

Solomon Islands National Statistics Office

Ministry of Finance and Treasury

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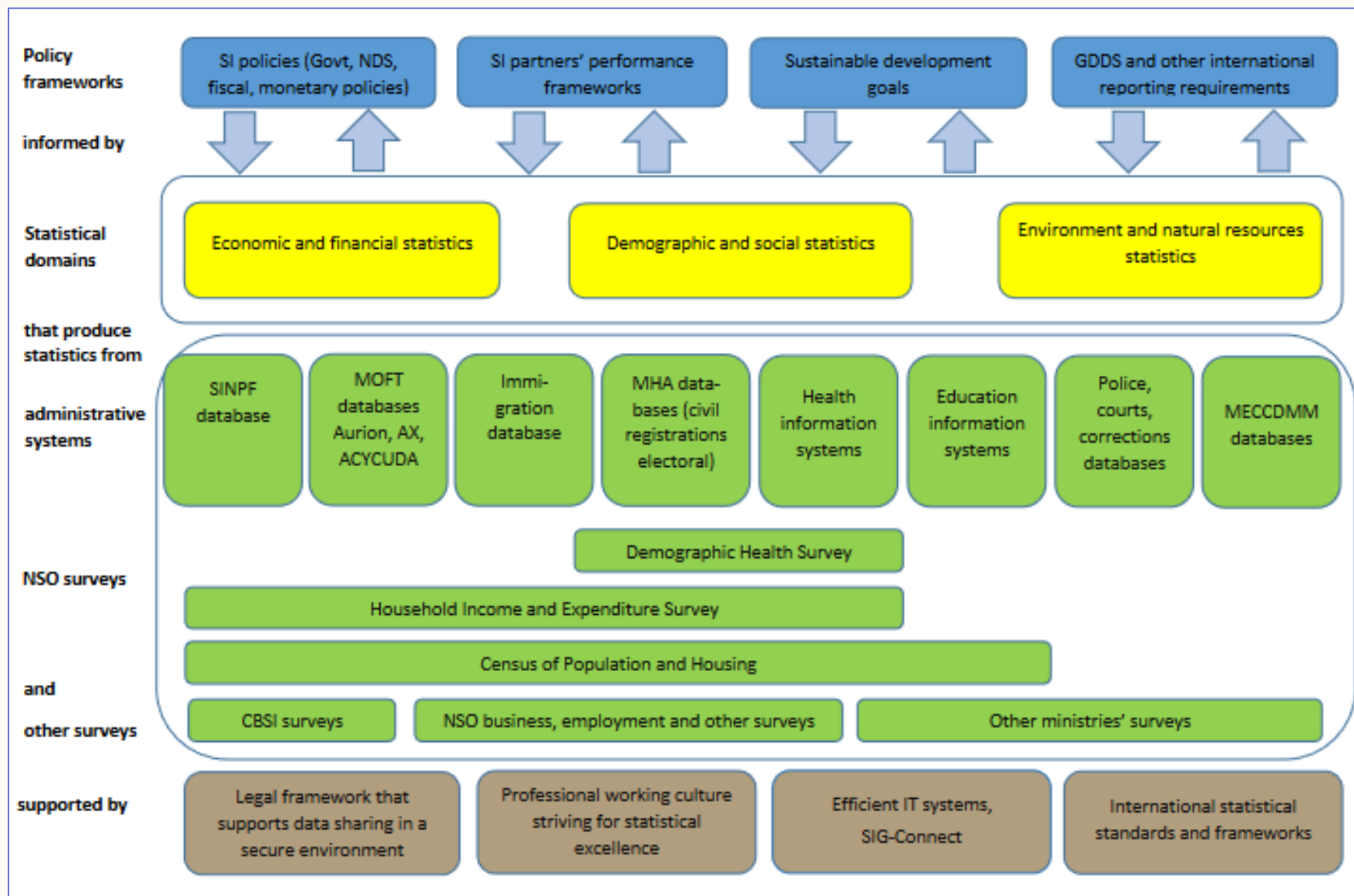
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AGENDA

- Governance
- Partnership
- User Engagement & Quality Management

SOLOMON ISLANDS NATIONAL STATISTICS OPERATIONAL FRAME WORK



NSDS governance structure with a National Committee and Sector Committees to guide and support producers and users, provides a framework for future statistical operations.

Linkages and synergies between data producers and users (policy, planning) and systems and processes to ensure functionality

PARTNERSHIP

Development partner

Focus

Australia – Solomon Islands Partnership agreement	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Supporting stability,▪ Enabling economic growth,▪ Enhancing human development
Republic of China	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tertiary education• Infrastructure, constituency funds
New Zealand’s Joint Commitment for Development with the Solomon Islands	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Improving critical transport infrastructure▪ Fisheries development▪ Improving the enabling environment for business, education, policing, law and justice
Asian Development Bank budget support and loans programme	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Creating a more diversified and productive economy▪ Providing assistance in three sectors: transport, energy and public sector engagement.
World Bank	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Budget support▪ Loans for major infrastructure projects (electrification) and rural development

Development partner

Focus

European Union

- Sustainable rural development and human resource development
- Supports the RWASH programme

World Health Organization (WHO)

- Funding and support for the STEPS survey that collects information about chronic diseases and health

Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC)

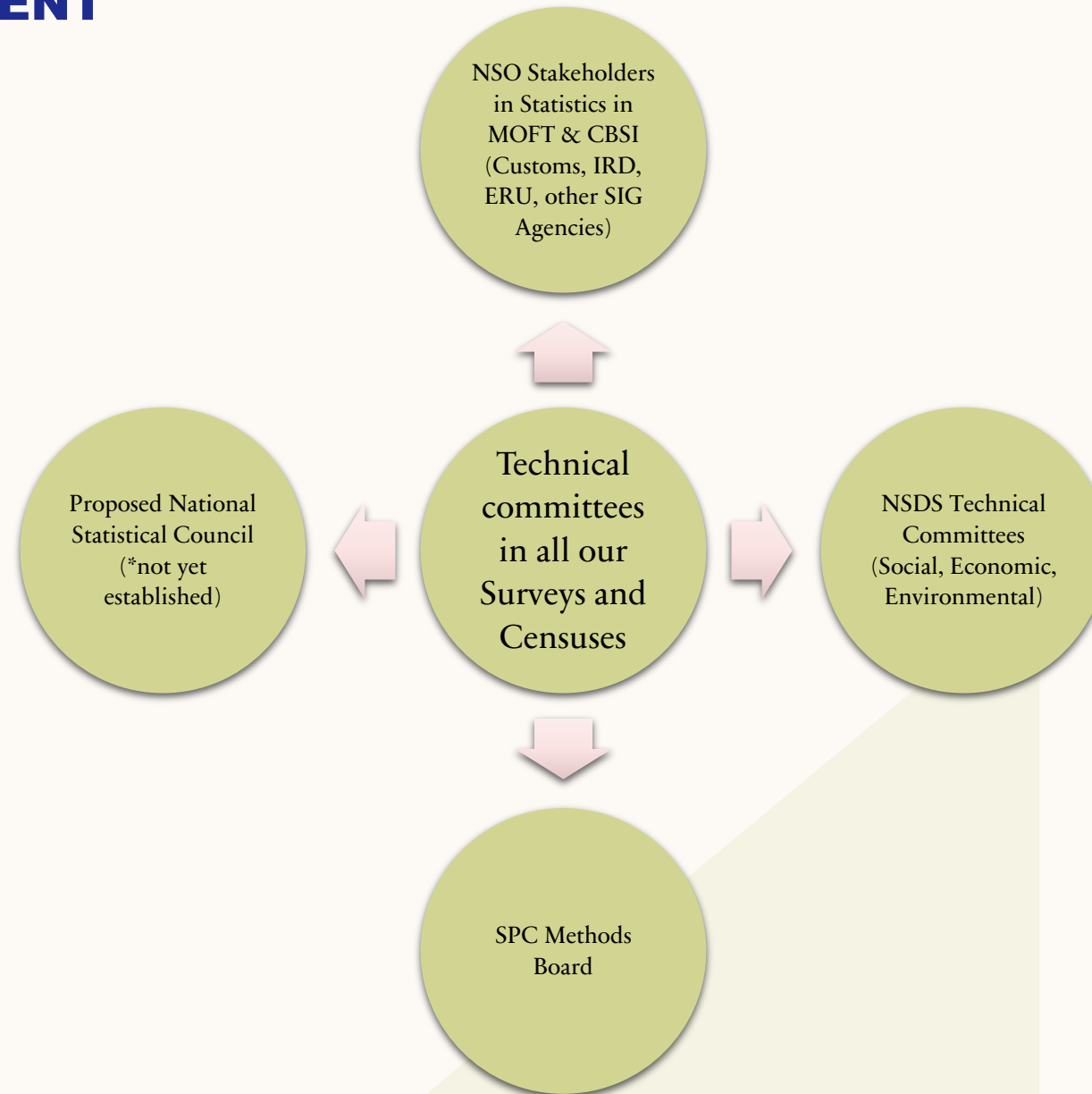
- Provides knowledge, scientific and technical cooperation to support members to achieve three key development goals:
 - ✓ The Pacific region and its people benefit from inclusive and sustainable economic growth
 - ✓ Pacific communities are empowered and resilient
 - ✓ Pacific Island people reach their potential and lead long and healthy lives
- It specifically provides technical assistance to SI national statistics through its Statistics for Development Programme.

Development partner	Focus
IMF- Pacific Islands Technical Assistance Centre (PFTAC)	▪ Provides technical assistance in the areas of national accounts and government finance statistics
Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS)	• Provides technical assistance in the areas of consumer prices and statistical leadership initiatives

MAJOR CHALLENGE IN 2019 CENSUS PROJECT

- There was no major partnership with the 2019 Census (as most major donors – e.g., DFAT, NZAID, UNFPA pulled out) and Solomon Islands Government (SIG) was the only major partner - and we want to discourage this in future and continue to work with our partners in all our major surveys and censuses, and technical assistance

USER ENGAGEMENT



QUALITY MANAGEMENT

1. We do not have much expertise in this area due to lack of resources so we can only do what we can;

e.g. for example there is no monitoring and evaluation unit in our office to do overall M&E work in all our areas

2. Do not have funds to do post- enumeration surveys for data quality checks (e.g., we did not do one (post-enumeration survey) for the 2019 Census due to lack of funds), but we also rely on government audit, and quarterly reporting via HOD to monitor our work etc.



TAGIO TUMAS!

“umi na umi”

