom and the strength to lead the bureau with much confidence. To my management and staff for their perseverance and support throughout the last couple of months of my tenure. Lastly to all stakeholders in our network, for their support and contribution to our work.

Faafetai, faafetai tele lava.

Leota Aliielua Salani

GOVERNMENT STATISTICIAN



WHAT IS IN THE REPORT



This Annual report contains the detail records of the Bureau's work during the year under review. It is divided into various sections.

PART 1: Our Success stories – This section provides the highlights of our achievements during the financial year.

PART 2: This section provides full details of our activities conducted throughout the year.

PART 3: This section provides an overview of our workforce, and our estimates for the financial year

PART 4: This section of the report outlines our challenges which hindered the performance of some of our planned activities.

PART 5: This part of the report contains our financial records and our full audited report for the financial year under review.

PART 6: This part contains the Budget Performance Measures outlining the performance indicators for all budget outputs.

PART 1: HIGHLIGHTS OF OUR ACHIEVEMENTS

❖ LAUNCH OF THE SDG TRACKER TOOL

This tool was designed by ESCAP to monitor a country's progress in achieving their relevant and respective SDG 2030 indicators. On line training was provided by ESCAP since July 2021 where representatives from MFAT, MOF and MNRE also took part. The tool has now been adopted and currently being used by Samoa to monitor the progress of its SDG 2030 indicators.

❖ DEVELOPING OF SAMOA'S MULTIDIMENSIONAL POVERTY INDEX (MPI)

Initiated by the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) through the Universal Social Protection Joint Program (USPJP) in July 2021 to complement traditional money-based measurements of poverty currently in existence in Samoa (Basic Needs Poverty Line – BNPL and Food Poverty Line – FPL) by considering multiple deprivations in the dimensions/ pillars of health, education and living standards together with their overlaps. It is envisaged that the final MPI report will be officially launch in early February 2023.

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❖ POPULATION AND HOUSING CENSUS 2021 PRELIMINARY REPORT LAUNCHED.

In April 28th,2022 the Population and Housing Census 2021 Preliminary report was launched. The report presents the preliminary count of all the population resided in Samoa as collected during the census enumeration period which was conducted from the 18th of October to the 6th of November 2021. The preliminary count shows a total population of 200,010 persons in which 51 percent are males and 49 percent are females. The Population and Housing Census is conducted every 5 years. The last census which was conducted on the 6th of November,2016

enumerated a total population of 195,979 persons in which 51 percent were males and 49 percent were females.

The release only shows the preliminary results of the population by sex and the following areas as listed below

- 4 Statistical regions
- 51 Political districts
- 343 Villages

This is the first time the population have been tabulated based on the new distribution of political districts and villages used in the national election by the Office of the Electoral Commission in April 2021. The document shows the population count from the two census years, 2016 and 2021. The next release will disseminate the final count and the analysis report of all the information collected from the census.

❖ LAUNCH OF THE 2019 AGRICULTURE CENSUS REPORT ON 12TH NOVEMBER 2021

The Samoa Agriculture Census 2019 was conducted in partnership with the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries with funding provided by the Government of Samoa and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO). One of the key priorities of the Government is to provide high quality agricultural statistics to help policy makers, planners and stakeholders to guide the sector in its efforts to monitor short-term and long-term performance. A key element is the conduct of an agricultural census every ten years. Conducting censuses every ten years provides the opportunity to monitor long-term changes in the agriculture sector. The enumeration was postponed to a later date due to the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic which led to the delay in publishing the final report. However, the SBS and its partners finally launched the report on the 12th of November 2021, and with the results of the current census now available, trends in agriculture in Samoa over the last 30 years will be able to be assessed.



❖ COMPLETION OF THE FIRST DRAFT OF THE “NATIONAL DIGITAL IDENTIFICATION BILL 2022”

The first draft of the National Digital Identification Bill 2022 was presented by the Mac Millan Law and Solicitor. This project was made possible by the partnership of the Government of Samoa and the World Bank. The first round of public consultations were conducted on the first draft of the NID Bill, when it was presented by MacMillan Company. This was one of the milestones of the National ID project achieved during this financial year.



PART 2: OUR YEAR IN REVIEW

1. FINANCE STATISTICS DIVISION

- 1.1 FSD in its continued effort to develop and expand its statistical products in published and disseminated the GDP Expenditure and National Accounts Aggregates Analysis for the calendar year 2021. The division worked in collaboration with Technical Assistance provided by IMF-PFTAC invested time and effort in refining and improving existing statistical procedures and processes, and developing other measure of economic activities, to further support the policy development processes as well as decision-making in all aspect of governance. These releases provide expenditure estimates on an annual basis (both calendar and financial year) as well as experimental estimates for other national accounts aggregates such as Gross National Income, Gross National Disposable Income as well as National Saving.
- 1.2 Furthermore, refinements and improvements have also been made to the methodology, with the incorporation of new data sources that have recently been shared through trusts partnerships for the compilation of GDP Production. GDP Production which is published and disseminated on a quarterly basis is now in compliance with SNA 2008's manual recommendation (SNA 2.63) have compiled at purchaser price. The new presentation format now includes GDP at basic prices and taxes less subsidies which when added together yields GDP at purchaser price.
- 1.3 In addition, adjustments have been made to the system to reflect the impact of tourism on the economy, with zero tourism earning during the Covid-19 period being the new norm. Information provided by the Central Bank of Samoa on tourist spending on particular products and services were used as basis. This was part of the factors included in the reconciliation of both GDP Production and GDP Expenditure.
- 1.4 During the Jan-Feb 2022 mission by TA provided by IMF-PFTAC together with the exercise mentioned above also provided trainings to build the



capacity of the team to complete this exercise. Team members from Economics Statistics Division also joined FSD during his exercise.

- 1.5 In addition to this, FSD with assistance and collaboration from ADB has initiated the development of Supply-Use Tables to strengthen economic statistics for measuring the nation's progress toward Sustainable Development Goals. Publication of the GDP Expenditure Approach has enabled the progression of this initiative.

2. SOCIAL STATISTICS DIVISION

2.1 ENVIRONMENT STATISTICS

Compile relevant environment statistics from sourced ministries for our abstract and for our website such as rainfall data, greenhouse gas statistics, ozone depletion substances, water abstraction, waste water inflow to treatment plant (located at Sogi), and electricity production statistics.



- 2.1.1 **Water Accounts** – using the UN framework (UNSEEA – United Nation System of Environmental Economic Accounting) officially launched in 2013 for the compilation of water statistics. The division implemented this framework in 2015 and have been able to compile the first ever water accounts for Samoa for FY 2013/14. The division have been able to produce these annual reports regularly ever since. The main data source for the compilation of this activity is the water statistics data provided by SWA.
- 2.1.2 **Energy Accounts** – also using the UN framework (UNSEEA – United Nation System of Environmental Economic Accounting) for the compilation of energy statistics. The division has completed draft report for Samoa's first ever Energy Accounts for 2020. It is with the hope that this report will be finalized with the technical assistance provided by ESCAP and released before end of June 2023, The main data source for the compilation of this activity is the Energy Balance compiled by the Ministry of Finance (MOF).

2.2 MIGRATION STATISTICS

Due to international travelling restrictions, the division was unable to perform this activity during the reference period. Indicators affected by this includes; monthly visitor arrival reports; quarterly visitor arrival reports; annual migration report and pension data which is monthly requirement by the NPF.

2.3 PROJECTS

2.3.1 Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) Tracker Tool

This tool was designed by ESCAP and roll out to PICs. Samoa was the first country in the pacific to accept this initiative. The main objective of this tool is to monitor a country's progress in achieving their relevant and respective SDG 2030 indicators. On line training was provided by ESCAP in July 2021 where representatives from MFAT, MOF and MNRE also took part. Virtual inception and training were initially conducted by ESCAP in July 2021 with various on line conducted on an ad hoc basis, on a need-to-need basis. An update of the tool was presented to the SDG Task Force on 29th April 2022 and was agreed by the madam chair for the tool to be adopted by Samoa, and the bureau to be the executing agency. The tool has now been adopted and currently being update by the bureau from time to time.

2.3.2 Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI)

This was a new initiative that the division took on board in June 2021 and implemented in July 2021. Officially initiated by the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) through the Universal Social Protection Joint Program (USPJP), the main purpose of the MPI is to complement traditional money-based measurements of poverty currently in existence in Samoa (Basic Needs Poverty Line – BNPL and Food Poverty Line – FPL) by considering multiple deprivations in the dimensions/ pillars of health, education and living standards together with their overlaps. The UNDP hired the Oxford Poverty Human Development Initiative (OPHI) based in the United Kingdom to assist the bureau with the compilation of the MPI.

Due to the complexity of the computation of the MPI, a virtual STATA training on MPI was also provided by OPHI in July-August 2021.

The computation work on the compilation and calculating the MPI for Samoa started in February 2022 with weekly on-line sessions. It is intended that the MPI report for Samoa will be officially launch in early February 2023.

3. CENSUS AND SURVEY DIVISION

- 3.1 An MoU was signed between SBS and Ministry of Health for the Census and Survey Division to be the Independent Verification Agency for the SHSS-Performance for Results Project (PforR).



In June 2021, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between SBS and Ministry of Health for the Census division to work as an Independent Verification Agency (IVA) to conduct the verification activity for the Samoa Health System Strengthening Program for Results (SHSS PforR, Program) project. The project is funded by the World Bank (WB) and implemented by the Samoa Ministry of Health, to support the government of Samoa's National Non-Communicable Diseases (NCD) Policy and Action Plan 2019-2023 over a 5-year period from May 2020 to December 2025.

- 3.2 The main role of Census division on behalf of SBS is to verify the **six Disbursement Linked Indicators (DLI)** of the program and one intermediate indicator as listed below:

DLI 1: Percentage of children (5-12 years old), screened as overweight through the School Nurse Program (SNP), referred to and managed under a health promotion program.

DLI 2: Increased number of districts with PEN Fa'a Samoa rolled out according to the updated protocol (at least 70% of citizens and at least 60% of men aged 20 years old and older in the district screened).

DLI 3: Percentage of high-risk people, identified through PEN Fa'a Samoa screening, diagnosed within 60 days at designated health facility.

DLI 4: Increased number of rural district hospitals with a multi-disciplinary team in place.

DLI 5: Percentage of hypertensive patients, managed by rural health facilities, having their condition under control following WHO definition.

DLI 6: Implementation completion rate of annual capacity building plan for NCD program approved by HPAC.

Intermediate indicator 2(IRI 2): Percentage of residents in PEN Fa'a Samoa districts with improved knowledge and awareness of NCD risk factors, disaggregated by gender.

The Census team prepared a Verification Protocol in partnership with the World Bank Team in order to guide the implementation of the verification. The verification process is planned to be conducted once the Results Achievement Report from the MoH is finalized and submitted to the Bureau.

4 BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES REGISTRATION DIVISION

The table below highlights the comparison of events which occurred within the FY20/21 and FY21/22 and were also registered with BDM within the same years. We have noticed an increase of 27% of births occurred and registered for FY2021/2022 compare to FY2020/2021. The number of deaths occurred and registered has increased by 0.7% as well as marriage with an increase of 1.5% in comparison of the two Financial Years.



<i>Indicator</i>	FY20/21			FY 21/22		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
Number of births occurred	3774	2011	1763	4823	2563	2260
Number of deaths occurred	1173	693	480	1182	650	532
Number of marriages occurred	459			466		

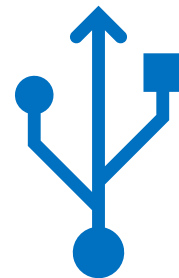
- 4.1 We continue to work in close collaboration with church ministers as they provide BDM office with confirmation letter of death/marriage, baptism notification/certificate.
- 4.1 BDM work in close collaboration with Immigration Division of Ministry of Prime Minister and Cabinet for confirmation of birth certificates, name changes, adoption, marriage certification/confirmation for passport approval.
- 4.2 BDM provides the primary civil registration data which set the basis of the National Identification project and this is done working in close collaboration with National ID division.
- 4.3 Development/Donor partner assist in providing financial resources to assist with BDM major development and improve registration.
- 4.4 Partnership strengthened amongst stakeholders; BDM continue to uplift B10 (birth notification form) from the Ministry of Health monthly. STN and SN under the Ministry of Women, Community and Social Development provide

BDM with home birth notification within three months of the birth. STN and SN also assist BDM with verification of required document (baptism certificates, confirmation from the church) for home births occurred over three months but have not been registered.

- 4.5 Ministry of Health and funeral parlors provide BDM with cause of death certificate and death notification. The partnership with stakeholders has improved processes and helped our people.

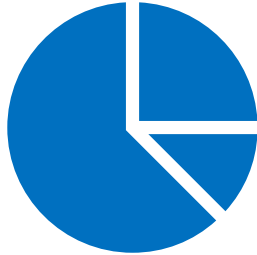
5 ICT AND DATA PROCESSING DIVISION

- 5.1 The Bureau is committed to improving the methods used to conduct surveys and censuses. In this regard, the 2020 Listing and Housing update in preparation for the Population and Housing Census in 2021, which includes the government's cash payment of \$50 to every Samoan citizen, is the first time that data collection has used tablets to gather digital data and digital photos of the Samoan population through the use of the Computer Assisted Personal Interview (CAPI) system, a change from questionnaires that required manual entry (PAPI). It was a huge success for the bureau since the ICT and DP teams were dedicated to using all of the resources available to build the CAPI system without assistance from an outside technical team as usual. The same innovation strategies as CAPI were then successfully applied to the preparation of the Population and Housing Census 2021 data collection. This method of data collection helps to improve data quality, eliminate printing, save time during interviews, and enable the availability of the final results as soon as possible, approximately three months after the data collection compared to the manual system which typically required a year or more. The Population and Housing Census 2021 collect a total of 31,137 households with a total of 205,557 persons.



- 5.2 The BDM division's main server was replaced in the same year 2021 because it was (1) slow to process data, (2) over 10 years old, and (3) unable to handle any additional workload given that the division's primary duty is to serve the public.
- 5.3 An estimate of 90 computers, 3 servers (including an offsite backup server), printers, 14 photocopiers, plus other equipment from 8 divisions are housed in the bureau. This includes the BDM main office at the DBS building, and the Savaii BDM office. The ICT & DP division is responsible for maintenance and updates of all these IT items as usual.

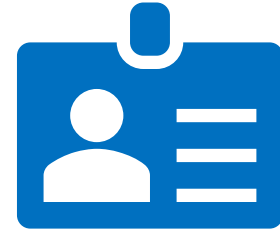
6 ECONOMICS STATISTICS DIVISION

- 6.1 The COVID-19 has posed unprecedented challenges to the collection and the dissemination of information on a regular basis however, this has led to the creation of new and innovative ways to undertake certain activities to ensure that the data is available on a timely basis despite the different circumstances. During the FY2021/22, SBS was able to publish reports such as the CPI, Trade and others on a monthly, quarterly and on an annual basis was on a timely basis.
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- 6.2 Despite the challenges, the Bureau in collaboration with the Ministry of Agriculture and the FAO were able to launch the 2019 Agriculture Census report on the 12th November 2021
- 6.3 Preparations for the 2023 Household income and expenditure survey (HIES) started in 2021 with the implementation of a new approach to data collection versus the usual process used in the previous surveys. These new changes include the introduction of CAPI to collect information for this particular survey, the incorporation of an initiative called the Food Away From Home (FAFH) by the SPC into the survey and the extension of the timeframe from 16 weeks to 44 weeks within the year, yet reducing the number of field work staff to by more than 80%. The budget for the survey was also tabled in Parliament and half a million was approved in the next Financial Year with 20% of the total budget to be funded by donors such as SPC and ADB.
- 6.3 SBS is grateful to the assistance of SPC and ADB for providing training on survey processes as well as new platforms that are used for data collection which have helped immensely with our preparations and planning for the HIES.

7 NATIONAL IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

The main activities for NID Division throughout this financial year were:

- 7.1 Conducting Public and Stakeholder Consultations for the National Digital Identification Bill. We worked together with the PMU, MOF, MCIT, CBS, MOH, MWCSO and the support from the Strategic Communication Advisor in organizing and conducting consultations for the first round and the second round. The first round of consultation was mainly for all the Government Ministries, SOEs, Private Sectors, and Public Bodies with SN, STN and disabilities while the second round was heavily on Government Ministries, SOEs, Private Sectors, Public Bodies, SN, STN, youth group members, people with disabilities, and we also targeted more than 10 village members from each and every district. Consultations on the Legislation was conducted together in parallel with the public awareness
- 7.2 Finalizing the Request for Proposal Document (Bidding Document) for vendors to develop the National Digital Identification System (NDIDS). This work was facing a lot of difficulties amongst the consultant from Norway (Norway Registry Development – NRD) the World Bank and SBS, due to unexpected changes from time to time to the NRD. What we have experienced was the changing NRD management member's causes a lot of confusion in this work including the functions and design of the NDIDS which was already approved in November 2020, however we patiently controlled everything with the advice of the World Bank and carried forward to the next financial year.
- 7.3 Development of Communication Strategy. Development of Communications Strategy was started in November 2021 with the assistance of the Strategic Communication Advisor. The awareness campaign was also another activity that was done in parallel with the consultations on the National Digital Identification Bill throughout this financial year 2021/2022.



PART 3: OUR WORKFORCE PROFILE

OUR STAFF ESTABLISHMENT:

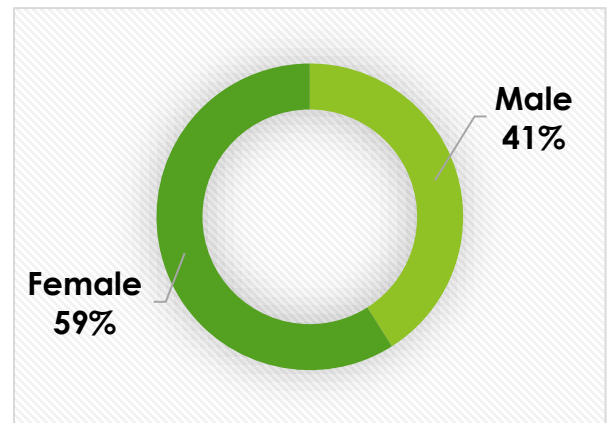
Total Established Positions: 92

Total staff as at June 2022: 81

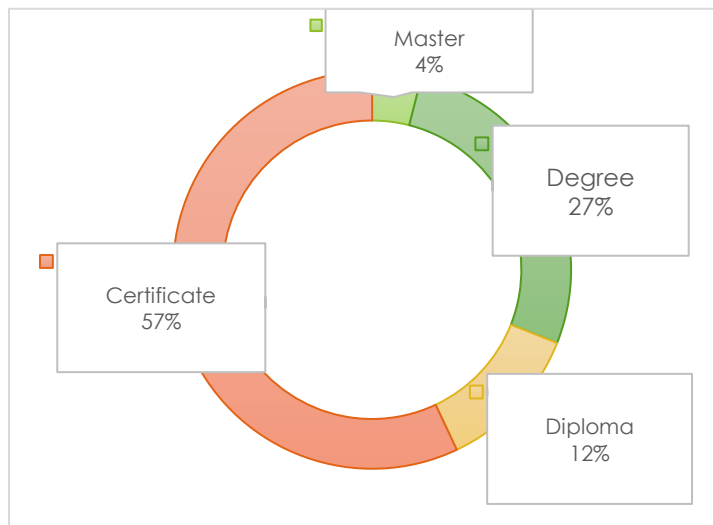
Total vacancies: 11

CATEGORY	2021/2022	2020/2021
CEO	1	1
Contract (ACEOs)	8	8
Officers	79	76
Term Employees	4	2
TOTAL	92	87

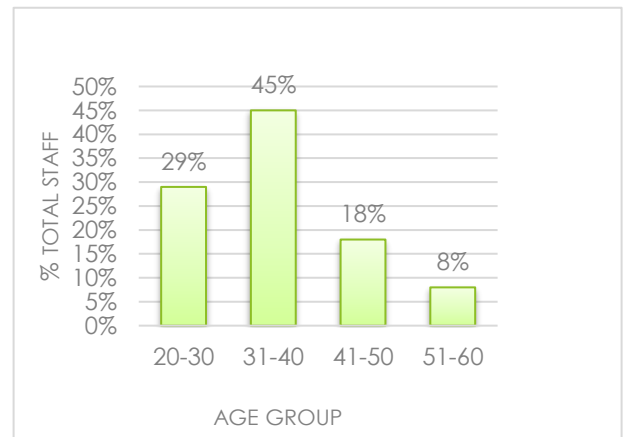
EMPLOYEES BY SEX



QUALIFICATIONS



EMPLOYEES BY AGE



STAFF ESTABLISHMENT: An increase in total staff due to the establishment of five (5) new positions. Four (4) new positions for the National ID division and one (1) Principal Legal Officer position.

EMPLOYEES BY SEX: The bureau is a female dominant office. Most of the divisions employ more females than males, except for the Social Statistics division which is a male dominant division. Total number of female is 48 and total number of female as at June 2022 is 33, which represents the percentage distribution of 59% female and 41% male.

EMPLOYEES BY AGE: The staff is mainly between the age group of 20-30 and 31-40, which signifies a young workforce.

QUALIFICATIONS: 27% of the total workforce has attained Bachelor degrees, while 4% attained Masters degrees. 25% has attained relevant certificates in official statistics, while the other 32% received certificate in other courses as well foundation certificate.

RECRUITMENT AND SELECTION: A total of 14 vacancies advertised during the financial year, including advertisement of five new positions established. Most of the vacant positions were internal promotions of staff to higher positions within the Bureau.

TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT: Our staff continues to receive capacity development opportunities through in-country trainings as well as overseas trainings which were offered using virtual platforms.

STAFF ATTENDED	CAPACITY BUILDING	DATE
<i>Ofeira Tooala and Lilianetelani Leleimalefaga</i>	Leadership Development Program for Young Women in the Public Sector	5 – 9 July 2021, 2 – 6 August 2021
<i>Lineta Ah Young</i>	Introduction to Communication Training	20-22 April 2022
<i>Gisborne Aniva Nati</i>	Final Validation Workshop for the Wash Sector National Communication Strategy 2021-2025	27 th May 2022
<i>Ailua Schmidt</i>	Finance Administration Training	14-17 June 2022
<i>Victoria Tuivaiti</i>	Recruitment and Selection and Performance Management	27-30 June 2022
<i>Fiaputa Lino</i>	Workforce Planning	1 April 2022
<i>Taala Lilianetelani H Leleimalefaga Suameli Chan Boon</i>	E-learning course on International Accounts	17 July – 27 August 2021

<p><i>Sulufaiga Tuuga</i> <i>Ianeta Sa'u</i> <i>Silaulii Misiluki</i> <i>Laveaina Loia</i> <i>Faamaile Etuale</i></p>		
<p><i>Gisborne Aniva Nati</i> <i>Alefa Leofo</i> <i>Meipo Lomiga</i> <i>Honolani Matamu</i> <i>Iosefa Lualua</i> <i>Ken Faafo</i></p>	Using data for gender statistics	29 July 2021 – 30 July 2021, 3 August 2021 – 4 August 2021
<p><i>Leota Ali'ielua Salani</i></p>	Panelist in the UNESCAP Stats Café Series "Accounting for integrated statistics and analysis"	10 August 2021
<p><i>Aniva Nati & Lewis Sinclair</i></p>	– FAO CAPI Course using CSPro and Survey	24 April -30 June 2022
<p><i>Suavira Vaai</i></p>	ICT Core Personnel Development Training	14- 30 June 2022
<p><i>Tulipa, Atulia, Teutele</i></p>	4th Global massive open online courses on computer assisted personal interviewing (CAPI) Survey Solutions	25 April -3 May 2022
<p><i>Benjamin Sila, Junior Ah Yen, Siata Ulu, Euta</i></p>	Multi-Dimensional Indicators (MPI)	

PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

SBS has fully implemented its Performance Management System during the last 2 financial years. In accordance with PSC Monitoring and Evaluation report across the ministries, SBS continues to be one of the ministries in the top rank of ministries with fully implemented performance management system.

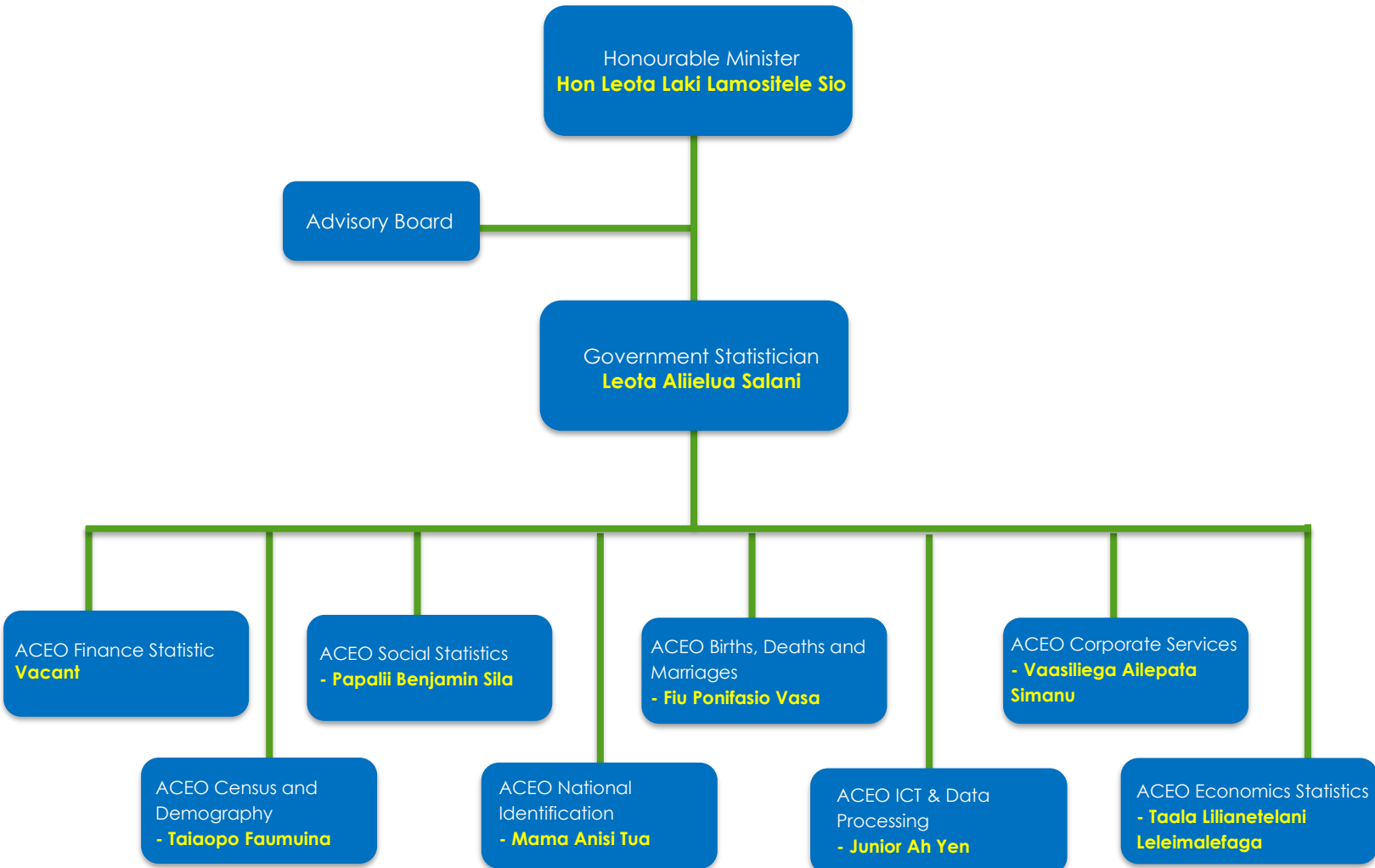


	FY 20/21 FINAL REVIEW	FY21/22 FINAL REVIEW
90% - 100% IMPLEMENTED	Samoa Bureau of Statistics	Samoa Bureau of Statistics

Source: PSC M&E report

OUR ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

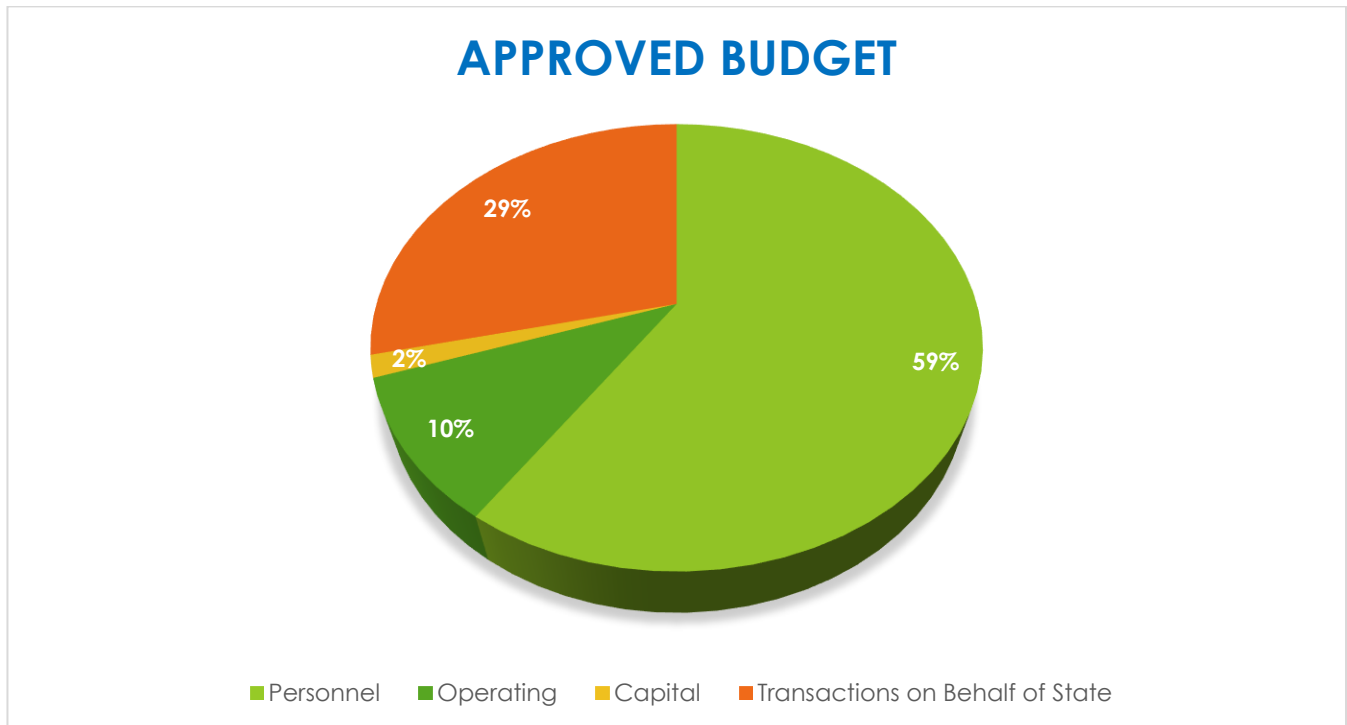
The Bureau structure consists of eight (8) divisions, with six (6) core divisions and two (2) supporting divisions. The organization structure is pertinent to the achievement of goals and objectives of the bureau. The Statistics Advisory Board was established and approved by Cabinet in early 2022. The Advisory Board is mandated in the SBS Act 2015, with the role of providing advice to the work of the Bureau.



FINANCIALS

Approved Estimates for Financial Year 2021/2022.

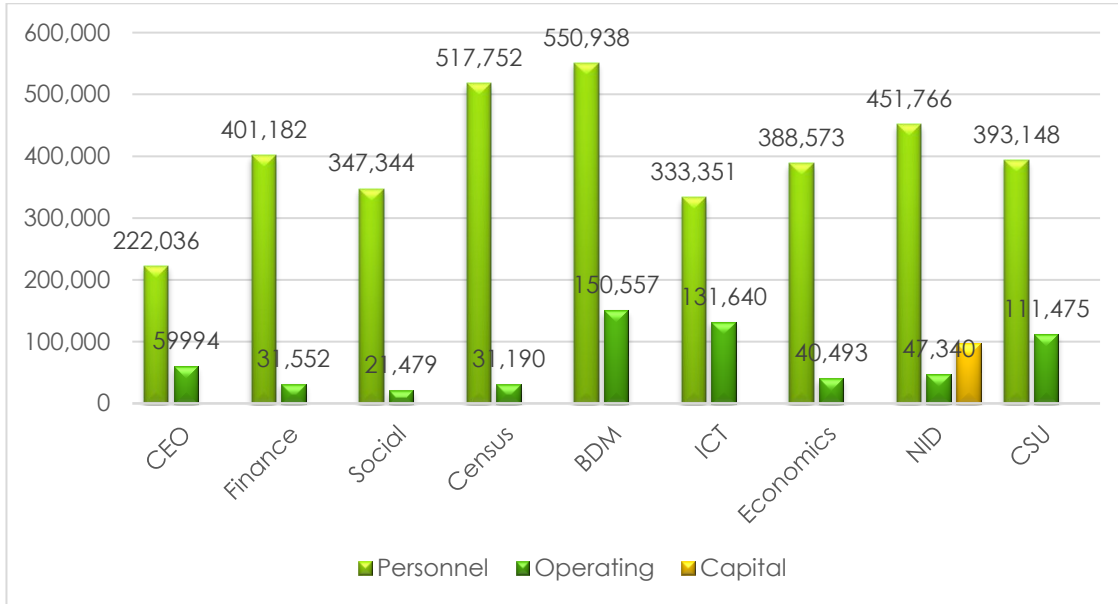
BUDGET CATEGORY	APPROVED AMOUNT
Personnel	\$3,606,090.00
Operating	\$625,720.00
Capital	\$96,652.00
Transactions on Behalf of State	\$1,735,882.00
Non-Tax Revenue	\$858,000



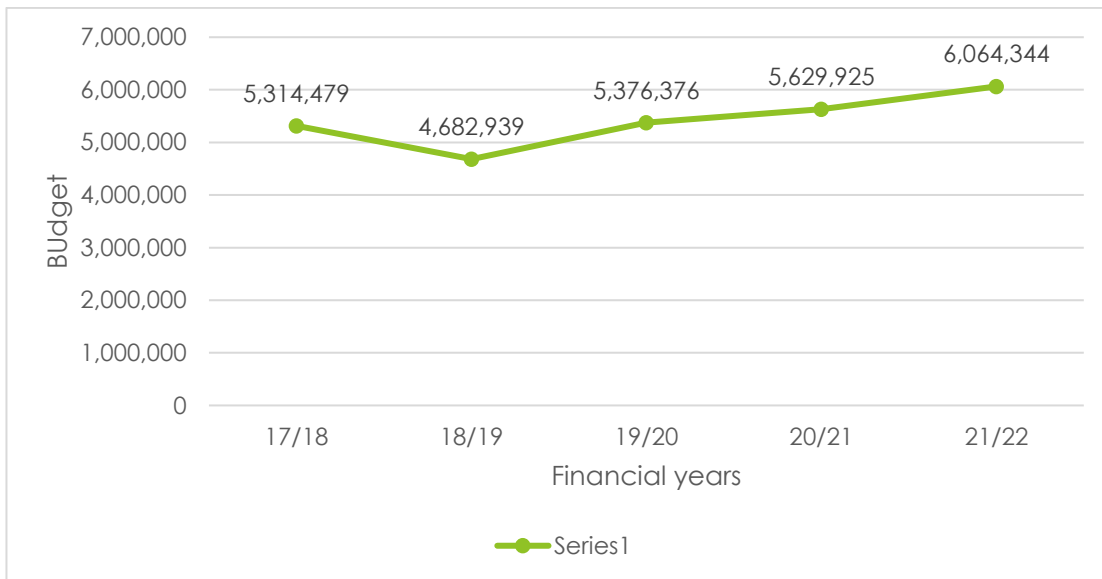
The bulk of our approved budget is personnel costs. Personnel costs consist of staff salaries and contributions, higher duty allowances, advisory board allowances, overnight allowances, long service leave and resignation benefits.

The one-off capital cost in the approved budget is for purchasing of the new office vehicle approved by Cabinet.

APPROVED BUDGET PER OUTPUT DELIVERED



APPROVED BUDGET IN THE LAST FIVE FINANCIAL YEARS.



The total approved budget for the Bureau has slightly increased throughout the last three consecutive financial years. This continuous increase in total estimates is due to the Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) increase in salaries spread out in the last three financial years, and also the increase in Transactions on Behalf of the State category, due to surveys and census.

PART 4: AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

MINISTRY OF FINANCE



STATEMENT OF CERTIFICATION

The Statement of Receipts and Payments, Schedule 2 and accompanying notes/information from other schedules of the Public Accounts on Unforeseen Payments (Schedule 4 and, Fixed Assets (Schedule 9)) for financial year ended 30th June 2022 form part of the Financial Statements for the Bureau of Statistics. These are drawn up in accordance with the reporting requirements of the Public Financial Management Act 2001 and Amendments, Part XIV, Financial Reporting and International Public Sector Accounting Standard (IPSAS).

As required by PFM Act 2001 and Amendments, Section 110, Ministry of Finance hereby certifies that the attached Statements for the Ministry of Agriculture & Fisheries are based on the unaudited results for Use year ended 30th June 2022, as rejected in the accounting records of the Ministry of Finance for the Treasury Fund.

On behalf of the Government of Samoa.



Saoleititi Maeva Betham Vaai
Chief Executive Officer

Date: 25 / 01 / 23

**STATEMENT OF MINISTRY RECEIPTS BY REPORTING
CATEGORY
AND EXPENDITURE BY OUTPUT
APPROPRIATION ACCOUNT**

for the financial year ended 30 June 2022

	Notes	2022	Original Estimate	Final Estimate	(Over)/Under	2021
		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
BUREAU OF STATISTICS						
RECEIPTS						
Ordinary Receipts						
Other Revenues		557,371	858,300	858,300	300,929	647,111
Fees & Other Charges						
TOTAL RECEIPTS		557,371	858,300	858,300	300,929	647,111
PAYMENTS						
Outputs						
1. Policy assessment and Advise to Cabinet		253,735	357,723	351,291	97,556	307,838
0						
2. Ministerial Support						9,107
0						
2. Compilation of Finance Statistics		458,477	483,196	477,628	19,151	474,109
0						
3. Compilation of Social Statistics		435,192	419,285	445,112	9,920	409,748
0						
4. Compilation of Population Census and Survey Statistics		615,098	624,635	634,016	18,918	633,625
0						
5. Management of Births, Deaths and Marriages		740,862	751,957	751,957	11,096	722,534
0						



6.0	ICT and Data Processing	521,755	540,684	540,684	18,930	489,219
7.0	Compilation of Economics Statistics (formerly output 2)	495,214	504,759	504,760	9,545	495,746
8.0	National Identification System Division	363,585	646,220	623,015	259,431	238,455
	Total Outputs	3,883,917	4,328,462	4,328,463	444,546	3,780,382
Transactions on Behalf of State						
Membership Fees & Grants						
	Statistical Institute for Asia and Pacific Government Policies / Initiatives	10,855	14,000	14,000	3,145	10,602
	Population Census	998,907	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,093	428,684
	Agriculture Census	0	0	0	0	517,191
	Demographic Health Survey and Disability Survey	0	0	0	0	101,781
		998,907	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,093	1,047,656
Rents & Leases						
	Rents & Leases - DBS Building	101,002	114,016	114,016	13,014	105,176
	Rent at FMFM II Building	277,050	277,050	277,050	0	277,050
	Rent at Salelologa Savaii	11,889	12,000	12,000	111	11,150
		389,941	403,066	403,066	13,125	393,376
	VAGST Output Tax	257,774	318,816	318,816	61,042	219,728
	Total Transactions on Behalf of State	1,657,477	1,735,883	1,735,882	78,405	1,671,362
TOTAL PAYMENTS - BUREAU OF STATISTICS						
		5,541,395	6,064,345	6,064,345	522,950	5,451,744
RECEIPTS OVER PAYMENTS						
		(4,984,024)	(5,206,045)	(5,206,045)	(222,021)	(4,804,633)

GOVERNMENT DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

	2022	Original Estimate	Receipts	Payments	Opening Balance
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Grants - GDP					
Birth Registration Campaign (United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF))	156	0	0	42,678	42834
UNFPA Sexual Reproductive Health 2021-2022 SBS (UNFPA)	24,000	100,000	50,600	26,600	0
MICS Plus (UNICEF)	2,988	0	169,199	166,211	0
Social Protection for Resilience Joint Programme (UNDP)	65,816	0	65,816	0	0





Parliamentarian Group Activity (UNFPA)	<i>a</i>	(255,530)	0	0	0	(255,530)
Multiple Indicator Cluster Survey (MICS) (UNICEF)	<i>a</i>	(11,240)	0	0	0	(11,240)
Strengthening Resilience of Pacific Islands States through Universal Social Protection (ESCAP)	<i>a</i>	17	0	0	0	17
TOTAL GOVERNMENT DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS		(173,794)	100,000	285,615	235,489	(223,919)

Notes

- 1 Unspent funds of \$200,000 have been transferred into Motor Vehicle Bulk Purchase Special Purpose Account under Ministry of Finance reported under Schedule 12 for purchasing of ministry new vehicle in new financial year 22/23.
- a* No movements during current financial year 21/22.



PART 5: ISSUES AND CHALLENGES

1. Office locations for SBS continues to be a challenge, not only divisions are scattered, but the spaces in each office locations are congested. SBS needs a bigger and one location for the entire office.
2. COVID-19 and the SOEs led to the delay in the implementation of most of our census and survey field work.
3. Travel restrictions led to the delay in the implementation of initial activities related to the 2023 Household Income and Expenditure Survey as TAs assisting the work couldn't travel to carry out the work on time.
4. The continuous shortage in the supply of food items that are mostly needed by the households or included in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) basket had an impact on the resources as well as the completeness and consistency of data that is collected from the outlets involved in the survey.
5. The Ministry of Women restructure process caused delay with our normal work with STN and SN as there were reallocation of function within the ministry.
6. We still have not elevated the CRVS Steering Committee due to Covid19 Lockdown restrictions.
7. BDM has an outdated information technology system which require some much-needed improvement. We rely on a system that provide technical support from outside Samoa which proved to be major challenge overtime, a much need change would be to have a system that is supported locally.
8. Introducing new technologies and data development software is never easy, especially when attempting to balance personnel capacity with the level of technology used, for instance, (1) the CAPI system for data collection, (2) the Use of applications to develop the CAPI system such as CSPro and Survey Solution, and (3) use of data analysis software for data edits and cleaning such as CSPro and STATA. Even while it's difficult, it's also a fantastic opportunity to increase the staff's capabilities to cope with the change in today's methods of data collection and data processing.

PART 6: OUR PERFORMANCE MEASURES

OUR PERFORMANCE MEASURES

OUTPUT ONE: POLICY ADVICE TO MINISTER

Output Manager: Government Statistician

Scope of Appropriation: To provide advice to Minister on all statistics matters

PERFORMANCE MEASURES	BUDGET STANDARD/TARGET	PROGRESS OF INDICATOR	COMMENTS ON ACHIEVEMENTS
Annual Report 2020/2021 completed and submitted to Cabinet for tabling in Parliament	AR to be submitted to Cabinet in October 2021	Achieved	Annual Report 2020-2021 approved by cabinet and tabled in Parliament in 2022.
Corporate Plan 2021-2026 and Management Plan 2021-2026 completed and disseminated for implementation by SBS and partners	Corporate Plan review will be carried out in first half of 2021 and the new CP implemented by July 2021.	Achieved	New Corporate Plan completed
National Strategy for the Development of Statistics (NSDS) 2021-2026 in place	The NSDS review will be carried out in the first half of 2021 and the new SDS for implementation by July 2021	Achieved	Statistics Strategy 2022-2026 launched
Funding proposals to collect and compile statistics to support data needs of the 14 Sectors of Developments, the Post 2030 Agenda on Sustainable Development Goals, and, the relevant international and UN conventions that Samoa has signed up to implement such as: the CRPD, CRC, CEDAW, etc	On-going	Achieved	SBS continues to work in collaboration with all 14 sectors of the government, in our effort to support data needs of various sectors identified in their sector plans, as well as assisting in the compilation of Samoa's report to UN on SDG's implementations.

<p>Provision of policy papers and consultations with key stakeholders in relation to the implementation of the on-going "National ID project"</p>	<p>On-going</p>	<p>Achieved</p>	<p>Consultation with stakeholders on the NID Bill completed.</p>
<p>Provision of policy papers and consultations with key stakeholders in relation to the implementation of "The Registration of Births, Deaths, Marriages Act, 2002"</p>	<p>On-going</p>	<p>Achieved</p>	
<p>Provision of policy papers and consultations with key stakeholders in relation to the implementation of the "Statistics Act, 2015"</p>		<p>Achieved</p>	
<p>Increased publicity and dissemination of statistical reports and data for relevant policies and decision making and interventions by planners, technical and donor partners, researchers, students, etc</p>	<p>On-going</p>	<p>Achieved</p>	<p>An increase in number of awareness programs for statistics work. This also include the improvement of our website to make it user friendly and much more informative for the public to access.</p>
<p>Increased number of staff attending capacity training and relevant consultations in-country and elsewhere to improve knowledge and skills for the performance of their jobs to contribute effectively in the development of Samoa as a whole</p>	<p>On-going</p>	<p>Achieved</p>	<p>An increase in virtual trainings for SBS staff this year.</p>

OUTPUT THREE: FINANCE STATISTICS

Output Manager: ACEO Finance Statistics Division

Scope of Appropriation: Collect, compile, analyze and disseminate national accounts, debts and government finance statistics, and industrial production statistics

PERFORMANCE MEASURES	PERFORMANCE TARGETS	PROGRESS OF INDICATORS	COMMENTS
GDP quarterly reports	GDP (P) Report is to be released 3 months after the period on a quarterly basis.	Achieved	Delay in the submission of source data is the main issue that hinders the achievement of proposed targets for publication and dissemination.
GFS and Debt Quarterly Report	GDP(E) Report is to be released twice (bi-annual) 3 months after the period.	Achieved	Delay in the submission of data is the main issue causing the delay in the dissemination of annual reports both on a Calendar & Financial Year basis.
Finance Statistics Annual Workshop	GDP(E) Report is to be released twice (bi-annual) 3 months after the period.	Achieved	Delay in the submission of data is the main issue causing the delay in the dissemination of annual reports both on a Calendar & Financial Year basis.
Formal Employment estimates	GFS Report is released 2 months after the period.	Achieved	Data Sources delay
Integrated Business Information Database	Conducted after the release of the Calendar Year Report in April 2022.	Achieved.	No issues.
General Government Accounts	Published and disseminated 2 months after the period.	Achieved	No issues.

OUTPUT FOUR: SOCIAL STATISTICS

Output Manager: ACEO Social Statistics

Scope of Appropriation: To collect and compile socio-economic statistics from secondary sources related to education, health, migration, tourism, agriculture, trade, environment, meteorology, foreign exchange, justice, etc for the publication of Annual Statistical Abstract, Monthly Tourism Report and the Updating of the Website.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES	PERFORMANCE TARGETS	PROGRESS OF INDICATORS	COMMENTS
Number of monthly migration reports	12	Not Achieved	Unable to compile this indicator due to international travel restrictions
Number of quarterly Migration Report	4	Not Achieved	Unable to compile this indicator due to international travel restrictions
Number of Annual Report	1	Not Achieved	Unable to compile this indicator due to international travel restrictions
Number of Pensioners Monthly Tabulated Reports	12	Not Achieved	Unable to compile this indicator due to international travel restrictions
Number of ad hoc enquiries responded to within 5 working days, through help desk, emails and telephone.	50	Achieved	Received and recorded 12 enquiries. Most were referred to our website for publications and statistical information
Annual Water Accounts FY 2020/2021	1	Not Achieved	To be released before end of FY 2022/23
Statistical Abstract	1	Not Achieved	To be released before end of FY 2022/23 due to engagement in the 2021 Population and Housing Census
Draft Annual Energy Report 2020	1	Achieved	Draft report completed in June 2022

OUTPUT FIVE: CENSUS AND SURVEY

Output Manager: ACEO Census and Survey Division

Scope of Appropriation: Design sample surveys and the Population and Housing Census, and also responsible for survey methods, questionnaire design, field data collection, compilation and dissemination of survey results.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES	PERFORMANCE TARGETS	PROGRESS OF INDICATORS	COMMENTS
Population and Housing Census(PhC) 2021 Recruitment and Training for supervisors and enumerators	Recruitment of PHC workers should be started in early July following by Training in mid-July -early Sep 2021	Achieved	
Population and Housing Census 2021 data collection and launching of Preliminary result	Data collection should be started in Oct-Nov and the Preliminary result should be ready by December 2021	Achieved	The effect of the data collection period by the sudden passing away of the former Government Statistician as well as the effect of the country by the COVID 19 SOEs caused the delay in releasing the Preliminary result in December 2021 but it was released in April 2022.
Population and Housing Census 2021, Quality checking, secondary editing and launching of Tabulation report	Quality checking of all census data and secondary editing for data compilation should be done in Jan-April and Tabulation report should be ready by June 2022	Not Achieved	The effect of the country by the COVID 19 SOEs caused the delay in these parts of the plan but were able to complete in the following months
Staff attending relevant statistical trainings, workshops and meetings	On -going	Achieved	Staff were able to attend online courses on CAPI, KNowVAW courses

Upgrade and improve the Survey and Sampling Design and provide assistance to users namely citizens, usual stakeholders, organizations and businesses.	On -going	Achieved	
Provide statistical assistance to at least 300 users via front desk, emails and telephones or presentations and trainings when needed	On going	Achieved	Division was able to serve more than 300 users who requested for census and sample surveys data as well as household lists and maps

OUTPUT SIX: BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGE

Output Manager: ACEO Births, Deaths and Marriages Division

Scope of Appropriation: Registration of births, deaths and marriages, adoptions and dissolution of marriages according to BDM ACT 2002, with the focus on maintaining accurate vital registrations.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES	PERFORMANCE TARGETS	PROGRESS OF INDICATORS	COMMENTS
"Improve Vital registration (increase registration within legislated timeframe) - Births registration within 3 months after birth - Deaths within 14 days after burial - Marriages within 14 days after marriage	90%	Not Achieved	Delayed and incomplete registration due to lack of linkages amongst bodies that collects information. Parents and families have no obligation to register events
"Revitalise CRVS Steering Committee (meetings conducted to coordinate CRVS work)	3 meetings	Not Achieved	No meeting conducted throughout this FY mainly due to COVID 19 pandemic restrictions.

			Continuous support has been provided from partners and stakeholders to coordinate CRVS
Percentage of enquiries responded to within 10 working days verification of vital statistics (NZ Internal Affairs and Immigration)	100%	Achieved	
Improve verification of Mutual benefits (NPF, Public Trust, ACC etc	100%	Achieved	The local demand from users such as, insurance company, NPF, AG, ACC and Ministry of Police to assist with verification of birth records, death and marriage for entitlements and criminal cases.
Improve respondent to search enquiries (Ministry of Police, MJCA, AG office)	100%	Achieved	Noticed the increase number of criminal cases with Ministry of Police
Public awareness programs and trainings conducted on the registration of births, deaths and marriages	10 programs	Achieved	We acknowledged the financial support from UNICEF that assisted us with the awareness campaign. Trainings with STN, SN & SM for both Savaii and Upolu took place around February followed by Panel Discussion and Live Talks on TV and Radio
Improve respondent to overseas missions (100% respond to overseas mission request, follow process and receive	100%	Achieved	The verification process has been one of the most demanding services from our overseas mission, Immigration

payment of services)			office (NZ, Australia, US Embassy) to verify primary identification of Samoa citizens for entitlements, benefits, insurance, citizenship and even criminal cases
Provide support to National Digital Identification System through provision of CRVS	100%	Achieved	BDM as part of the NID steering committee and team leader in taking the draft bill to the community for public consultation.
Improve respondent to general enquiries from the general public attending the office and through internet	100%	Achieved	Serve customers and respond to general enquires within allocated time frame
Timely registration of local and overseas adoption through provisions of required documents (order, motion, affidavit)	2 days	Achieved	Register adoption within timeframe with provided required documents
Review, analyses and redesign of CRVS process	Ongoing	Achieved	Work closely with UN Accelerator Lab Experiment to improve CRVS process

OUTPUT SEVEN: ICT AND DATA PROCESSING

Output Manager: ACEO ICT and Data Processing Division

Scope of Appropriation: Provision of ICT work for the office and facilitate data processing work for surveys and Census

PERFORMANCE MEASURES	PERFORMANCE TARGETS	PROGRESS OF INDICATORS	COMMENTS
Website - Monthly upload and update of SBS website	On-going	Achieved	Our responsibility is to ensure that all monthly reports from accountable divisions are posted on the website for use by the general public in accordance with reporting periods. Some reports are issued on a monthly, quarterly, or annual basis.
IT Support - Equipments, Software update, Antivirus license update.	A continuous procedure to guarantee that our IT offers complete support to all workers five days a week without any complaints being made regarding IT problems.	Achieved	Our service is to make sure that any equipment problems that staff members report as being connected to their jobs are mended, maintained, or replaced due to poor conditions. printers, copiers, computers, laptops, and more.
IT Support - office network, internet and BDM systems	A continuous procedure to guarantee that our IT offers complete support to all workers five days a week without any complaints being made regarding IT problems.	Achieved	If the network, internet, and systems are unstable, our personnel must continue operating in a regular rhythm in order to provide services and means of communication. And that's the support we offer every day.

Design and test Data Entry application system for the 2021 Population and Housing Census using CAPI	The PHC2021 System Design for CAPI Data Collection is complete.	Achieved	To ensure that the system created for data collection is trustworthy when using tablets for fieldwork (PHC2021)
Data Processing for Population and Housing Census 2021	Completed: Start on October 18 th to November 8 th 2021 (3 weeks)	Achieved	Data Collection and Call Backs was complete before July 2022 then follow by the Data cleaning and tabulation process.
IT Support- Upgrade back up server at SNBH	On-going	Achieved	The backup system located at Motootua as known as ACRONIS BACKUP must be stable, and we check and monitor it from our office remotely.

OUTPUT EIGHT: ECONOMICS STATISTICS

Output Manager: ACEO Economics Statistics Division

Scope of Appropriation: Collect, compile, analyze and disseminate economic statistics such as the Consumer Price Index(CPI) trade and shipping statistics, as well as conducting Agriculture Survey and Household Income and Expenditure Survey

PERFORMANCE MEASURES	PERFORMANCE TARGETS	PROGRESS OF INDICATORS	COMMENTS
Number of consumer price index reports	12 monthly CPI report (both English and Samoan)	Achieved	All 12 monthly CPI reports were published on time and are readily available on the SBS website (both English and Samoan)
Number of Merchandise Trade reports	12 Monthly Merchandise Trade Reports (both English and Samoan) + 4 Merchandise Quarterly Reports	Achieved	All 12 monthly and 4 quarterly Merchandise Trade reports were published on time and are readily available on the SBS

			website (both English and Samoan)
Number of Volume & Price Indexes reports	12 Monthly Local Market Reports (both English and Samoan)	Achieved	All 12 monthly reports were published on time and are readily available on the SBS website (both English and Samoan)
Number of Quarterly Import Price Index reports	4 Quarterly IPI Reports (both English and Samoan)	Achieved	4 IPI reports were published on time and are readily available on the SBS website (both English and Samoan)
Number of Shipping report	2 Biannual Shipping Reports + 1 Annual Report 2020 (both English and Samoan)	Achieved	2 biannual & 1 annual Shipping reports were published on time and are readily available on the SBS website (both English and Samoan)
Number of Enquiries responded to within 7 days or less	75	Achieved	Able to respond to more than 80 enquiries exceeding the target of 75
Agriculture Census 2019	Finalise report and official launch	Achieved	The report was launched and disseminated on the 12 th November 2021.
CPI Rebasing	Complete rebase exercise with updated of new weights, commodities and outlets	Not Achieved	Requires an expert to review the rebasing exercise that's already been done by the team to ensure its consistent and reliable.
HIES 2023	Project work plan and budget in place	25% of the budget is approved.	25% of the total budget requested through the Government was approved, the request for the

			remaining 75% is with the Aid Coordination team of the MOF. All other activities will commence in FY2022/23.
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OUTPUT NINE: NATIONAL IDENTIFICATION

Output Manager: ACEO National Identification Division

Scope of Appropriation: To establish and maintain the National Identification System for Samoan citizens and residents

PERFORMANCE MEASURES	PERFORMANCE TARGETS	PROGRESS OF INDICATORS	COMMENTS
Provision of monthly reports to the Government Statistician on the progress of the National ID project for on-going planning and decision-making	On going	Achieved	Monthly Management Meetings and weekly discussions with the Government Statistician on the progress of the National ID Project.
Local counter-part from SBS for Hired Consultants working on developing the National ID Bill	Completed by June 2021	Achieved	The Mc Millan Law and Solicitor from New York worked together with the SBS and the local technical working group to complete the major tasks. SBS is still working in progress to pass the draft bill in Parliament.
Coordinate the relevant media publicity of the National ID on the radio, TV, newspapers, to	On going	Not Achieved	The Communication Strategy is still in development progress

reach all community levels			
Coordinate and implement the mass registration of targeted people for the National ID System	January 2022	Not Achieved	This task is awaiting for the development of the National Digital Identification System (NDIDS)
Local counterpart from SBS for Hired Consultant for the development of National Digital Identification System (NDIDS)	June 2022	Not Achieved	This task is waiting for the draft bill "National Digital Identification Bill" to be passed by Parliament.
Implementation of the National Digital Identification System (NDIDS)	Ongoing	Not Achieved	This task is waiting for the draft bill "National Digital Identification Bill" to be passed by Parliament.