

## Introductory Guidance Note

Statistical Innovation and Capacity Building in the Pacific Islands (PACSTAT) is a project funded by the World Bank aiming at improving the quality of welfare data collection and accessibility to comparable welfare data in the PICTs. The PACSTAT has three components that includes:

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.

In its Sub-component 2.1: "Expanding Technical Capacity of SPC-SDD", the project supports strengthening technical capacities of the SDD in

providing support to the PICs on welfare data collection, analysis and dissemination. In this regards the project supports the development and dissemination of guidance notes, based on PSMB recommendations, to support the harmonization of key welfare indicators produced from household income and expenditure surveys, with respect to both historical and future datasets. Guidance notes focus on topics that are of universal interest such as:

- Measurement of monetary poverty
- Imputation of housing rents
- Use of fixed assets
- Microdata dissemination
- Method for collecting consumption data in the Pacific
- Sampling methods
- Measurement of non-monetary poverty
- Measurement of food away from home.

