

Vision and Policy Intent

The Solomon Islands Government (SIG) [National Statistics Development Strategy \(NSDS\) 2015–2035](#) has a vision that by 2035, there will be a robust, sustainable, and well coordinated statistical system providing credible official statistical information for the benefit of the Solomon Islands.

The NSDS identifies five strategic aims to achieve:

1. improve range and quality of statistic,
2. improve access to national statistics,
3. enhanced coordination and leadership,
4. efficient management of resources, an
5. improved statistical capability.

Other policies relevant to NSDS:

- Solomon Islands [National Development Strategy 2016–2035](#)

National Statistical System

The [Solomon Islands National Statistics Office \(SINSO\)](#) is the lead statistical agency, led by the Government Statistician and the Deputy Government Statistician.

The SINSO is a standalone Division under the [Ministry of Finance and Treasury \(MOFT\)](#).

Other key data producers are the [Central Bank of Solomon Islands](#) and [Ministries of education, health, police, and natural resources](#).

Key data users are the Government, development partners, international agencies and others.

Key Features

The SINSO, guided under the [Statistics Act 1970 \(and 2007 Amendment\)](#), is enacted to compile and disseminate official statistics of the Solomon Islands.

Data collection – most recent [population census 2019](#).

Dissemination – [main publication](#):

- Economic and social statistics and census and surveys.

SINSO has a webpage for its statistical [press releases](#) such as Consumer Price Index, visitor arrivals etc. Data are disseminated via paper, CD-ROM, website, online databases, databanks.

The [SIG Five Year ICT Strategic Plan](#) provides incentives for agencies to work with ICT Support Unit (SU) under the MOFT to develop and maintain their information systems and the centralised data centre managed by ICT SU.

Coordination

The Government Statistician is mandated to coordinate the national statistical system by organising a coordinated scheme of social and economic statistics relating to Solomon Islands.

The NSDS 2015–2035 proposed for establishment committees to oversee the NSDS formulation process and provide input and advice on the various NSDS documents. Committees include:

- NSDS Steering Committee,
- National Committee, and
- four sector task forces.

Enhanced coordination and leadership will ensure that statistics producers are working together effectively to provide the statistics that are needed by users.

Challenges, priorities and opportunities

Key challenges affecting NSO performance as specified in the NSDS 2015–2035:

- legislation which does not support survey collection or statistical production functions,
- staff constraints,
- weak dissemination policy
- Under-exploitation of statistical production, and
- lack of coordination of the statistical system.

Key priorities as specified in the NSDS 2015–2035:

- expanding coverage and prioritising the most important statistics,
- improving quality through better data collection, processing and analysis supported by a data quality assessment framework, and
- improving comparability through implementing international frameworks, standards, and classifications.