



SOLOMON ISLANDS

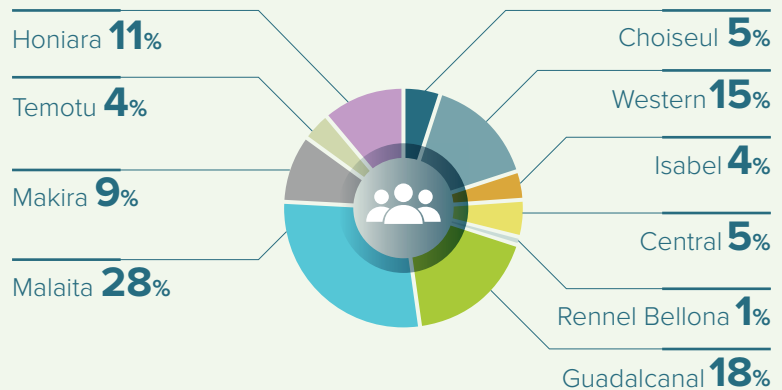
FOOD SECURITY PROFILE

DEMOGRAPHICS

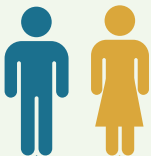


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Population (2020)



Life expectancy



66.7

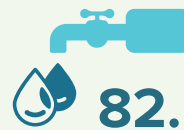
73.7



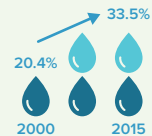
Crude birth rate (2015): **32.6**



Under five-years-old mortality rate: **26** per 1 000 live births



82.5%
of population have access to an improved water source



Low access to basic sanitation services

Percentage of people with no access to improved water source (2015)¹

Urban **4.8%**

Rural **20.1%**

THERE IS A LONG WAY TO GO BEFORE ENDING HUNGER AND POVERTY IN SOLOMON ISLANDS²

2 ZERO HUNGER



1 in 10

people are undernourished



12.7%

of people live below the national poverty line



\$1.9

One person out of four lives on less than USD 1.9 per day (2011 PPP)

¹² Source: population data: Statistics for Development Division (SDD)/Pacific Community (SPC) health data: Solomon Islands 2015 Demographic and Health Survey (DHS), poverty Solomon Islands National Statistics Office (SINSO), hunger: Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)/SPC collaboration from 2012/13 Household Income and Expenditure Survey

MALNUTRITION IS ALSO A SERIOUS ISSUE IN SOLOMON ISLANDS

Children under five years old (2015)

7.9%

WASTING
(Low weight for height)

31.6%

STUNTING
(Low height for age)

15.5%

UNDERWEIGHT
(Low weight for age)

Overweight or obesity (15 to 49 years old)



34.3%



47.4%

**PREVALENCE
IN ADULT POPULATION**

ANALYSIS OF FOOD CONSUMPTION PATTERNS IN SOLOMON ISLANDS^{3,4}

Average national dietary energy consumption is around
2 640 kcal/capita/day
with some disparities at subnational level



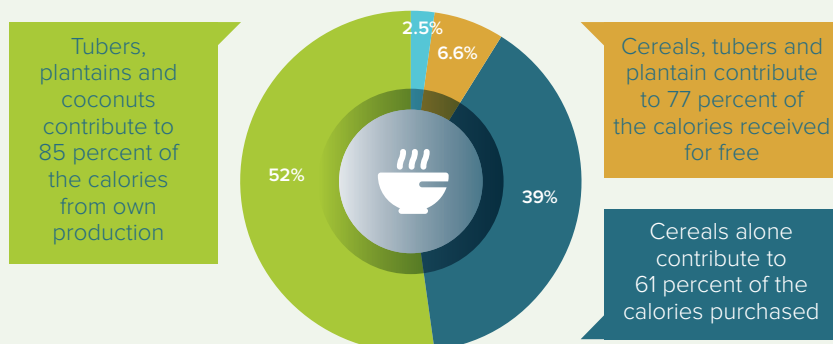
Average cost to acquire 1 000 kcal

Average dietary energy unit cost
(Solomon Islands Dollar (SBD)/1 000 kcal)

Solomon Islands	SBD 6.1
Lowest tertile	SBD 4.9
Second tertile	SBD 5.9
Third tertile	SBD 7.5

Calories consumed by wealthy households are twice as expensive as those consumed by poorer households

Contribution to dietary energy consumption by food acquisition source



■ Purchased foods consumed at home
■ Food consumed from own production

■ Food consumed away from home purchased or received free
■ Food received for free and consumed at home

Less wealthy households allocate a higher share of their budget to food

SBD 14.2 is spent on average per person per day on food

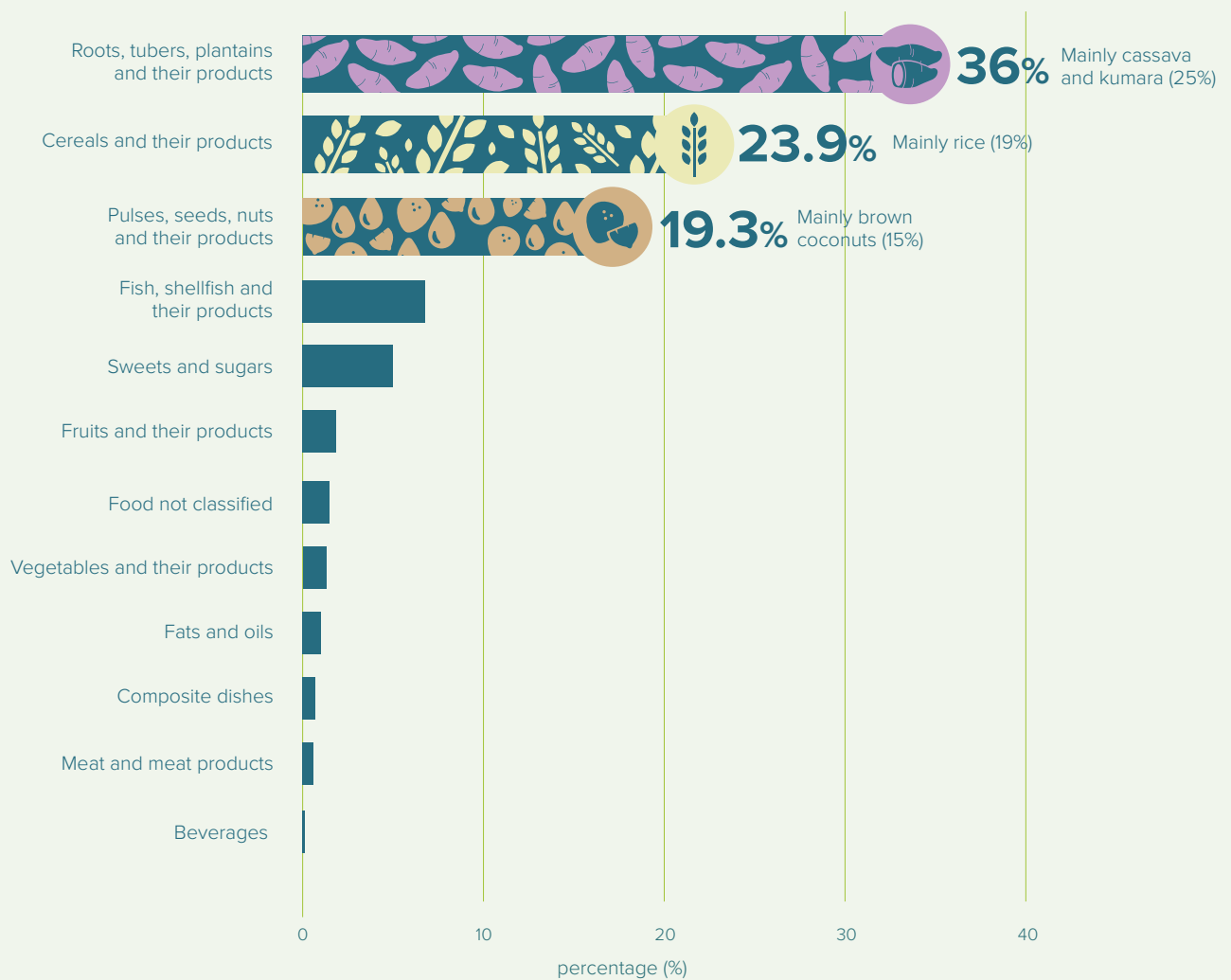
Share of food expenditures in total expenditures



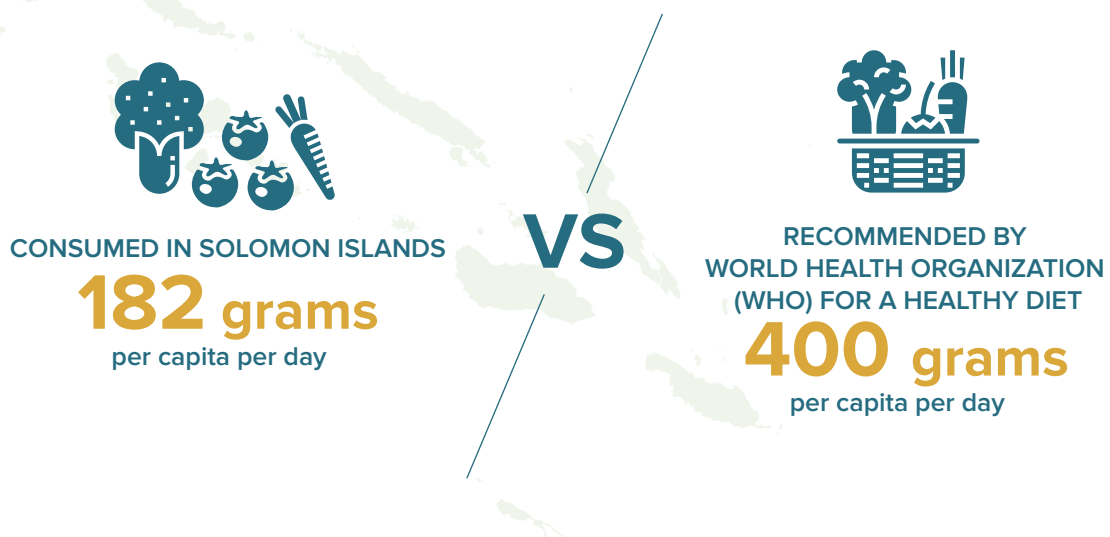
³ Based on the analysis of the food data collected in the 2012/13 Household Income and Expenditure survey of Solomon Islands. The analysis was performed by FAO and SPC in collaboration with SINSO. SPC was funded by the Australian Government through Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research projects FIS/2016/300 and FIS/2018/155.

⁴ Statistics refer to apparent consumption and are based on food quantities (edible amounts) available for consumption by the household, not on actual intake of the individuals.

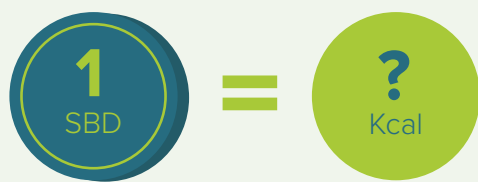
Contribution of food groups (and food products) to the average dietary energy consumption (%)



Consumption of fruits and vegetables



Number of kcal of each product that can be bought with SBD 1



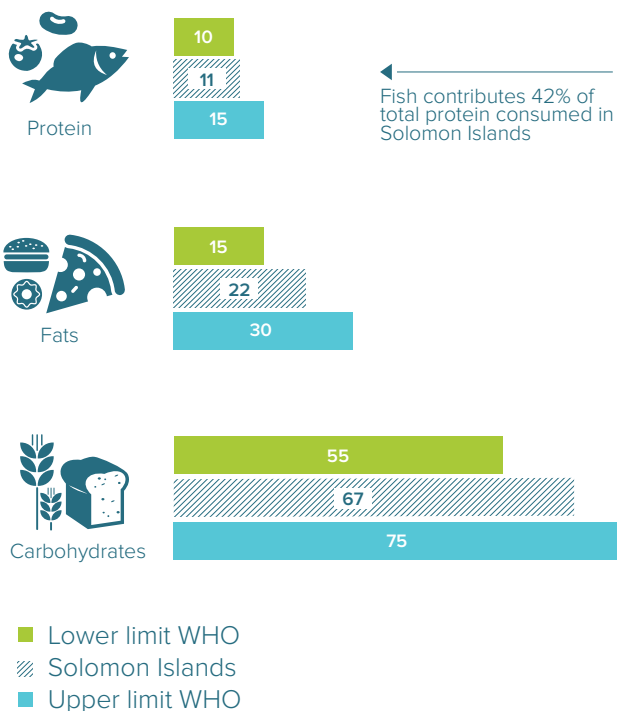
Brown coconut	1 585
Cassava/ tapioca/ manioc	460
Rice, white, uncooked	222
Kumara/ sweet potato	219
Taro, giant (taamu)	216
Sugar, white	214
Banana, cooking, raw	166
Noodles, instant (maggi-type), dry	131
Fish, reef, not further specified	112

Less than one household out of five has access to a balanced diet⁵

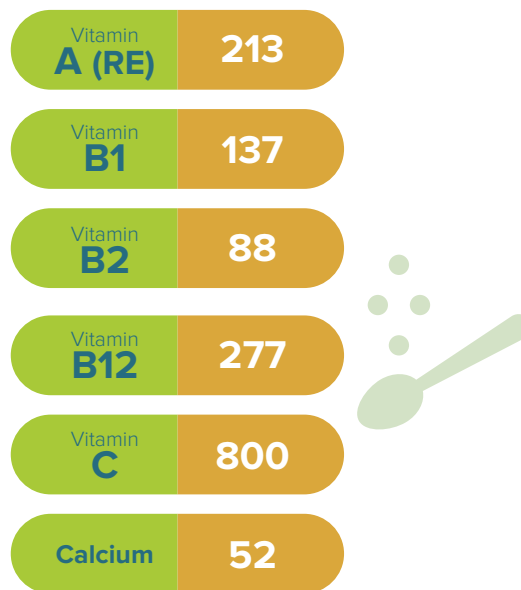


⁵ In terms of reaching the three WHO recommended goals for energy supplying macro nutrients

Nutrient contribution to dietary energy consumption (%)



Nutritional adequacy⁶ Diets are rich in vitamin C and poor in vitamin B2 and calcium



⁶ Ratio of nutrient available for consumption over average requirements. A ratio higher than 100 means that amount of nutrient available in the population is adequate with respect to the requirements of the population.

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