

# GENERAL PROCUREMENT NOTICE

Pacific Region

Statistical Innovation and Capacity Building in the Pacific Islands Project

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Grant No. D5 44

Project ID No. PI69122

The Pacific Community has received financing in the amount of USD 4.5 million equivalent from the World Bank toward the cost of the Statistical Innovation and Capacity Building in the Pacific Islands Project, and it intends to apply part of the proceeds to payments for goods, works, non-consulting services and consulting services to be procured under this project.

The Statistical Innovation and Capacity Building in the Pacific Islands (PACSTAT) project has an overall development objective to improve the quality of welfare data collection and accessibility to comparable welfare data in the Pacific Island Countries (PICs).

To achieve this objective, the project includes the following three components:

- 1) to support the administration of the Pacific Statistics Methods Board (PSMB) and the dissemination of its recommendations;
- 2) to strengthen SPC's Statistics for Development Division's (SDD) ability to play a "statistical system leader" role and provide technical assistance on data collection methods; and
- 3) to promote context-appropriate innovation in the region.

### ***Component 1: Pacific Statistics Methods Board***

Supporting the running of the PSMB will significantly accelerate the identification and adoption of improved methods by National Statistics Offices (NSOs) in the PICs. The PSMB is seen to be a vital component in the new regional statistics governance framework recommended by the 2017 HOPS meeting. The PSMB is tasked with undertaking literature reviews and field experiments to test the viability of new statistical methods in the Pacific context, as well as making recommendations to NSOs based on the results.

This component includes financing for:

- i. A Long-Term International Consultant (4.5 years, starting from February 2021);
- ii. Up to 15 contracts for home-based International Consultants.

### ***Component 2: Institutional Strengthening and Implementation Support***

The second component of activities will support SPC-SDD in its transition to a regional knowledge producer and a leader in the dissemination of data. To fulfil its mission of strengthening access to and use of development statistics in policy development, SPC-SDD will benefit from expanded analytical capacity, provided through the recruitment of the two long-term consultants. In addition, this component includes funding for existing SPC provide remote training to NSOs and procure video conference equipment and furniture.

This component includes financing for:

- i. A Long-Term Consultant (4.5 years, starting from February 2021) for a Welfare Economist;
- ii. A Long-Term Consultant (3 years, starting from February 2022) for a Statistics Harmonisation Advisor; and
- iii. Improvement of video conference facilities (new video conference equipment, desks and chairs).

### ***Component 3: Alternative data collection methods***

The project will support experiments in alternative data collection methods. There are several innovations in data collection that could potentially reduce the costs and complexity of collecting socioeconomic data in PICs, particularly by addressing the vast geography and sparse population constraints to traditional data collection. The Project will work with NSOs in IDA-eligible beneficiary countries, as agreed with the World Bank, to trial alternative data collection methods, based on what is deemed appropriate and most impactful for the specific contexts.

This component includes financing for:

- i. 40 percent of the costs of financing two Long-Term Consultants (Statistics Advisor and Welfare Economist); and
- ii. The costs of implementing the experiments, which are yet to be defined.

Procurement of contracts financed by the World Bank will be conducted through the procedures as specified in the World Bank's *Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers (July 2016) (Procurement Regulations)*, and is open to all eligible firms and individuals as defined in the *Procurement Regulations*. After project negotiations, the World Bank shall arrange the publication on its external website of the agreed initial procurement plan and all subsequent updates once it has provided a no objection.

Specific procurement notices for contracts subject to open international competitive procurement will be announced, as they become available, in [UN Development Business online](#), on the World Bank's external website and on the [SPC's external website](#).

Interested eligible firms and individuals who would wish to be considered for the provision of goods, works, non-consulting services and consulting services for the above

mentioned project, or those requiring additional information, should contact the Borrower at the address below:

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