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**3rd MEETING**

**OF THE**

**PACIFIC STATISTICS STANDING COMMITTEE (PSSC)**  
**(Virtual)**

**25<sup>th</sup> November 2020**  
**Pacific Community HQ, Noumea, New Caledonia**

**AGENDA Item 1.i:**

***2019 PSSC: Actions Taken on Recommendations of  
2<sup>nd</sup> PSSC Meeting  
(held in October 2019)***

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## Agenda Item 1.i

### 2019 PSSC: Actions Taken on Recommendations of 2<sup>nd</sup> PSSC Meeting

2019 PSSC Follow-up Items	Actions /Follow-up taken
<p><b>Agenda Item 4: Implementation of the RMI recommendations</b> PSSC requested to be informed of progress in implementing the RMI HIES Experiment recommendations</p>	<p>New CAPI and Recall systems are being implemented in the Kiribati, Vanuatu and RMI HIES</p>
<p><b>Agenda Item 5: Pacific Statistical Collections Financing Facility</b> PSSC requested SDD Director, PSMB Chair and Deputy Chair (Vince Galvin and Dr Viliami Fifita) to prepare a note further exploring NSO considerations. The note should provide input to the mid-term review of TYPSS.</p>	<p>Preparation of the paper was interrupted by the impact of the Coronavirus pandemic on workplans and financing.</p>
<p><b>Agenda Item 7: Guidelines for Poverty Measurement</b></p>	<p>Poverty guidelines are still being developed supported by comparative analyses using the different methodologies.</p>
<p><b>Agenda Item 8: NSO &amp; Data Related Activities</b> Need to look beyond traditional data collection methods (such as census and HIES) to new methods, such as use of satellite data, to enable measurement of more indicators.</p>	<p>Focus has been on improving access to administrative data for Covid-Impact monitoring</p>
<p><b>Agenda Item 9: Dot Stat/SDMX, SDD &amp; NSO websites &amp; PDH</b> PSSC noted the NSO request for more frequent training from SPC, and the request that notices of statistics-related training are directed to NSOs to ensure the appropriate staff attend workshops and other events.</p>	<p>On-line training has been provided wherever feasible (e.g. on websites) recognising the inability to undertake in-country activities. Significant additional indicators have now been included in the PDH.</p>
<p><b>Agenda Item 10: Microdata Library</b> Guidelines for harmonised structuring of data sets to enhance data sharing. Need to address concerns about privacy and confidentiality when sharing data and the need to address related legislative issues;</p>	<p>Harmonisation of datasets and indicators continues. Privacy and confidentiality issues being addressed in collaboration with PDH team across the whole of SPC.</p>
<p><b>Agenda Item 12: Gender Statistics</b> PSSC requested follow-up on the Pacific Gender Statistics Roadmap</p>	<p>SDD has been in discussion with the new HR&amp;SD Division on securing funds through a new USAID funded Governance project for SDD-based gender and rights statisticians.</p>
<p><b>Agenda Item 13: DDPG &amp; Funding Gaps for Census &amp; Surveys in 2020.</b> PSSC requested development partners to actively investigate with SPC ways in which upcoming funding opportunities could be used to pilot the proposed mechanism to leverage further funding from other partners.</p>	<p>Action on this issue was also disrupted by the impacts of the coronavirus pandemic on workplans and financing.</p>
<p><b>Agenda Item 15: Items for Consideration in TYPSS Review</b></p>	<p>The TYPSS Review was delayed and rescheduled due to the DFAT programme interruptions caused by the pandemic. It is understood that the Review will now commence before Christmas. It is hoped that the Review Report will be available prior to the (virtual) HOPS meeting now scheduled for early April.</p>
<p><b>Agenda Item 16: Topics for the 2020 meeting of Heads of Planning and Statistics (HOPS) and future focus.</b></p>	<p>2020 HOPS meeting has been postponed until March/April 2021 owing to the delay in the TYPSS Review consequent on the impacts of the pandemic on travel, funding and work-programmes. A paper on the topics for the 2021 HOPS meeting will be circulated early in the year, hopefully drawing on the initial findings of the TYPSS Review and NSO feedback.</p>