

Government of Samoa

SAMOA BUREAU OF STATISTICS



FOREWORD

I am pleased to present the Bureau's third Corporate Plan for 2016-2020. This plan reflects the scope of our statistical work and our priorities for the next four years.

This document has followed through the same direction as the previous Corporate Plan which is also derived from the strategic direction set out in the Samoa Strategy for the Development of Statistics (SSDS 2011-2021). This plan also reiterates the Bureau's role in the streamlining of Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) into various sector plans.

This plan continues to place more emphasis and focus on the delivery of our long term goals that we have established for ourselves. We will continue to strengthen partnerships which we have developed with our stakeholders and community in order to increase awareness and their interest as well as their commitment in the work that we do.

The bureau's vision and mission remain as is in the previous plan. This is due to the continuous work and commitment that the bureau has geared towards in achieving its strategic priorities set out in the SSDS 2011-2021. It also reaffirms the bureau's current position in collecting, compiling, analyzing and reporting quality and reliable statistical information in a timely manner.

This is a challenging plan, and I believe our journey towards achievement of our goals will not be easy due to the complexities in our internal and external operating environment. However, I believe that with hard work, support and dedication, we will be able to excel against these challenges and strive for the successful implementation of our plan.

I wish to convey my great appreciation to my management and staff for their valuable contributions in formulating and finalizing this Corporate Plan.

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ACRONYMS

BDM	Births, Deaths and Marriages
HIES	Household Income and Expenditure Survey
SEEA	System of Economic and Environment Account
GDP	Gross Domestic Product
РНС	Population and Housing Census
BMS	Border Management System
IMF	International Monetary Fund
GIS	Geographic Information System
EA	Enumeration Areas
SDGs	Sustainable Development Goals
e-GDDS	electronic- General Data Dissemination System

INTRODUCTION

The Corporate Plan 2016-2020 is designed to provide more insight in the implementation of our goals and strategies outlined in the SSDS 2011-2021 over the next four years. It also provides guidance on how we work, and our commitment in delivering quality services to all our stakeholders.

The plan is formulated to provide a holistic approach to the bureau's performance in providing statistical services to all. The content of the plan is divided into the following sections:

Section 1:

Explains the mandate in which the Bureau's work is guided by.

Section 2:

Explains the Bureau's current Operating Environment with a SWOT analysis to describe the internal and external factors affecting our working environment

Section 3:

Identify our Vision and Mission

Section 4:

Outlines the Corporate Values and Principles of the Bureau

Section 5:

Discusses our Strategic Objectives and expected results

<u>Section 6:</u> Outline the Challenges we faced in implementing our goals and strategies

Section 7:

Provides a detail framework of our goals and how we endeavour to deliver those goals over the plan period.

Section 8:

Our institutional set up.

MANDATE

The Bureau's work is mandated under a number of legislations, policies and strategies as follows:

- The Constitution of the Independent State of Samoa 1960
- Samoa Bureau of Statistics Act 2015
- ✤ Births, Deaths and Marriages Act 2012
- Strategy for the Development of Samoa 2016-2020
- Samoa Strategy for the Development of Statistics 2011-2021
- ✤ PSC Act 2004
- Public Finance and Management Act 2001
- Treasury Instructions 2012
- Procurement Guidelines and Manuals

OPERATING ENVIRONMENT & ASSUMPTIONS

The Samoa Bureau of Statistics continues to operate within a complex and challenging environment. These challenges have a significant impact on how we carry out our mandated functions and services delivery. These challenges continue to evolve as a result of a dynamic environment that we operate in coupled with the emerging technological, social, economic, political and environmental influence involving statistical work.

The impact of ad hoc policy changes from time to time also affect the work of statisticians in incorporating these changes into the existing statistical framework. Increasing demands for statistics from both national and international stakeholders also exaggerate the scope of our work and the need to ensure that the quality of the data we provide suits the demand and requirements of the users. Henceforth, a need to further develop our capacity and capabilities as a provider of official statistics is pertinent to ensure that we provide reliable and quality data.

The competitive environment in which the bureau is currently operating challenges it to maintain levels of best practice and high performance in order to enhance service delivery. The bureau continues to assess the internal and external factors with potential influence in its performance. In order to enhance performance the bureau aims to provide reliable and quality services through the following areas:

<u>Internal</u>

- Continue to provide a conducive working environment that facilitates high level of staff performance.
- > Formulation of appropriate policies and legislation to support the work of the bureau
- Continue to be the leading agency for statistics in Samoa
- > Strengthen collaboration amongst divisions and staff through team building interventions
- > Continue the implementation of the Performance Management system over the plan period
- Compliance with budget policies and encourage spending within our means, by prioritising activities
- Continue capacity building activities for staff
- Improve data/information/knowledge sharing
- > Establish Statistics Advisory Board as mandated.

<u>External</u>

- Strengthening partnership with national, regional and international stakeholders that support the work of the bureau
- > Enhance public awareness on the work of the bureau through various activities
- Improve working with various government sectors in our effort to improve data collection at the sector level.
- Improve coordination with ministries and corporations that required the bureau's expertise in conducting surveys.
- Information access/sharing
- > Legal support and advice on matters pertaining to legal issues encountered by the bureau

ASSUMPTIONS

The assumptions underlying this Corporate Plan 2016-2020 are:

- The Strategy for the Development of Statistics (SSDS) 2011-2021 continues to provide strategic direction for the work of the bureau within the plan period.
- The stakeholders continue to be supportive of the bureau's activities in providing reliable and timely data.
- The bureau has the required resources to implement its planned activities and programmes.
- The donors will continue to provide financial assistance to support the projects implemented by the bureau.
- The government policies and strategies will remain unchanged over this plan period.
- The mainstreaming of sustainable development goals (SDG) into sector plans.
- ✤ Increase in public demand for the use of statistics.

VISION

Samoa Bureau of Statistics to be the leader in providing relevant, quality statistics for the benefit of Samoa

MISSION

Help users make informed decisions and track progress by providing relevant, quality statistical information and services from a statistical system developed through effective partnership

VALUES & PRINCIPLES

The Bureau continues to embrace the following set of corporate values and guiding principles to guide the performance of its work and to ensure the provision of quality services to achieve its vision and mission.

VALUES:

Leadership

- > We lead by example in statistics quality, development and dissemination
- > We promote and use best practice approaches
- We are accountable and transparent in all we do

Communication

- We are focused on being clear, meaningful and relevant in all communication with our stakeholders
- > We ensure we understand our audience and tailor our communication to meet their needs

Professionalism

- > We are committed to quality and competence in all that we do
- ➢ We maintain a commitment to honesty and fairness in dealing with the public and stakeholders
- > We ensure respect and courtesy in treatment of clients and employees
- > We strive to create an environment where all staff are valued and challenged

PRINCIPLES:

To protect private information the Bureau will:

- > Ensure confidentiality and security of information
- Ensure integrity of transactions and records

To provide quality, timely and useful statistics the Bureau will:

- > Use international best practice in setting statistical standards and operating processes.
- > Be innovative, adopting new technology and ideas to continue to improve statistics
- > Bureau web-site is updated with the latest statistics available
- > Maintain the timeliness of statistical information and its dissemination.
- > Be responsive to requests for additional data and analysis within the confidentiality boundaries

To maintain a robust vital registration service the Bureau will:

- Ensure that the vital registration service is available to citizens of Samoa and others who may have cause to use it
- > Operate a service that is trusted by all stakeholders

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES AND EXPECTED RESULTS

Given that the focus of this corporate plan derives from the SSDS 2011-2021, the bureau aims to continue on the implementation of its strategic objectives outlined in its strategy. We expect to establish an official system that will:

- Better provide the information needed to develop and monitor policies of Samoa
- Better provides information to meet national, regional and international commitments
- Increase the timely, quality, coverage, transparency and usefulness of statistics on Samoa and its people
- ✤ Increase user satisfaction
- Increase skills and efficiency of those working in statistics

CHALLENGES

The bureau has encountered a number of challenges in its operation, due to internal and external pressures.

- Classifications and definitions used in surveys remains a challenge for the bureau. There is a need to standardise classifications so that it will not only suit local classifications but also international recognised classifications for all types of surveys conducted by the bureau to avoid differences in interpretations of the users.
- The public's reluctance to provide the necessary information required during various surveys, which causes delay in analysing and reporting of reliable data in a timely manner.
- The extraction and compilation of pertinent social and environmental indicators/ data has been difficult for the bureau to compile and extract due to different priority needs of various government ministries. Also, some of these identified indicators have not been compiled by sourced ministries which make it difficult for the bureau to identify and tabulate for public use.
- Planning and implementation of unplanned surveys or ad-hoc surveys has been a very challenging issue for the bureau. Inappropriate timing and very late submission of requests from some organisations and ministries place enormous pressure on not only the staff in re-organising their schedules and work plans so that these surveys can be squeezed in and achieved within the limited timeframe but also has a huge impact on achieving the bureau's divisional main targets and deliverables according to timeframe allocated to each activities mandated under the division's responsibilities.

✤ Late registration for births, deaths and marriages. It has become a norm the public to rush in to register only when the need arises (new school calendar year, NZ quota etc).

SBS LONG TERM GOALS AND STRATEGIES MATRIX

Goal 1: Relevant, timely and accessible economic statistics: To provide the necessary information to assist in ensuring sound macro-economic performance and management of the Samoa economy. Leaders: Finance Statistics and Economic Statistics Divisions					
OUTPUT	STRATEGY	PERFORMANCE INDICATOR	RESPONSIBLE	TIMING	
Compile GDP estimates (production and expenditure)	 i. Frequent update of benchmarks using the latest survey results from the BAS, HIES, Population Census, Agriculture Survey etc. ii. Rebase GDP to reflect changes in the economy iii. Update classifications used in the system iv. Strengthen working relationship with data providers such as MfR, NPF,MCIL and other stakeholders v. Encourage partnership in sharing of administrative data vi. Continue dialogue and peer review with international experts, IMF experts and specialist consultants 	Quarterly GDP estimates/reports compiled and disseminated	Finance Statistics Division	Quarterly	
Compile Industrial Production Index	 i. Conduct monthly industrial production survey ii. Strengthen collaboration with the Manufacturing Sector, community 	Compile and disseminate monthly, quarterly and annual Industrial Production Index.	Finance Statistics Division	Quarterly	
Compile Government Finance Statistics	 Strengthen collaboration with the MOF, CBS Continue dialogue and peer review with international experts, IMF experts and specialist consultants 	Quarterly Government Finance Statistics. Annual General government Accounts	Finance Statistics Division	Monthly	
Coordinate progress and updates on Data Quality Assessment Frameworks	i. Work in collaboration with the Ministry of Finance and Central Bank of Samoa	e-GDDS up to date	Finance Statistics Division	Monthly ,Quarterly, Annually	
Compile Formal Employment Statistics	 i. Improve co-ordination and collaboration with the Samoa National Provident Fund ii. Frequent update and review of the Business Registration System 	Quarterly and annual employment statistics (formal sector)	Finance Statistics Division	Quarterly	

Central Business Register	i. Compile a Central Business Registry database for the bureau and its stakeholders.	Business Survey frame	Finance Statistics Division	Annually
Develop an Integrated Business Information Database	SNPF, SBEC, CBS, MOF and other stakeholders to	Integrated Business Information Database Business survey frame	Finance Statistics Division	2017 +
Provide Statistical support for sectors	 Provide statistical support for sectors such as: i. Trade Commerce and Manufacturing Sector ii. Finance iii. Communication iv. Tourism 	Provision of sector statistics on an annual basis	Finance Statistics Division	Annually
Merchandise Trade Statistics	 trade data Enable electronic AW reporting system-data transfer from customs Incorporate HS 2017 	Publish monthly and quarterly merchandise trade data Publish Quarterly Import & Export Price Index	Division	Monthly & Quarterly Quarterly
Price & Volume	 including: Using results from most recent HIES to rebase CPI Review/ Rebase Local Market Survey 	Publish monthly CPI report and Local Market Reports Publish monthly fruit report	Economics Statistics Division	Monthly

OUTPUT	STRATEGY	PERFORMANCE INDICATOR	RESPONSIBLE	TIMING
Tourism/Migration Statistics	 i. Ensure secure & timely collection, checking and processing of arrival and departure cards ii. Reconcile with BMS iii. Use of BMS(Border Management System) to capture all migration statistics 	Monthly, quarterly and annual migration statistics published	Social Statistics Division	Monthly Quarterly Annual
Population & Demographic Statistics		Availability of updated Population projection from 2016-2030 on website	Census, Surveys and Demography Division	2017
Population and Housing Census	 i. Conduct consultations with the public, government ministries and other organisations on population issues and indicators to be collected from population census to increase awareness on the importance of population censuses ii. Conduct the Population and Housing Census in November 2016 and compile analytical reports iii. Release the Report of the Preliminary census count in December 2016 iv. Strengthen working in collaboration and partnership with other government ministries and organisations in the compilation of the Census 2016 analytical report and other related reports 	 i. Public well informed through consultations ii. Increased demands for population information and indicators from the public iii. Report of the Preliminary Count of the population 2016 census released on time iv. Census 2016 Analytical Report published in 2017 v. Improved working in partnership with other ministries and organisations for related census reports 	Census, Surveys and Demography Division	On-going

Sample Surveys	 i. Maintenance of existing sampling software and tools and procurement of new items(when needed) to strengthen sampling related activities as well as continuing training to up-skill the capacity of the staff ii. Conduct and compile the Demographic Health and Disability Survey in July, 2019 iii. Strengthen working in collaboration and partnership with other government ministries and organisations in the conduct of sample household surveys iv. Division is well prepared to conduct or assist in any unplanned surveys requested by ministries and organisations from time to time 	 i. Increased demands for sampling methodologies from the public ii. Report of Demographic Health and Disability Survey released in 2020 iii. Improved working in partnership with other ministries and organisations on household surveys iv. Managed to conduct and compile unplanned surveys from ministries and organisations 	Census, Surveys and Demography Division	On-going
Cartography and Geographic Information Systems for Census	 i. Maintenance of existing Cartographic and GIS software and tools like GPS, and, procurement of new items (when needed) to strengthen Cartographic and GIS related activities. Likewise, relevant training must be continued to up-skill the capacity of the staff. ii. Strengthen working in collaboration and partnership with Cartographers and GIS staff in other government ministries and organisations through MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) in order to share skills and expertise to improve the census population GIS database and Cartography for national developments. 	 i. Increased demand for use of Cartographic and GIS related activities from the public for different developments ii. Improved collaboration and sharing of expertise through MOU with other government ministries and organisations for national developments 	Census, Surveys and Demography Division	On-going
Publicity and dissemination of population data	i. Continue to disseminate population information on SBS website (www.sbs.gov.ws) through REDATAM and NADA programs	i. Increased number of people accessing and using REDATAM and NADA to download statistical	Census, Surveys and Demography Division	On-going

Electronic tools for data collection and compilation of population data	 iii. Disseminate population information via newsletter, newspaper, television, radio and also workshops for public awareness of population statistics i. Work with Division of IT and Data processing in procurement and applying some new electronic tools such as CAPI, Tablets, Scanner, etc to collect and compile census and survey data 	information ii. Improved publicity of population information and increased demands for use of population data i. Staff attended relevant training and applied new technological tools ii. New tools have collected and compiled data much faster than older technological tools	Census, Surveys and Demography, IT and Data processing Divisions	On-going
	i. Conduct fieldwork to update the national Household Lists for the Population and Housing Census 2016 and for on-going sample surveys from 2016-2020	i. Availability of the updated List of Households for the 2016 census and sample surveys from 2016-2020	Census, Surveys and Demography Divisio	
Goal 3: Relevant, timely,	accessible and reliable social & sector statistics: To provide th economic policy objectives including SDGs, <i>Leaders: Social Statistics, Census and Survey ,Economic Survey</i>	poverty and environment issues	•	plans and related socio-
OUTPUT	STRATEGY	PERFORMANCE INDICATOR	RESPONSIBLE	TIMING
Statistical Abstract	statistical tables		vision ve	view and update web rsion annually Biennial per publication
Infrastructure Statistics	data providers (MWTI, SWA, EPC, MCIT, LTA)	Sales and Production Div Annual report on water Soc	ial Statistics Ar ision ial Statistics ision	nnual

Transport Statistics	Work in collaboration with the Samoa Ports Authority and Shipping Agents	Publish and Release 6 monthly and annual Shipping Report	Economic Statistics Division	Biannual and Annual
Labour Statistics	Conduct labour force survey 2017	Production of labour force statistics report	Social Statistics Division	2018
Education Statistics	Strengthen coordination & cooperation with stakeholders & data providers (MESC)	Agreement with administrative data providers on data to be provided and published in abstract. Census data published	Social Statistics Division	On-going and annual website update Published in biennial abstract
Health Statistics	Strengthen coordination & cooperation with stakeholders& data providers (MoH, NHS, MWSCD)	Agreement with administrative data providers on data to be provided and published in abstract. Census data published	Social Statistics Division	On-going and annual website update Published in biennial abstract
Judicial Statistics	Strengthen coordination & cooperation with stakeholders & data providers (P&P, LTA, MJCA)	Agreement with administrative data providers on data to be provided and published in abstract.	Social Statistics Division	On-going and annual website update Published in biennial abstract
Poverty & Hardship	Conduct HIES 2018 and compile statistics on hardship & poverty	Poverty & hardship indicators Nutrition indicators Vulnerability & social protection indicators	Economic Statistics Division	2018

Environmental Statistics	Strengthen coordination and cooperation with stakeholders and data providers (MNRE)	Annual website update of Energy Statistics Annual website update of Water Statistics Annual website update of Environment Statistics	Social Statistics Division	Annually	
Agriculture & Fishing	 Work with the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries to: Conduct Agriculture Census 2019 Improve communication and dissemination of agriculture statistics Develop Agriculture module to be used in non – agricultural surveys 	Food Security Nutrition Indicators	Economic Statistics Division	Agriculture Survey 2019 10 Yearly	
Sustainable Development Goals for the 2030 Agenda	 Work in collaboration with Sector Coordinators to: Collect and compile the data to track the implementation of the SDG indicators. Mainstream SDG indicators into various sector plans. 	SDG indicators mainstreamed into sector plans.	Policy Advice to Minister	Monthly	
Goal 4: Provide a sound & secure vital statistics registration service for the people of Samoa and to support our international relations: Ensure full compliance with the BDM legislation Leader: Births, Deaths and Marriages Division					
OUTPUT	STRATEGY	PERFORMANCE INDICATOR	RESPONSIBLE	TIMING	

Vital registration; Births, Deaths & Marriages	Continue to strengthen partnership with the main informants (village representatives, church ministers, NHS) and key implementing agencies, (NHS, MWCSD) to improve births registration.	At least 1000 birth registration per FY	BDM Division	Ongoing Ongoing
	Training for newly elected informants Continue to strengthen partnership with MJCA to improve adoption registration	At least 6 trainings per FY All required documentation for registration is provided.		Ongoing
Deaths Marriages	Strengthen partnerships with funeral directors (church ministers) NHS and funeral parlours to improve death registration	All required documentation for registration are provided	BDM Division	Ongoing
	Strengthen partnership with church ministers and civil marriage officer to improve marriage registration	All required documentation for registration are provided		
	Public awareness campaign to promote and enforce the importance of vital registration	At least 6 awareness programmes per FY		Ongoing
Revitalize CRVS Steering Committee	Review TOR to take into consideration changing operating environment	At least 4 meetings (additional ad hoc meeting depending on need)	BDM Division	Quarterly
Verification of Vital Statistics for New Zealand Citizenship	Strengthen partnership with overseas mission office (MFAT) to verify BDM records Strengthen partnership with Overseas Mission office(MFAT) to verify BDM records	At least 30 events verified and send to Internal Affairs within month All requested events rightfully verified and send to overseas missions (MFAT)	BDM Division	Ongoing

Verification of Mutual Benefit	Strengthen partnership with insurance company, NPF, Public Trust and other mutual benefits bodies to verify identification	All requested events rightful verified and send to partners in due timeframe	BDM	Ongoing		
Search Enquiries	Strengthen partnership with Ministry of Police and AG to verify criminal identity Strengthen communication mechanism to deal with general enquiries	All requested events rightfully verified and send to Ministry of Police and AG in due timeframe All requested events rightfully verified and communicated to enquirer	BDM	Ongoing		
Mass Registration	Strengthen partnership with implementing agencies (MWCSD, Council of Churches, NHS) to conduct the community campaign to ensure all BDM events are captured Collaboration with development partners and MoF to assist with resourcing Mass registration	At least 90% of unregistered BDM events captures Resourcing confirmed	BDM	Ongoing		
	Work in collaboration with external consultants and relevant Government agencies to further develop the concept Collaboration with development partners and MoF to assist with resourcing of National ID	relevant services Resourcing confirmed		FY 17-18		
Goal 5: Ensuring that th	Goal 5: Ensuring that the strategic factors that enable the delivery of the statistical goals are in place: Statistics environment, coordination, communication and dissemination; statistics infrastructure; financial resources, human resources & IT systems Leaders: Corporate Service Division & ICT/Data Processing Division					
OUTPUT	STRATEGY	PERFORMANCE INDICATOR	RESPONSIBLE	TIMING		

Human Resource and	Implementation of Human Resource Management and	Improved Human Resources	CSSD and all	Monthly
Management Development	Development functions	Management and development	Divisions	
		Induction, technical and overseas experience		
		Completion of workforce plan for the bureau		Ongoing
		Percentage compliance with HR policies and PSC Act 2004		
	Implementation of performance appraisal system	Annual appraisal of staff performance		Bi-annual and annually
SBS Act 2015 in place	Enforce Legislation in place	Level of compliance with SBS Act 2015 SBS established and functioning	CSSD & all Divisions	Ongoing
Revise & update BDM Act	Revise current Act for BDM	New BDM Act enacted	BDM	2019
Efficient & effective management of Bureau	Develop and implement process for staff reporting of views on service delivery	Monthly feedback reports from staff	GS and CSSD	Monthly

Effective Financial Management	Full compliance with PFMA Act & Treasury Instructions	Monthly Expenditure Reports delivered to Output Managers Improved financial management Improved audit reports Budgeted estimates fully utilized by end of financial year.	CSSD	Monthly Financial Year Financial Year
Efficient Records Management	Ensure all inwards/outwards communications are centralized Prepare communications Report	Improved communication reports Monthly communications report for management	CSSD	On-going Monthly
and reliable statistics	Maintain and update office website Implement dissemination policy/strategy	All reports placed on Website on day of delivery Website is operational and accessible at all times to SBS staff, and also the public both locally and internationally. Increasing number of visitors to web-site	ICT & DP Division ICT & DP Division ICT & DP Division	Ongoing On going Ongoing

Data processing & IT	Develop computer system to process data for census and			As required by census &
services	surveys	CSPro system to be in place		survey schedule
		1 month before the actual		
		scanning of census		Ongoing, data
		questionnaire. The system		published within one
		includes data dictionary, data		month
		entry screen, batch edit, and		monui
		tabulation plan.		
		For manual entry, a finalized		
		computer system must be in		
		place, and data entry to		Monthly
		begin on the 4th week of		ivionun y
		data collection. The system		
		includes data dictionary,		
		data entry screen, batch edit,		
		and tabulation plan.		
			T & DP Division	
	Maintain computer system to process migration data	Prepare final public use file		
	Provide IT support to all other divisions	Produce final tables as		
		outlined in tabulation plans		
	Manage SBS helpdesk	for census and surveys		
	Manage SDS helpdesk	for census and surveys		
		Produce monthly,		
		quarterly, and annual		
		tables for migration data		
	Manage BDM main networks			
		IT services are efficient and		
		support all other activities in		
		the Bureau		
	Manage SBS main network	Monthly report on number		
		of system errors logged		
		Daily backup log maintain		
		Secure offsite backup		
		operational		

ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

