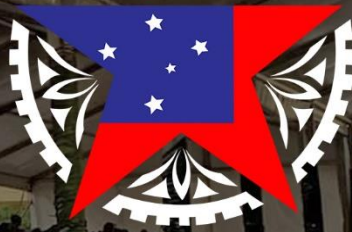


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27th May 2024

Honorable Speaker of the House,
Legislative Assembly,
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It is my pleasure to table the Annual Report for the Samoa Bureau of Statistics for the financial year July 2022 to June 2023, for Parliament discussion and consideration

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Minister of Samoa Bureau of Statistics

In accordance with section 15 (2) of the Public Service Act 2004, I submit herewith the Annual Report for the Samoa Bureau of Statistics for the financial year 2022-2023.

The report is the record of the Bureau's performance for the entire financial year and to be laid before the Parliament for consideration.

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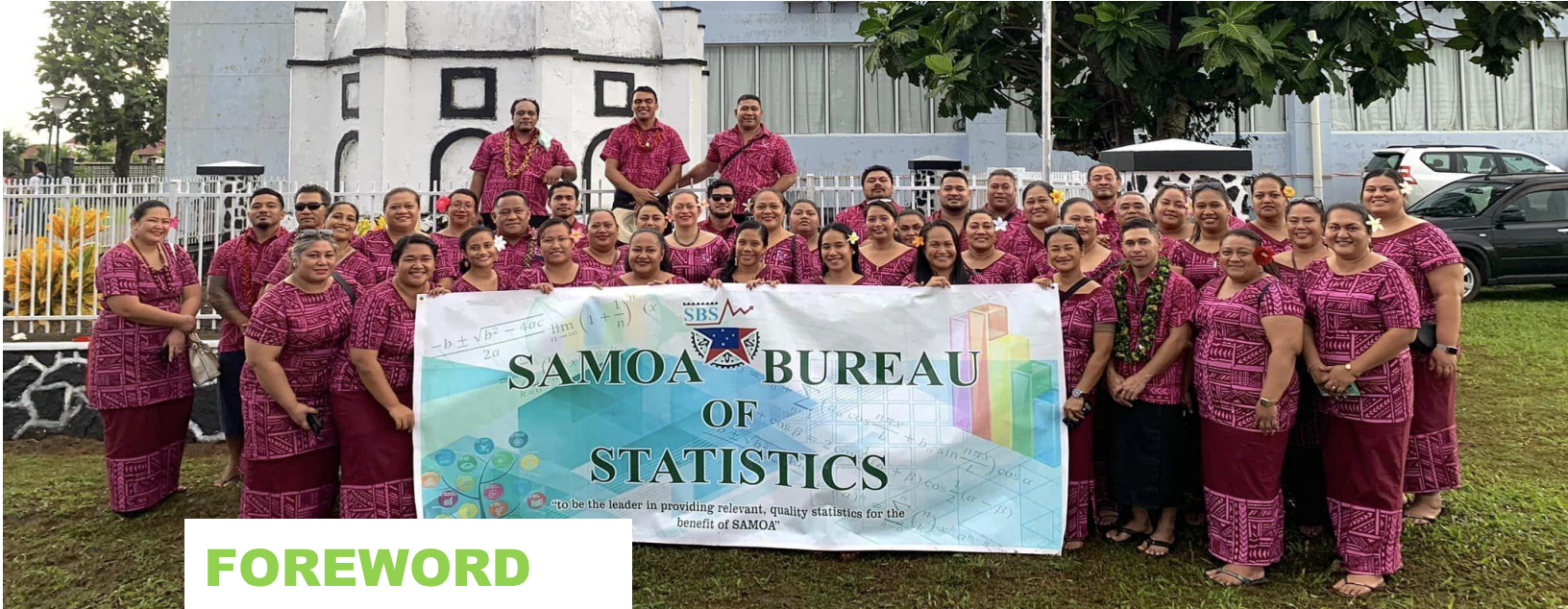
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ACRONYMS

| | |
|---------------|--|
| BDM | Births, Deaths and Marriages |
| CAPI | Computer-Assisted Personal Interviews |
| CATI | Computer Assisted Telephone Interviews |
| CRVS | Civil Registration of Vital Statistics |
| DHS | Demographic Health Survey |
| FAFH | Food Away from Home |
| HIES | Household Income and Expenditure Survey |
| ILO | International Labor Organization |
| GDP | Gross Domestic Product |
| GFS | Government Finance Statistics |
| GES | Gender and Environment Survey |
| KSTA | Knowledge Support and Technical Assistance |
| MICS | Multi-Indicator Cluster Survey |
| MPI | Multi -dimensional poverty report |
| LFS | Labor Force Survey |
| PDS | Pathway for the Development of Samoa |
| PHC | Population and Housing Census |
| Pfor R | Program for Results |
| PFTAC | Pacific Financial Technical Assistance Center |
| SUT | Supply Use Tables |
| SBS | Samoa Bureau of Statistics |
| UNSEEA | United Nations System of Environment and Economic Accounts |



FOREWORD



I am pleased to report on the highlights of our achievements, challenges and our way forward for the year under review. Our work evolves around accomplishing our vision to provide an efficient statistical system that provides trusted and valued statistics to inform policy and decision making for the benefit of Samoa. We continue to align our actions in order to respond to the government priorities, by providing statistical reports and advice to inform national policies.

This year, we were able to pick up on some of the delayed activities from the previous years due to the pandemic effects. Our migration statistical reports had continued on its regular monthly basis, since the re-opening of our international travel borders in 2022. The economy since then has experienced gradual growth since its decline in the previous years due to the adverse effects of the pandemics. Our regular economic statistics report provides basis for our economic performance and comparisons over the years. An increase in the demand and the usage of these reports has strengthened our purpose of providing valued and trusted statistics to benefit all users.

The Bureau continues to work in close collaborations with all sectors and the community through the provision of advice and actual statistics to verify indicators of their sector plans. Moreover, we have been able to distribute district profiles from the results of the Population Housing and Census 2021 to all constituencies for their references and to assist them with their one million projects. We endeavor to continue to work together with the established district offices to ensure that our field works and community engagement programs are channeled through them for the wider community access.

Our Household Income and Expenditure Survey (HIES) field work kicked off in the last half of this financial year. This is a huge undertaking for us as usual, and this would not be made possible without the generous assistance of our development partners in funding part of this work.



I want to thank my management and staff for making this year a very successful one. A special acknowledgement of our stakeholders within our statistical system for cooperation and support in every aspect of our work. Also not forgetting the assistance and usual support of our development partners in one way or another, which enable us to implement all our undertakings this year.

Faafetai, faafetai tele lava.



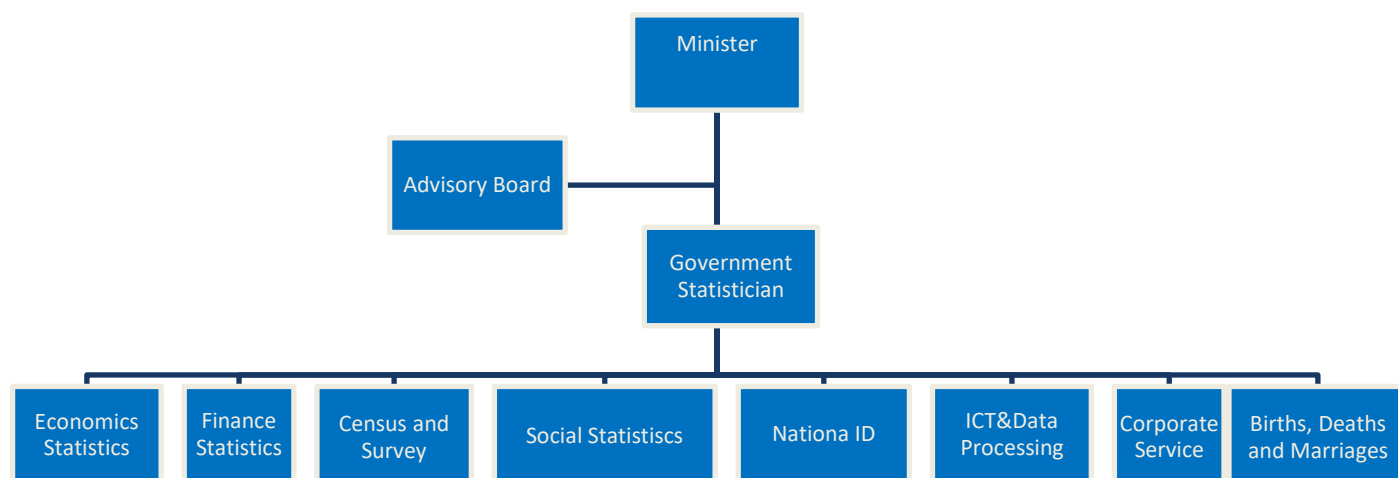
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OUR ORGANISATION

Our Vision: An efficient statistical system that provides trusted and valued statistics to inform policy and decision making for the benefit of Samoa.

Our Mission: To create a comprehensive statistical system through an integrated statistical process and effective partnerships, that delivers quality, reliable and timely statistics that are fit for purpose.

OUR STRUCTURE





OUR SUCCESS STORIES



FIRST ANNUAL STATISTICS FORUM

Our first statistics forum was conducted on 20th and 21st April 2023, with the theme: “Data Access and use leads to positive outcome”

The main aim of the forum is to inform all our users of data available and produce by the Bureau from time to time to assist them with their policy formulation and planning activities.

The target participants are all the Economic, Social and Infrastructure sector representatives and mainly the sector coordinators with one staff involved in the production of sector plan and one staff from the Policy Research and Planning division.

Launched of Population and Housing Census 2021 Report

On the 6th of December 2022, the Population and Housing Census 2021 final report and the fact sheet which shows high level indicators were launched. The report presented the **final population count** of all the population resided in Samoa that was collected during the census enumeration period which was conducted from the 18th of October to the 6th of November 2022

Launched of Poverty and Hardship Report and Multi-Dimensional Poverty Report

The Household Income and Expenditure Survey (HIES) conducted in Samoa in 2018 was the fourth such survey to be conducted since 2002. The survey interviewed 3,018 households across Upolu and Savaii capturing information on a wide range of household characteristics including house construction, asset ownership, education and employment as well as household income and expenditure.



Launched of the intelligent report on Strengthening Birth Registration System in Samoa

The Intelligence report on the strengthening of CRVS in Samoa was put together in close partnership between SBS and the United Nations through UN Accelerated Lab project. This project aims at ensuring that every child in Samoa is registered and has access to their fundamental rights. Immediately after the launch, a signing of a partnership agreement between the two parties took place to enhance digital transformation and modernization of CRVS in Samoa.



Launched of the Samoa Statistics Strategy 2022-2026

The Samoa Statistics Strategy 2022-2026, is the guiding documents that outlines the work of the Bureau for the next five years. It sets out its vision and mission as well as the goals and objectives of the Bureau that needs to be implemented and achieved within the span of five years. The statistics strategy is aligned to the national priorities in our PDS, and in our efforts to mainstream our actions to achieve the overall goals of the PDS.





OUR YEAR IN REVIEW

SOCIAL STATISTICS

Labour Force and Child Labor Survey 2022

This is the third survey implemented by the bureau, the others conducted in 2012 and 2017, with financial assistance from ILO (International Labor Organization), ADB Asian Development Bank) and the Government of Samoa. The survey was implemented in November-December 2022 for five weeks. This report provided valuable insights into social and economic activities of the population covering detailed information on the working age population, labour force, employment, unemployment, income, labor force, outside of the labor force population, youth impacts of covid-19 on employment, child labor and Samoan returned migrant workers.

New modules were included for the first time namely child labor, impacts of covid-19 on employment and Samoan Returned Migrant Worker. It is envisaged for the report to be officially launched towards the end of 2023.

Migration Statistics

Our international borders were re-opened in August 2022 after lifting the ban on international travelers since 20th March 2022 due to Covid-19 hence, the division was able to continue the production of regular month, quarterly and annual migration reports. International Arrivals and Departures are very important indicators for the contribution of tourism to the economy as well as providing information about the Samoan population movements .





| <i>Period</i> | Arrivals | | | Departures | | | Net Migration |
|---------------|----------|---------|---------|------------|---------|---------|---------------|
| | Total | Male | Female | Total | Male | Female | |
| 2012 | 172,720 | 90,479 | 82,241 | 174,139 | 91,699 | 82,440 | -1,419 |
| 2013 | 162,877 | 85,275 | 77,602 | 168,218 | 87,833 | 80,385 | -5,341 |
| 2014 | 173,713 | 91,270 | 82,443 | 179,017 | 94,475 | 84,545 | -5,304 |
| 2015 | 185,030 | 97,013 | 88,017 | 190,210 | 99,524 | 90,686 | -5,180 |
| 2016 | 197,396 | 103,016 | 94,380 | 203,714 | 105,909 | 97,805 | -6,318 |
| 2017 | 212,240 | 110,239 | 102,001 | 220,055 | 130,904 | 89,151 | -7,815 |
| 2018 | 236,506 | 121,576 | 114,930 | 240,549 | 117,042 | 123,507 | -4,043 |
| 2019 | 249,971 | 129,892 | 120,079 | 258,334 | 124,578 | 133,756 | -8,363 |
| 2020 | 42,373 | 23,925 | 18,448 | 50,582 | 22,608 | 27,974 | -8,209 |
| 2021 | 7,463 | 5,608 | 1,855 | 12,994 | 3,366 | 9,628 | -5,531 |
| 2022 | 76,053 | 42,066 | 33,987 | 70,485 | 39,869 | 30,616 | 5,568 |

Pension statistics

Similarly with migration statistics, the division in collaboration with NPF was also able to continually produce monthly pension data/ statistics since our international borders were reopened in August 2022 to monitor the international movement of pensioners.

SDG Tracker Tool

Currently updated by the division on an ad hoc basis, depending on the availability of the results of various surveys implemented by the bureau to report and monitor the progress of Samoa's SDG 2030 indicators. Additionally, ESCAP is continually providing the technical assistance with the tracker tool from time to time.

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 and the latest pertains to FY 2019/20. On the contrary, the division is collaborating with sourced ministries to ensure the timely release of the required sourced dataset to ensure the timely compilation and release of future annual water accounts.

Energy Accounts

Also using the UN framework (UNSEEA – United Nation System of Environmental Economic Accounting) the division managed to compile and produced its first ever energy account for 2020, which was officially released in March 2023.



FINANCE STATISTICS

GDP REPORTS

Gross Domestic Product (GDP) is Samoa's official measure of economic growth. GDP is compiled and published using the **production and expenditure approach**. The Production approach measures the total value of goods and services produced in Samoa, after deducting the cost of goods and services used in the production process also known as the value-added approach. The expenditure approach to calculating GDP takes into account the sum of all final goods and services purchased in an economy over a set period of time which includes all consumer spending, government spending, business investment and net exports.



GFS and DEBT Statistics

Government Finance Statistics provide statistics that enable policymakers and analysts to study developments in the financial operations, financial position and liquidity situation of the government sector in a consistent and systematic manner. Balancing items have been created to provide summary information such as Net Operating Balance (NOB) and Net Lending (+) or Borrowing (-).

Formal Employment Statistics

Employment covers all formally registered employees to the Samoa National Provident Fund. This includes all industries in the Primary, Secondary and Tertiary Sectors and the Public Administration (Private and Public Sectors).

Compilation of Supplies and Used Tables (SUTs)

Under the Knowledge Support and Technical Assistance (KSTA) Project, titled “Strengthening Economic Statistics for Measuring Progress Towards Sustainable Development Goals”, the Statistics and Data Innovation Unit of the Asian Development Bank (ADB) was engaged in a collaboration with the Finance Statistics Division (FSD) of the Samoa Bureau of Statistics (SBS) with two in-country missions conducted in October 2022 and July 2023, with weekly virtual workshops in an effort to compile the first ever Supply and Use Table for Samoa's National Accounts for the years 2013 and 2018. As a result of these technical missions, FSD were able to produce a draft SUT for 2013 with a great need to improve on a lot of areas.

Review of the National Account's Framework

The IMF's Pacific Financial Technical Assistance Centre (PFTAC) conducted an in-country technical assistance (TA) mission as a response to a request from SBS to support the Finance Statistics Division (FSD) to review the national accounts framework in terms of refining the methodologies and improving the data sources used for national accounts compilation. The review was conducted through virtual consultations and an in-country mission with more to follow.

As part of the review process, IMF expert conducted technical trainings and capacity building exercises for FSD personnel compiling estimates with a smaller discrepancy between the Expenditure and Production approaches to GDP.

Highlight of the missions was the review of all stages as well as a full documentation on the re-development of the first ever final SUTs for Samoa. In addition, the mission provided advice on the work program to produce and release SUTs for 2023 and rebased GDP estimates.

Integrated Business Information Database

The Bureau through the Finance Division continues to refine and improve the integrated business information database with administrative data from Ministry of Customs and Revenue. The main objectives of this project were:

- To harmonize and integrate all business-related administrative information that are collected under different administrations.
- To enhance production, processing and dissemination of statistical information for better use.
- To develop an updated Central Business Register that serves as a frame for conducting the Business Activity Survey.

CENSUS AND SURVEY STATISTICS

Population and Housing Census 2021 Final Report and Fact sheet launched.

On the 6th of December 2022, the Population and Housing Census 2021 final report and the fact sheet which shows high level indicators were launched. The report presents the final population 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 final count shows a total population of 205,557 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 comparison to the latest census an addition of 9,578 persons were added to the population within five years.



**Total population by 5year age groups, sex and year
2021-2023**

| 5-year Age Group | 2021-Population and Housing Census Year | | | 2022-Projection | | | 2023-Projection | | |
|------------------------|--|----------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|
| | Male | Female | Total | Male | Female | Total | Male | Female | Total |
| Total | 104,853 | 100,704 | 205,557 | 105,645 | 101,827 | 207,473 | 106,437 | 102,951 | 209,388 |
| 0-4 | 27,593 | 14,391 | 13,202 | 30,191 | 14,558 | 10,211 | 32,790 | 14,724 | 7,219 |
| 5-9 | 27,491 | 14,432 | 13,059 | 30,359 | 14,945 | 10,667 | 33,227 | 15,458 | 8,275 |
| 10-14 | 23,995 | 12,542 | 11,453 | 26,583 | 12,974 | 9,456 | 29,171 | 13,406 | 7,459 |
| 15-19 | 19,066 | 10,021 | 9,045 | 20,886 | 10,228 | 7,064 | 22,705 | 10,436 | 5,082 |
| 20-24 | 14,984 | 7,627 | 7,357 | 16,344 | 7,605 | 5,645 | 17,704 | 7,584 | 3,932 |
| 25-29 | 13,876 | 6,597 | 7,279 | 15,311 | 6,590 | 6,068 | 16,746 | 6,583 | 4,858 |
| 30-34 | 11,952 | 5,680 | 6,272 | 13,132 | 5,643 | 5,143 | 14,312 | 5,606 | 4,014 |
| 35-39 | 10,923 | 5,345 | 5,578 | 11,995 | 5,367 | 4,534 | 13,067 | 5,389 | 3,490 |
| 40-44 | 10,215 | 5,130 | 5,085 | 11,191 | 5,172 | 4,052 | 12,168 | 5,214 | 3,018 |
| 45-49 | 9,773 | 5,119 | 4,654 | 10,680 | 5,236 | 3,630 | 11,586 | 5,353 | 2,606 |
| 50-54 | 9,599 | 5,106 | 4,493 | 10,652 | 5,305 | 3,702 | 11,704 | 5,504 | 2,911 |
| 55-59 | 8,067 | 4,189 | 3,878 | 8,949 | 4,356 | 3,252 | 9,831 | 4,524 | 2,625 |
| 60-64 | 6,474 | 3,349 | 3,125 | 7,235 | 3,507 | 2,705 | 7,997 | 3,665 | 2,285 |
| 65-69 | 4,661 | 2,357 | 2,304 | 5,253 | 2,474 | 2,070 | 5,845 | 2,591 | 1,836 |
| 70-74 | 2,860 | 1,335 | 1,525 | 3,179 | 1,318 | 1,292 | 3,497 | 1,301 | 1,060 |
| 75-79 | 1,971 | 864 | 1,107 | 2,216 | 836 | 978 | 2,461 | 808 | 850 |
| 80+ | 1,881 | 662 | 1,219 | 2,140 | 575 | 1,127 | 2,400 | 489 | 1,035 |
| Not stated | 176 | 107 | 69 | 194 | 116 | 54 | 213 | 126 | 39 |

Source: Samoa Bureau of Statistics Population and Housing Census 2021

Districts Profiles for the 51 Political districts launched

On the 20th of April 2023 the district profiles for the 51 districts in the country were launched. Some of the selected demographic, socio-economic and environment indicators related to each district from the latest Population and Housing Census 2021 were put together for the district profiles. All the district profiles consist of the information related to the district's population, sex, age, education, employment and religions as well as information on households and their main sources of energy for lighting and cooking, main sources of water and as well as the ownerships of some assets and the services used by households

MICS PLUS project Wave 1 launched

In December 2022, the result of the MICS PLUS project wave 1 was released. The project used a Computer Assisted Telephone Interview (CATI) method to collect information in regards to the ongoing situation of children and families in Samoa as well as any data where opinion are required by the users. This is the new method which is different from the traditional face to face interview method to collect information. The second wave was conducted in February to April 2023.

Gender and Environment Survey

The lives of women and men are intrinsically related to the environment. However, women and men may experience these connections differently. Understanding the multi-dimensional nature of the gender-environment nexus requires individual level analysis of women's and men's experiences managing natural resources, dealing with hazards, coping with the consequences of climate change and promoting environmental conservation, among many other areas.

The data collection for the Gender and Environment survey was implemented in April-May 2023. This is the first time that this kind of information is collected by the Bureau. The survey is one of the activities for the Building Back Better project where Census division was working with the UNWomen. The main purpose of the survey is to collect data in order to understand the multi-dimensional nature of the gender-environment nexus requires individual level analysis of women and men's experiences in managing the natural resources, dealing with hazard, coping with the consequences of

climate change and promoting environmental conservation among many areas. The data is in processing before a final result is completed and released

Verification Report for the Samoa Health System Strengthening Program for Results (SHSS PforR,) Year 1 released

In November 2022, the final report for the year 1 of the verification activity for the Samoa Health System Strengthening Program for Results (SHSS PforR, Program) project was finalized and submitted to the World Bank. The program is conducted for seven years and implemented by the Ministry of Health while the verification is conducted by the Samoa Bureau of Statistics -Census and Survey division.

The implementation of the verification process for the year one of the project was successfully completed and the final report was submitted to the World Bank for their validation process and the release of fund for the Government of Samoa to monitor the effects of Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs) in the country.

Community awareness of the district profiles
On the 19th – 23rd June 2023 the Census division conducted it awareness programs on the Population and Housing Census (PHC) 2021 results for the eight selected districts from the island of Savaii and the four selected district in Upolu. The program was conducted at the district council centers. The main purpose of the program was to present the selected indicators compiled from the PHC 2021 result which are specifically to the selected districts. This is to inform them of their demographic, socio-economic and environment information which were collected from the latest Population and Housing Census. The information will the district councils with their planning activities where data is required to support.

ECONOMICS STATISTICS

The 2023 Household Income and Expenditure Survey (HIES)

The Household Income and Expenditure Survey (HIES) is a household-based survey which is conducted every five years. It started back in 2002, 2008, 2013/14, 2018 and the 2023 HIES is the fifth such survey conducted by the Bureau of Statistics. The HIES is a multi-purpose and multi-user survey with the objectives to update the national Gross Domestic Product (GDP) estimates, to update patterns of household expenditures to adjust weights for the Consumer Price Index (CPI) and to conduct poverty analysis, food security & nutrition-oriented analysis. It also provides sociodemographic and economic data to form policy across multiple sectors and to populate national, regional and global indicators like the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG).

The HIES 2023 incorporates some changes in the operation including the use of Computer Assisted Program for Interviews (CAPI) to replace the papers that were used in the previous HIES, the extension of the field work or enumeration to 44 weeks instead of 16 weeks which was the enumeration period in the previous HIES. This is to ensure a whole year spread of data collection to capture festivities, seasonal fluctuations in household income, expenditure, consumption and production patterns. The survey also incorporates a new module to improve collection and estimation of food consumed away from home (FAFH) in the Samoa.

‘Food Away From Home’ (FAFH), an initiative by the Pacific community (SPC) is defined as food and beverage that is acquired and consumed away from the dwelling, such as in restaurants, at work, schools and at feasting events. FAFH is an increasingly significant source of dietary energy among Pacific

Islanders, however current FAFH data collection and processing methodologies are potentially introducing error in the estimation of calories sourced from FAFH, which has adverse implication for the measurement of poverty (SDG 1.1 and 1.2) and undernourishment (SDG 2.1).

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2023 HOUSEHOLD INCOME AND EXPENDITURE SURVEY (HIES)

30th January to 1st December

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW!

WHAT IS THE HIES?

It provides information on people's living conditions and income/expenditure patterns

COVERAGE?

Only a selected sample is surveyed across the whole of Samoa for 44 weeks.

IMPORTANCE?

The information collected will aid in the production and updating of the GDP, CPI, poverty analysis, food security & nutrition to name a few.

CONFIDENTIALITY
Any information obtained during this survey will be kept strictly confidential as specified under the "Statistics Act 2015" and will not be released in any form that will identify your household.

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Consultations were conducted in July 2022 to discuss national consumer habits with respect to FAFH consumption patterns and behaviors. Other activities such as web scraping includes obtaining pictures of foods and recipes online, the Food establishment survey which includes cooking of common meals, determining the calorie content of those meals and preparing a Food atlas or a Food magazine which was used to assist the members of the households during the survey in identifying the foods there were consumed.

Following consultations on both the HIES and FAFH in the first three months of FY22/23, the questionnaires were designed and tested before finalization. Recruitment of hired staff to carry out the enumeration and trainings were conducted later in the year 2023 with the field work or the enumeration commencing on the 30th of January 2023 with daily monitoring of the information from households being done by the HIES team. The enumeration was 50% complete by the end of June 2023. About 4,085 households were selected for this survey.

Consumer Price Index Reports (CPI)

A total of 12 monthly CPI reports compiled and distributed for the entire financial year.

Merchandise Trade

A total of 12 Monthly Merchandise Trade Report+ 4 Merchandise Quarterly Reports, were compiled and distributed with the year.

Shipping Reports

A total of 2 bi-annual report and an annual shipping report prepared and distributed for the financial year.

Local Market Survey

A total of 12 local market survey reports prepared and shared throughout the year. Local market surveys are conducted on a weekly basis.

Capacity building conducted for the staff

A number of capacity building programs were conducted in the year by our development partners on different areas such as sampling, questionnaire design and the tools for data collection. This has strengthened the capacity of the staff in these areas and we are grateful to our donors for the assistance.

BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES STATISTICS

The core functions of the Registrar of Births, Deaths and Marriages, mandated by the BDM Registration Act 2002 (BDM Act 2002) are;

- To establish and maintain the Register;
- To administer the registration system established by the Act and ensure that it operates efficiently, effectively, and economically;
- To ensure that this Act is administered in the best way calculated to achieve its objectives in a cost-effective manner;

The table below highlights the comparison of events which occurred within the FY21/22 and FY22/23 and were also registered with BDM within the same years.

| | FY21/22 | | | FY 22/23 | | |
|------------------------------|---------|------|--------|----------|------|--------|
| Indicator | Total | Male | Female | Total | Male | Female |
| Number of births occurred | 4823 | 2563 | 2260 | 3367 | 1758 | 1609 |
| Number of deaths occurred | 1182 | 650 | 532 | 1370 | 678 | 692 |
| Number of marriages occurred | 466 | | | 786 | | |

We have noticed a drop of 30% of births occurred and registered for FY2022/2023 compare to FY2021/2022. This has been always the trend where parents only tend to register their children when they ready to enter school. The number of deaths occurred and registered has increased by 16% as well as marriage with an increase of 40% in comparison of the two Financial Years.

- We continue to strengthen collaboration with church ministers as they provide BDM office with confirmation letter of death/marriage, baptism notification/certificate.
- 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.
- 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.
- Development/Donor partner assist in providing financial resources to assist with BDM major development and improve registration.
- and Social Development provide BDM with home birth notification within three months of the birth. STN and SN 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.
- 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.

- Partnership strengthened amongst stakeholders; BDM continue to uplift B10 (birth notification form) from the Ministry of Health monthly. STN and SN with the Ministry of Women, Community

Strengthening Birth Registration Project by UNDP Accelerator Lab Experiment project

The main aim of the project is to strengthen and enhance the Births registration processes and systems so that every newborn baby is registered within the first three months of birth/death as mandated in the BDM Act 2002. Phase one focused on unpacking the whole CRVS system, identified issues and identify possible solutions. Phase two was testing/experiment the solutions that have been identified which a whole of community services was provided by conducting the Mass Registration campaign. Final Phase highlight the review of the existing CRVS system and prototyping the new system.

Inequality Assessment in Registration Project supported by UNESCAP

Many countries experience low civil registration completeness rate among certain marginalized and hard to reach population groups or geographic areas. To ensure progress in registration, we need to address disparities in civil registration completeness and coverage of these groups by assessing any CRVS related inequality experienced by population subgroups. Samoa is one of the countries with lower registration completeness rate. The Inception workshop of the project has been completed and will continue to the next FY. The results from these assessments will provide recommendations to planning and policy makers in order to resolve vital registration issues.

Implementation progress and achievement

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND DATA

PROCESSING

The incorporation of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) has helped a fundamental change in how SBS operates, enabling the Bureau to streamline processes, enhance efficiency, and boost overall productivity.

The website upgrade in 2022 and integration with social media platforms exemplifies a strategic commitment to leveraging digital platforms for efficient data dissemination, improved stakeholder engagement, and an enhanced overall user experience also to align with the strategy 2022 - 2026 objective to meet the needs of the users. The Bureau remains dedicated to staying at the forefront of technological advancements to better serve the informational needs of its diverse audience.

The division's contribution assisting survey system design and Data Collection has been instrumental in shaping the success of surveys, particularly the intricate Household Income and Expenditure Survey (HIES), Labor Force (LFS) and mini surveys led by Census Division. By actively engaging in the development of robust data collection instruments, implementing stringent quality control measures, and establishing efficient data management protocols, the Data Processing continues to play a pivotal role in ensuring the reliability and relevance of the data collected. Our division consistently demonstrated its unwavering commitment to supporting the vital operations of the BDM Division in both Upolu and Savaii. Through adept technical prowess and proactive collaboration, the team has played a dedicated role in enhancing the efficiency of the Civil Registration and Vital Statistics (CRVS) processes and with technical assistance.

SBS ICT team's daily assistance at the Helpdesk is an integral component of the bureau's commitment to maintaining a robust and reliable technological infrastructure. Daily support at the Helpdesk involves addressing a spectrum of technical issues, ranging from software glitches to hardware malfunctions. Their proactive support not only resolves immediate issues but also contributes to the cultivation of a technologically empowered work environment, essential for the Bureau's effective pursuit of its statistical objectives.

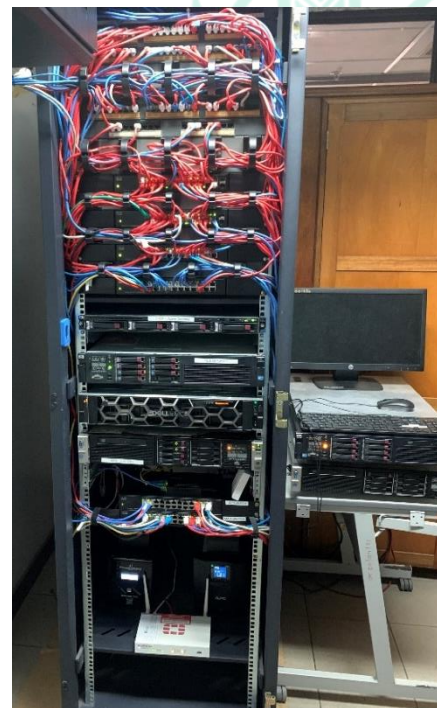


Figure 1: The upgraded server within the SBS Network Cabinet.



Figure 2: BDM new Server Cabinet, housing the server responsible for operating the CRVS System, has been recently upgraded.

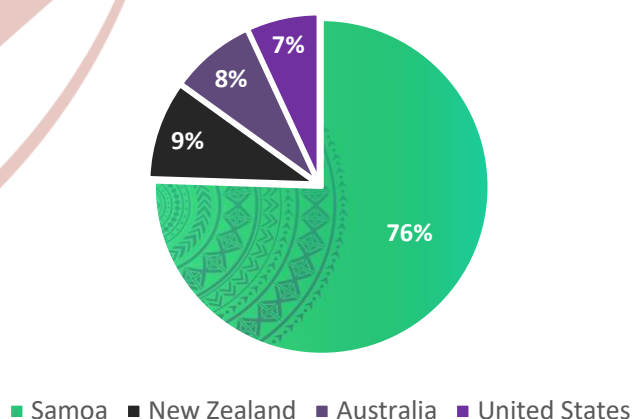
A significant upgrade undertaken involved the migration of our Domain Name System (DNS) server to the latest Operating System, specifically Windows Server 2022 Datacenter. This server is responsible for managing and monitoring the Active Directory Users Computers, as well as overseeing the Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol (DHCP) to promptly address broadcast queries initiated by our staff. Transition from the previous Operating System (2008) to the current one was executed locally by our proficient team.

We have successfully fulfilled our first-year objectives by laying robust foundations to support future success. Numerous accomplishments during the initial year have minimized uncertainties and enhanced clarity, outlining the path forward transparently.

While we will further refine and advance our strategies, the established foundations will prove advantageous as we transition to a heightened emphasis on delivery in the second year.

Website Performance Information

| Assessment of performance by measure (Top 5 countries users) | 2022/2023 result |
|--|---------------------|
| Samoa | 3312 |
| New Zealand | 414 |
| Australia | 357 |
| United States | 303 |
| Fiji | 254 |
| Total Users | 5.45 (thousands) |



NATIONAL IDENTIFICATION

- Conducting Public and Stakeholder Consultations for the National Digital Identification Bill. Early July 2022, we continued working together with the PMU, MOF, MCIT, CBS, MOH, MWCSO and the support from the Strategic Communication Advisor in organizing and conducting the second round consultations for all the Government Ministries, SOEs, Private Sectors, and Public Bodies and submitted all the results to the McMillan Solicitor and Firm Company to insert changes recommended by our people during consultations into the draft Bill.
- 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 continued working with the NRD Company and we finalized the Bidding Document in September 2022.

- 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 public and stakeholder consultations on the National Digital Identification Bill. The Communication Strategy for the implementation of National Digital ID project was approved by the National ID Steering Committee in November 2022.

- Legislation “National Digital Identification Bill 2023”

The “National Digital Identification Bill 2023” both Samoan and English versions were table in Parliament for the first and second reading in June 2023, the Parliament Committee for Economic Development will be responsible for reviewing the Bill before the third reading in the next financial year. Terms of references for Technical Assistants to develop Regulations and the National Implementation Plan are in place seeking the assistance of the World Bank and other potential donors for funding through Finance Sector reforms.



OUR WORKFORCE PROFILE

There are currently 8 divisions as listed below:

| | <i>Divisions</i> | <i>Total</i> |
|---|--|---------------------|
| 1 | Finance Statistics | 9 |
| 2 | Social Statistics | 10 |
| 3 | Census Survey & Demography | 12 |
| 4 | Births, Deaths, Marriages | 18 |
| 5 | ICT & Data Processing | 9 |
| 6 | Economic Statistics | 13 |
| 7 | National Identification | 6 |
| 8 | Policy Advice | 2 |
| 9 | Corporate Services | 13 |
| | <i>Total approved positions</i> | <i>92</i> |

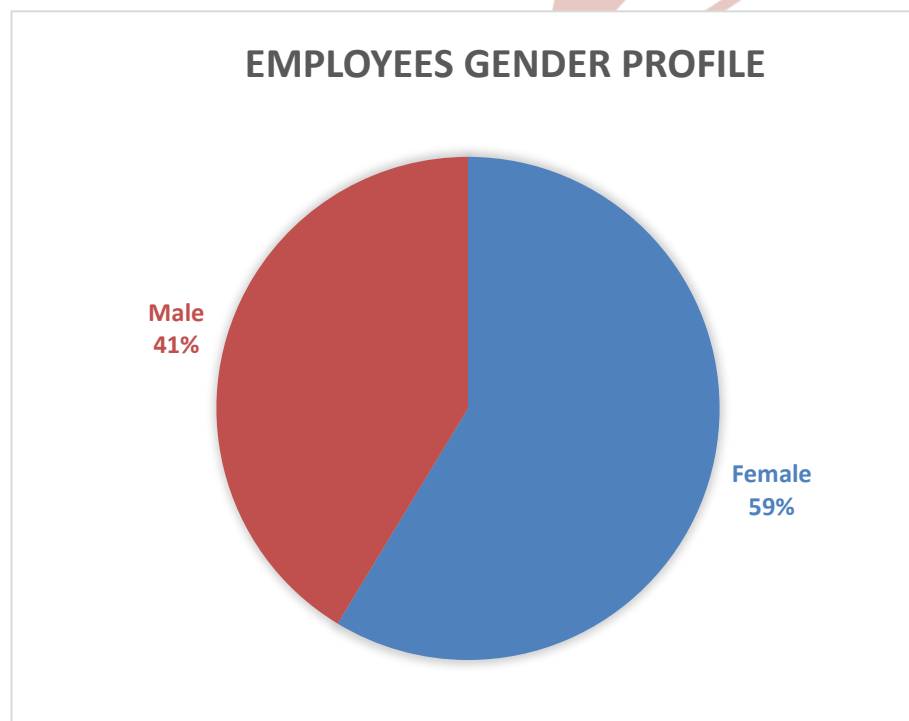
The total headcount of active employees in SBS as of June 2023 is 75.

| | <i>Divisions</i> | <i>Total</i> |
|---|-------------------------|---------------------|
| 1 | Policy Advice | 1 |

| | | |
|--------------------|-------------------------|-----------|
| 2 | Finance Statistics | 8 |
| 3 | Social Statistics | 7 |
| 4 | Census | 10 |
| 5 | BDM | 17 |
| 6 | Economic Statistics | 11 |
| 7 | National Identification | 2 |
| 8 | Corporate | 11 |
| 9 | ICT | 8 |
| TOTAL STAFF | | 75 |

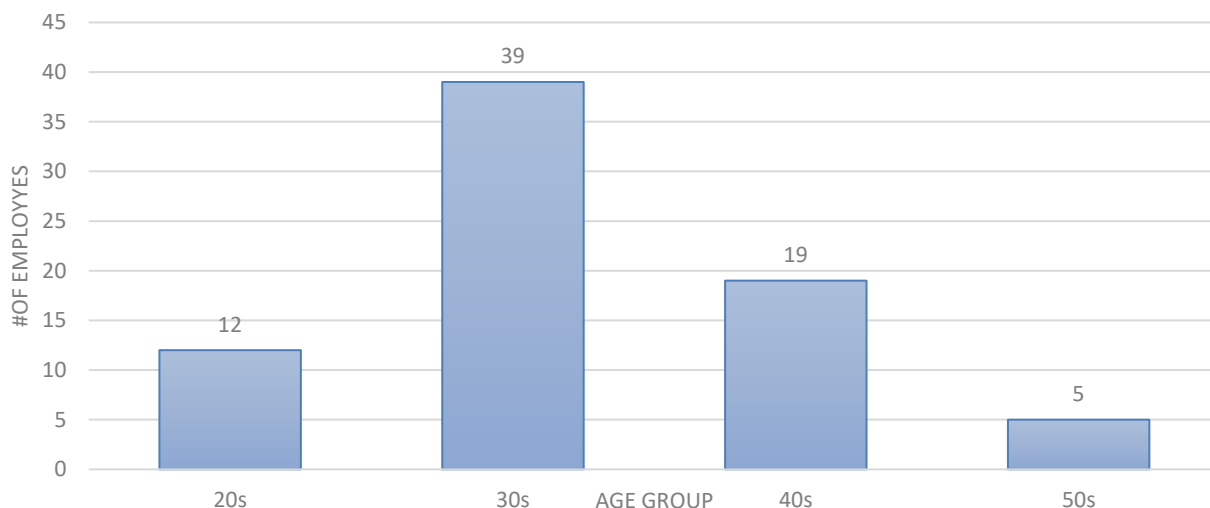
Total Vacancies – 17

1. ICT- Senior IT = 1 position
2. CSSD - Principal & Driver = 2 positions
3. CENSUS - GIS & Senior questionnaire = 2 positions
4. BDM - office assistant = 1 position
5. ECO - Principal Price & Clerk = 2 positions
6. Social - Principal, Statistical Officer & Clerk = 3 positions
7. Finance - Research Officer = 1 position
8. NID - 2 Specialist, 2 Principal,
9. Legal = 1 position



Out of the 75 employees, 59% (44) consists of female, and 41% (31) were male employees.

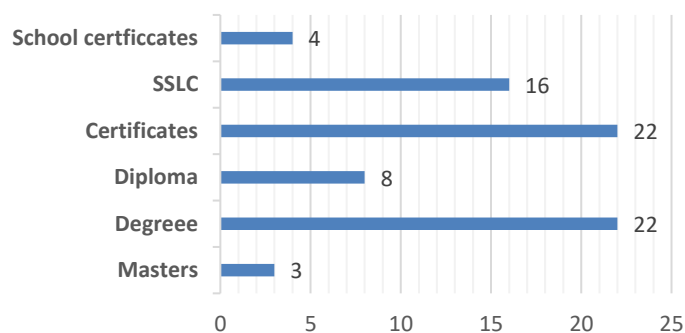
Employees Age Profile



Employees age distribution shows that majority of the staff are between 20s-30s, which consists of 68%(51) of the total workforce , indicating a young workforce. 29%(22) are in the 40s and 50s, and 2%(2) have reached the retirement age of 55 years and above .

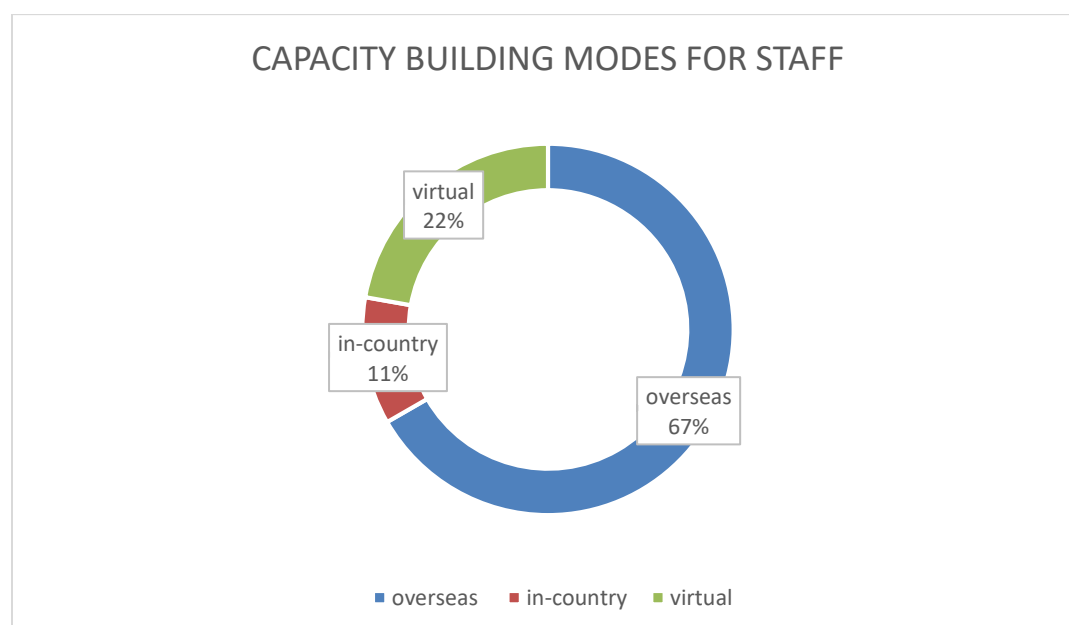
27% of employees currently hold school certificate and school leaving certificates, 29% holds certificate degrees, 11% holds diploma, 29% holds bachelor degrees and 4% holds masters degrees. Aside from the formal qualifications, most of the employees undertook specialised training on official statistics, which is the basic training conducted for all new entrants to the Bureau.

EMPLOYEES QUALIFICATIONS



STAFF DEVELOPMENT

SBS staff have participated in a number of capacity building activities this financial year. This year shows an increase in the number of trainings, workshops and conferences that staff have taken part in. Not only through face-to-face trainings but also virtual trainings. A training record is attached to the appendix section of this report



67% of capacity building sessions were overseas face to face trainings, workshops and conferences, 22% were overseas capacity developments conducted through virtual mode. 11% consist of in-country face to face trainings and workshops for staff.

On the job training is found to be the most common mode of capacity development internally, where staff are inducted, trained and coached by their superiors in the normal course of work and on daily basis. Furthermore, divisional meetings and other in-house developments are conducted on a day-to-day basis by the middle management and management of the office.



OUR FINANCIALS

APPROVED BUDGET FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 2022-2023

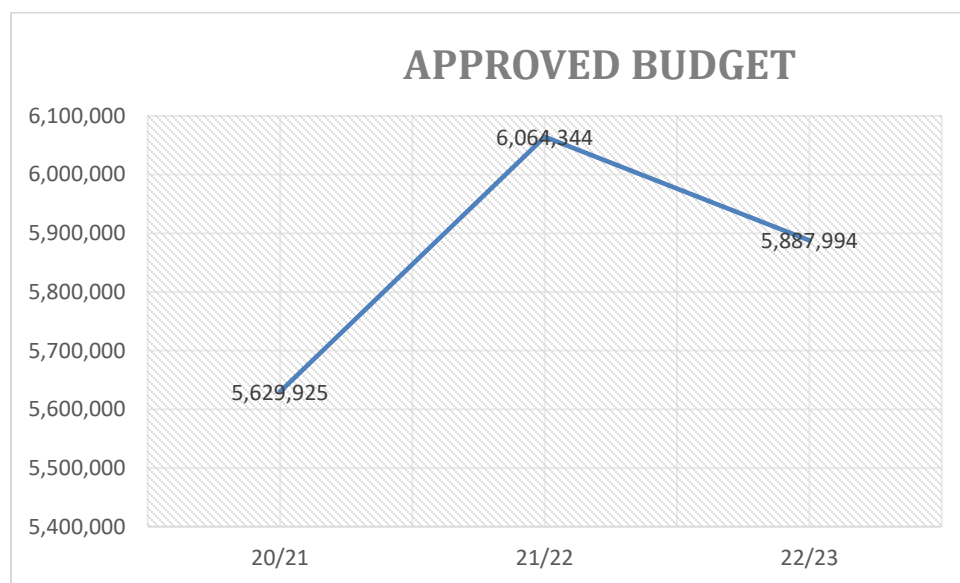
| BUDGET CATEGORY | APPROVED ESTIMATES |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|
| PERSONNEL | \$ 3,656,572.00 |
| OPERATING | \$ 640,804.00 |
| TRANSACTIONS ON BEHALF OF THE STATE | \$ 1,480,618.00 |
| NON-TAX REVENUE | \$680,000.00 |

Approved Budget per output and category

| OUTPUT | PERSONNEL | OPERATING | TOTAL |
|--------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| 1 | \$ 252,006.00 | \$ 63,823.00 | \$ 315,829.00 |
| 2 | \$ 401,182.00 | \$ 35,332.00 | \$ 436,514.00 |
| 3 | \$ 347,344.00 | \$ 20,949.00 | \$ 368,293.00 |
| 4 | \$ 518,030.00 | \$ 33,270.00 | \$ 551,300.00 |
| 5 | \$ 552,048.00 | \$ 151,557.00 | \$ 703,605.00 |
| 6 | \$ 342,580.00 | \$ 131,640.00 | \$ 474,220.00 |
| 7 | \$ 389,239.00 | \$ 42,593.00 | \$ 431,832.00 |
| 8 | \$ 460,955.00 | \$ 47,340.00 | \$ 508,295.00 |
| CSU | \$ 393,148.00 | \$ 114,300.00 | \$ 507,448.00 |

The bulk of the budget category per output is personnel costs. Personnel costs consist of staff salaries and allowances such as higher duty allowances, Board allowances and overnight allowances

BUDGET COMPARISON



There was a slight decrease in total approved budget in this financial year compared to last financial year. The reason for the decrease in total budget was due to the reduction in the Population and Housing Census Budget line.

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 Receivables (Schedule 6) and Fixed Assets (Schedule 9) for financial year ended 30th June 2023 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 Bureau of Statistics are based on the unaudited results for the year ended 30th June 2023, as reflected 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: 26 / 04 / 24

**STATEMENT OF MINISTRY RECEIPTS BY REPORTING
CATEGORY
AND EXPENDITURE BY
OUTPUT
APPROPRIATION ACCOUNT**
*for the financial year ended 30 June
2023*

| | <i>Notes</i> | 2023 | Original Estimate | Final Estimate | (Over)/ Under | 2022 |
|--|--------------|----------------|----------------------|-------------------|------------------|----------------|
| | | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| BUREAU OF STATISTICS | | | | | | |
| RECEIPTS | | | | | | |
| Ordinary Receipts | | | | | | |
| Other Revenues | | 911,126 | | | | 557,371 |
| Fees & Other Charges | | | 680,000 | 680,000 | (231,126) | |
| TOTAL RECEIPTS | | 911,126 | 680,000 | 680,000 | (231,126) | 557,371 |
| PAYMENTS | | | | | | |
| Outputs | | | | | | |
| 1. Policy Advice to the Responsible Minister | | 318,380 | 408,446 | 408,447 | 90,067 | 253,735 |
| 2. Compilation of Finance Statistics | | 429,271 | 498,259 | 498,259 | 68,988 | 458,477 |
| 3. Compilation of Social Statistics | | 413,823 | 430,038 | 430,038 | 16,215 | 435,192 |
| 4. Compilation of Population Census and Survey Statistics | | 618,160 | 643,917 | 643,917 | 25,757 | 615,098 |
| 5. Management of Births, Deaths and Marriages | | 760,904 | 765,350 | 769,083 | 8,179 | 740,862 |
| 6. ICT and Data Processing | | 547,781 | 566,837 | 566,837 | 19,056 | 521,755 |
| 7. Compilation of Economics Statistics (formerly output 2) | | 507,684 | 524,449 | 524,449 | 16,765 | 495,214 |
| 8. National Identification System Division | | 362,863 | 570,080 | 566,347 | 203,484 | 363,585 |

| | | | | | |
|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|-----------|-------------|
| Total Outputs | 3,958,866 | 4,407,376 | 4,407,377 | 448,511 | 3,883,917 |
| Transactions on Behalf of State | | | | | |
| Membership Fees & Grants | | | | | |
| Statistical Institute for Asia and Pacific | 11,131 | 14,000 | 14,000 | 2,869 | 10,855 |
| Government Policies / Initiatives | | | | | |
| Population Census | 89,096 | 130,840 | 130,840 | 41,744 | 998,907 |
| Household Income and Expenditure Survey | 478,855 | 500,000 | 500,000 | 21,145 | 0 |
| Labour Force Survey | 146,703 | 143,483 | 143,483 | (3,220) | 0 |
| | 714,654 | 774,323 | 774,323 | 59,669 | 998,907 |
| Rents & Leases | | | | | |
| Rent at DBS Building | 113,823 | 114,016 | 114,016 | 193 | 101,002 |
| Rent at FMFM II Building | 277,050 | 277,050 | 277,050 | 0 | 277,050 |
| Rent at Salelologa Savaii | 9,000 | 12,000 | 12,000 | 3,000 | 11,889 |
| | 399,873 | 403,066 | 403,066 | 3,193 | 389,941 |
| VAGST Output Tax | 234,453 | 289,229 | 289,229 | 54,776 | 257,774 |
| Total Transactions on Behalf of State | 1,360,111 | 1,480,618 | 1,480,618 | 120,507 | 1,657,477 |
| TOTAL PAYMENTS - BUREAU OF STATISTICS | 5,318,977 | 5,887,994 | 5,887,995 | 569,018 | 5,541,395 |
| RECEIPTS OVER PAYMENTS | (4,407,852) | (5,207,994) | (5,207,995) | (800,144) | (4,984,024) |

GOVERNMENT DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

| | 2023 | Original Estimate | Receipts | Payments | Opening Balance |
|---|----------|-------------------|----------|----------|-----------------|
| | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Grants - GDP | | | | | |
| UNFPA Sexual Reproductive Health 2021-2022 SBS (UNFPA) | 24,454 | 68,485 | 23,490 | 23,036 | 24,000 |
| MICS Plus (UNICEF) | 21,457 | 0 | 174,257 | 155,565 | 2,988 |
| Social Protection for Resilience Joint Programme (UNDP) | 41,116 | 66,475 | | 24,699 | 65,816 |
| KSTA9646 Data for Development (Phase II) (ADB) | 757 | 0 | 170,213 | 169,456 | 0 |
| Samoa Labour Force Survey 2022 (ILO) | 24,521 | 0 | 41,198 | 16,677 | 0 |
| Promoting a Gender Data-Driven Response to the Covid-19 Pandemic & South East Asia (UN Women) | (38,862) | 0 | 489,664 | 528,526 | 0 |
| Data for Development (Phase 2) on Samoa's 2022 Labour Force Survey (ADB) | 1 | 0 | 170,261 | 0 | 0 |
| Birth Registration Campaign (United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)) | a | 156 | 0 | 0 | 156 |

| | | | | | | |
|--|----------|------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|
| Parliamentarian Group Activity (UNFPA) | <i>b</i> | (255,530) | 0 | 0 | 0 | (255,530) |
| Multiple Indicator Cluster Survey (MICS) (UNICEF) | <i>b</i> | (11,240) | 0 | 0 | 0 | (11,240) |
| Strengthening Resilience of Pacific Islands States through Universal Social Protection (ESCAP) | <i>b</i> | 17 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 17 |
| TOTAL GOVERNMENT DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS | | <u>(193,153)</u> | <u>305,221</u> | <u>898,821</u> | <u>917,958</u> | <u>(173,794)</u> |

Notes

- 1* Estimates declared in the First Supplementary Estimates FY22/23 but no movements during financial year.
- a* No movements during current financial year 22/23.
- b* No movements in the last two financial years.

Additional Information to Accounts:

Schedule 6 - Receivables

| | |
|---|-----|
| Accounts Receivable Balance at 30th June 2023 | 300 |
|---|-----|

Schedule 9 - Fixed Assets

| | |
|---|-----------|
| Opening Balance as at 1st July 2022 | 2,809,663 |
| Additional Assets purchased during the financial year | 484,740 |
| Assets Disposed/Written-Off during the financial year | 244,271 |
| Closing Balance of Ministry's Fixed Assets as at 30th June 2023 | 3,050,132 |

OUR CHALLENGES

1. The High staff turnover continues to be a challenge for SBS, especially staff at the clerical level.
2. Our office remote locations continue to be a challenge in coordination and communications of information and resources.
3. SBS access to administrative data with other ministries and corporations remains a challenge
4. Limited number of current staff vs expanded scope of work. With growing demand for quality disaggregated data and timely information, the limited number of staff is a big challenge
5. Delay in obtaining funds from the donors was one of the main issues in the implementation of some of the HIES activities. However, it also opened a window of opportunity to further funding which not only assisted the HIES but also provided the much-needed financial support to other developments within the Bureau
6. Finding households at their homes within the town areas such as the Apia Urban Area (AUA) & the North West of Upolu (NWU) remains a challenge for these areas even if the appointment cards with the details such as the toll-free number were left at the household's gates and doors.

OUR PERFORMANCE MEASURES

Output 1: Policy Advice to Minister

| 2022-23 | | | |
|---|---------------------------|----------------------------------|---|
| Performance Measure/Indicator | Budget Standard or Target | Traffic Light Progress Indicator | Output Manager's comments on progress towards achievement of the Target they have been funded to deliver, including what corrective actions are being taken |
| Date by which Annual Report 2021/2022 complete and submitted to Cabinet for tabling in Parliament in 2022 | Oct-22 | Completed/ Achieved | Annual report 21/22 already discussed in Parliamentary Committee |
| Date by which Corporate Plan 2021-2026 is completed and disseminated for implementation by SBS and partners | Jul-22 | Incomplete | |

| | | | |
|--|--------|---------------------|---|
| Date by which National Strategy for the Development of Statistics (NSDS) 2021-2026 is completed and disseminated for implementation by SBS partners | Jul-22 | Completed/ Achieved | Statistics Strategy launched in December 2022 |
| Percentage of funding proposals approved for the collection and compilation of statistics to support data needs of the 14 Sectors of Development, 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 | 100% | Completed/ Achieved | |
| Date by which mass consultations with key stakeholders will be undertaken in relation to the implementation of the on-going "National ID project". | Jun-23 | Incomplete | Mass registration will be conducted following approval of the NID legislation in Parliament |
| Percentage completion of consultations with key stakeholders in relation to the review of "The Registration of Births, Deaths, Marriages Act, 2002" | 90% | Incomplete | This activity will be conducted later on this financial year |
| Percentage completion of consultations with key stakeholders in relation to the review of "Statistics Act, 2015" | 100% | Incomplete | We are in the process consulting with the donor on the review of the Act |
| Percentage of statistical reports published and disseminated on time for policy and decision making. | 100% | Completed/ Achieved | All statistical reports are disseminated on time |

| | | | |
|--|------|---------------------|--|
| Percentage of staff that attend and participate in capacity training and relevant consultations in-country and elsewhere to improve knowledge and skills | 100% | Completed/ Achieved | Continuous capacity building activities for all staff |
| Percentage completion of compilation of meetings minutes and disseminated to board members before Board meeting | 100% | Completed/ Achieved | Advisory Board meetings are compiled and shared with the Committee after every Board meeting |

Output 3: Compilation of Finance Statistics

| | 2022-23 | | |
|---|---------------------------|----------------------------------|---|
| Performance Measure/Indicator | Budget Standard or Target | Traffic Light Progress Indicator | Output Manager's comments on progress towards achievement of the Target they have been funded to deliver, including what corrective actions are being taken |
| GDP quarterly reports published (March, June, September, December) | 8 | Completed/ Achieved | 4 GDP (P) Quarterly reports compiled and disseminated, and are readily available on SBS website. |
| GFS and Debt quarterly reports published (March, June, September, December) | 8 | Completed/ Achieved | 4 GFS reports compiled and disseminated to all stakeholders. They are also available on SBS website. |
| Date by which Finance Statistics annual workshop is convened (March) | Mar-22 | Completed/ Achieved | The workshop is now integrated as part of the Statistics Forum which will be held annually. |
| Formal employment estimates (March, June, September, December) | 4 | Completed/ Achieved | 4 Formal Employment quarterly reports and analysis disseminated to stakeholders. They are readily available on SBS website. |
| Date by which Integrated Business Information Database is finalised/completed | Sep-22 | Incomplete | Currently in discussions with MCR in developing a classification for MSMEs as well as incorporating returns as identifiers for classification |
| Date by which General Government Accounts are finalised | 1 | Completed/ Achieved | Continue on with existing workplan as data dissemination targets have been achieved |
| GDP(E) Annual Report (March) | 1 | Completed/ Achieved | Annual Analysis compiled and disseminated. Also readily available on the Bureau's website. |
| National Accounts Annual Aggregates (March) | 1 | Completed/ Achieved | Annual Analysis compiled and disseminated. Also readily available on the Bureau's website. |

Output 4: Compilation of Social Statistics

| Performance Measure/Indicator | Budget Standard or Target | Traffic Light Progress Indicator | Output Manager's comments on progress towards achievement of the Target they have been funded to deliver, including what corrective actions are being taken |
|--|---------------------------|----------------------------------|---|
| Monthly Migration Reports to be released within one month after the reference month | 12 | Incomplete | released only 11 monthly migration reports, as international borders were re-opened in August 2022 due to covid 19 |
| Quarterly Migration Reports to be released within two months after the reference quarter | 4 | Incomplete | released only 2 quarterly migration reports due to covid 19 |
| Annual Migration Report to be released within three months after the reference period | 1 | Completed/ Achieved | |
| Pension tabulated data to be released within ten working days after the reference month | 12 | Incomplete | released only 11 monthly tabulated pension data, as international borders were re-opened in August 2022 due to covid 19 |
| Number of ad hoc enquiries responded to within 5 working days, through help desk, emails and telephone | 30 | Completed/ Achieved | |
| Annual Water Account Report for FY 20/21 to be released by May 26, 2023 | 1 | Incomplete | still negotiating the bureaus access to administrative data from sourced ministry through a MOU (memorandum of understanding) |
| Energy Account Report for 2017 - 2020 to be released by June 9, 2023 | 1 | Completed/ Achieved | |
| 2021 Statistical Abstract to be published by February 24, 2023 | 1 | Incomplete | to be released together with the bureaus corporate plan 2022-2026 before end 2023 |
| Launch of the 2022 Labor Force a Survey Reports by June 30, 2023 | 1 | Incomplete | to be launched in October 2023 as we have reached out to ILO and SPC for technical assistance regarding the formulation of relevant tables |

Output 5: Census and Survey

| Performance Measure/Indicator | Budget Standard or Target | Traffic Light Progress Indicator | Output Manager's comments on progress towards achievement of the Target they have been funded to deliver, including what corrective actions are being taken |
|---|---|----------------------------------|---|
| Population and Housing Census(PHC) 2021 Data Analysis & Report Writing | Conduct data analysis and final report writing in July-August 2022 | Completed/ Achieved | Data analysis and report writing was conducted and completed in October 2022 |
| Print and launch the PHC 2021 Final report | Final report of the census should be printed and launched in September 2022 | Completed/ Achieved | The PHC Final Report was launched in December 2022 |
| New households found during Census enumeration located using GPS | Completed by Oct 2022 | Completed/ Achieved | New GPS collected from the Census were included in the final household framework for sample surveys |
| Compilation of Pathways for the Development of Samoas (PDS) & SDG indicators derived from the census data | Compiled and finalised in Feb 2023 | Completed/ Achieved | A fact sheet with PDS and SDG indicators collected from the PHC were compiled and launched together with the final report in December 2022 |
| Upgrade of the Survey and Sampling Design and provision of timely and efficient assistance to users (namely citizens, usual stakeholders, organizations and businesses) | ongoing | Completed/ Achieved | <p>*Sampling selection for Year 2 of Program for Results(PforR) project with World Bank and MoH was conducted in July 2022.</p> <p>* A sampling selection for the Mental Health Survey in partnership with MoH and University of Auckland was selected from the Population and Housing Census 2021 household framework for some of the selected villages</p> <p>*Sampling selection for HIES 2023 was conducted in partnership with SPC</p> |

| | | | |
|---|---------|---------------------|---|
| Provision of statistical assistance to at least 300 users via front desk, emails and telephones or presentations and trainings when needed. | ongoing | Completed/ Achieved | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Conducted 2 Ad hoc surveys namely MICS Plus with UNICEF and Gender and Environment Survey with UNWomen data collection •Conducted the Verification process Year 1 for the PforR project in partnership with MoH and World Bank to monitor Non-Communicable Diseases and the final report was submitted for disbursement of fund •Conducted the survey to collect water tanks location for the Water Sector under MNRE •Coordinated the first ever STATS FORUM for the Bureau •Assisted the Evidence for Violence Prevention in the Extreme (EVE)project with the Samoa Victim Support and the University College of London in preparation of their surveys on some of the selected villages in terms of sampling selection and recommendations on areas that need the expertise of the team from conducting of the Domestic Violence Module in the DHS-MICS 2019-20. •Conducted a presentation for Population Census Taking for the District Council of Lotofaga •Conducted presentation for some of the selected district profiles as per their specific information collected from the PHC 2021 at the District Council Offices |
|---|---------|---------------------|---|

Output 6: Births, Deaths and Marriages

| Performance Measure/Indicator | Budget Standard or Target | Traffic Light Progress Indicator | Output Manager's comments on progress towards achievement of the Target they have been funded to deliver, including what corrective actions are being taken |
|---|---------------------------|----------------------------------|---|
| Percentage of registration within legislated timeframe) - Births registration within 3 months after birth - Deaths registration within 14 days after burial - Marriages registration within 14 days after marriage | 90% | Completed/ Achieved | we manage to take out service to the community through partnership with UNDP as well as collaboration with our stakeholders such as MOH and MWCS. |

| | | | |
|--|------------|---------------------|--|
| Number of CRVS Steering Committee meetings conducted to coordinate CRVS workplan | 2 meetings | Completed/ Achieved | 1 meeting completed due to other competing priorities of the BDM |
| Percentage of verification request of Mutual benefits (NPF, Public Trust, ACC) responded to within 3 working days | 100% | Completed/ Achieved | Requests are responded to on time upon provision of all required documents for our process |
| Percentage of response to search enquiries from (Ministry of Police, MJCA, AG office) responded to within 3 working days | 100% | Completed/ Achieved | Search enquiries from courts and police responded to on time |
| Percentage of overseas missions requests responded to within 5 working days | 100% | Completed/ Achieved | All requests from our overseas missions were responded to on time |
| Percentage of enquiries responded to within 10 working days verification of vital statistics and provision of registration documents (NZ Internal Affairs and Immigration) | 100% | Completed/ Achieved | Request from NZ immigration and internal affairs were responded to on time |
| Percentage of general enquiries from the general public attending the office and through internet responded to in a timely manner. | 100% | Completed/ Achieved | All incoming requests through walk in customers and email requests were responded to on time |
| Number of public awareness programs and trainings conducted on the registration of births, deaths and marriages | 10 | Completed/ Achieved | A lot of awareness programmes were conducted within this FY with the assistance of the UNACC Lab project |
| At least 80% Satisfactory level from participants of public awareness programs and trainings | 80% | Completed/ Achieved | An increase in number of timely registration is an indicator of the increase in level of awareness on our services |
| Complete 50% of the task to support National Digital Identification System pertaining to BDM functions (Registration Data, Consultation Presentations, Review Bill, Review of Lifedata system) | 100% | Incomplete | This activity is dependent on the NID legislation |

Output 7: Information Communication Technology & Data Processing

| Performance Measure/Indicator | Budget Standard or Target | Traffic Light Progress Indicator | Output Manager's comments on progress towards achievement of the Target they have been funded to deliver, including what corrective actions are being taken |
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| Data Processing for Designing of Labour Force Survey 2022 System form for Data collection. | The LFS Data Collection propose to be completed on November 2022 follow by Phase 2-Call backs and Data cleaning in Jan - Feb 2023 | Completed/ Achieved | Refer to the Social & Environmental Statistics Division |
| Data Processing for Designing of HIES 2023 System form for Data collection. | 4 Rounds data collection start in the beginning of 2023 and will completed by the end of 2023 (FY23/24) | Incomplete | Data Processing team is in assiting with data collection services on field. |
| Regular upload and update of SBS website | Monthly | Achieved | Office releases are disseminated on schedule and integrate with Social Media Platforms. |
| IT Support - office network, internet and BDM systems | Ongoing | Achieved | Office Network Infrastructure is well secured, accessible and linked with the BDM office for the CRVS system. |
| Data Processing for Population and Housing Census 2021 | In the process of Call Backs, Data edits, and cleaning | Completed/ Achieved | Complete |
| IT Support - Upgrade and Remotely monitor office data secondary backup SNBH system | Re-new Acronis license before expire on March 2023 | Completed/ Achieved | Complete |
| IT Support- Upgrade back up server at SNBH | Re-new Acronis license before expire on March 2023 | Completed/ Achieved | Complete |

Output 8: Compilation of Economics Statistics

| Performance Measure/Indicator | Budget Standard or Target | Traffic Light Progress Indicator | Output Manager's comments on progress towards achievement of the Target they have been funded to deliver, including what corrective actions are being taken |
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| Number of consumer price index reports issued/published on a monthly basis | 12 Monthly CPI Reports | Completed/ Achieved | 12 monthly CPI reports were published on time and are readily available on the SBS website (|
| Number of monthly and quarterly Merchandise Trade reports finalised/published | 12 Monthly Merchandise Trade Reports + 4 Merchandise Quarterly Reports | Completed/ Achieved | 12 monthly & 4 quarterly Merchandise Trade reports were published on time and are readily available on the SBS website |
| Number of Volume & Price Indexes reports published | 12 Monthly Local Market Reports | Completed/ Achieved | 12 monthly Local Market reports were published on time and are readily available on the SBS website |
| Number of Quarterly Import Price Index reports issued/published on a quarterly basis. | 4 Quarterly IPI Reports | Completed/ Achieved | 4 quarterly IPI reports were published on time and are readily available on the SBS website |
| Number of biannual and annual Shipping reports published | 2 Biannual Shipping Reports + 1 Annual Report | Completed/ Achieved | 2 Biannual & 1 annual Shipping reports were published on time and are readily available on the SBS website |
| Date by which CPI Rebase finalized/completed | Dec-22 | Incomplete | The work which was initially planned to complete in the last FY was extended due to the availability of the TA tasked by the IMF to assist with this exercise. |
| Progress of HIES 2023 completion/finalization | Preparatory work (planning, consultations etc) completed by January 2023 and 50% of Fieldwork completed by June 2023 | Achieved | Preparations for the HIES such as consultations with stakeholders, finalizing the questionnaire, recruitment of hired staff as well as trainings were all done in the first half of the Financial Year 22//23. The last half of the FY was the implementation of the |

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| | | | enumeration or field work which was 50% complete by the end of June 2023. |
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Output 9: National Identification

| Performance Measure/Indicator | Budget Standard or Target | Traffic Light Progress Indicator | Output Manager's comments on progress towards achievement of the Target they have been funded to deliver, including what corrective actions are being taken |
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| Provision of monthly reports to the Government Statistician on the progress of the National ID project for on-going planning and decision-making | monthly | Completed/ Achieved | On going - progress report to the Minister and Cabinet plus report to Government Statistician and SBS Management |
| Date by which commencement of local counter-part from SBS for Hired Consultants working on developing the Regulation. | Jun-23 | Incomplete | It is not possible to carry out this work because it is waiting until the main law is passed before this work can be carried out. The second reading of the bill has been completed while the third reading is still pending at a date and time that Parliament meets. We are not allowed to procure a TA to develop regulations unless the main bill is passed |
| Percentage of relevant media publicity of the National ID aired on the radio, TV, newspapers, to reach all community levels | 100% | Completed/ Achieved | Communication Strategy was approved by NID Steering Committee in November 2022 |
| Date by which coordination and implementation of mass registration of targeted people for the National ID System takes place. | Jun-23 | Incomplete | The review of the plan for the construction of the NDID system is in progress in order to obtain the exact plan for the implementation of Mass Registration . |

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| Date by which the National Digital Identification System(NDIDS) is implemented. | Jun-23 | Incomplete | It is not possible to carry out this work because it is waiting until the main law is passed. |
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