

STATISTICAL CAPACITY BUILDING CHALLENGES - SAMOA

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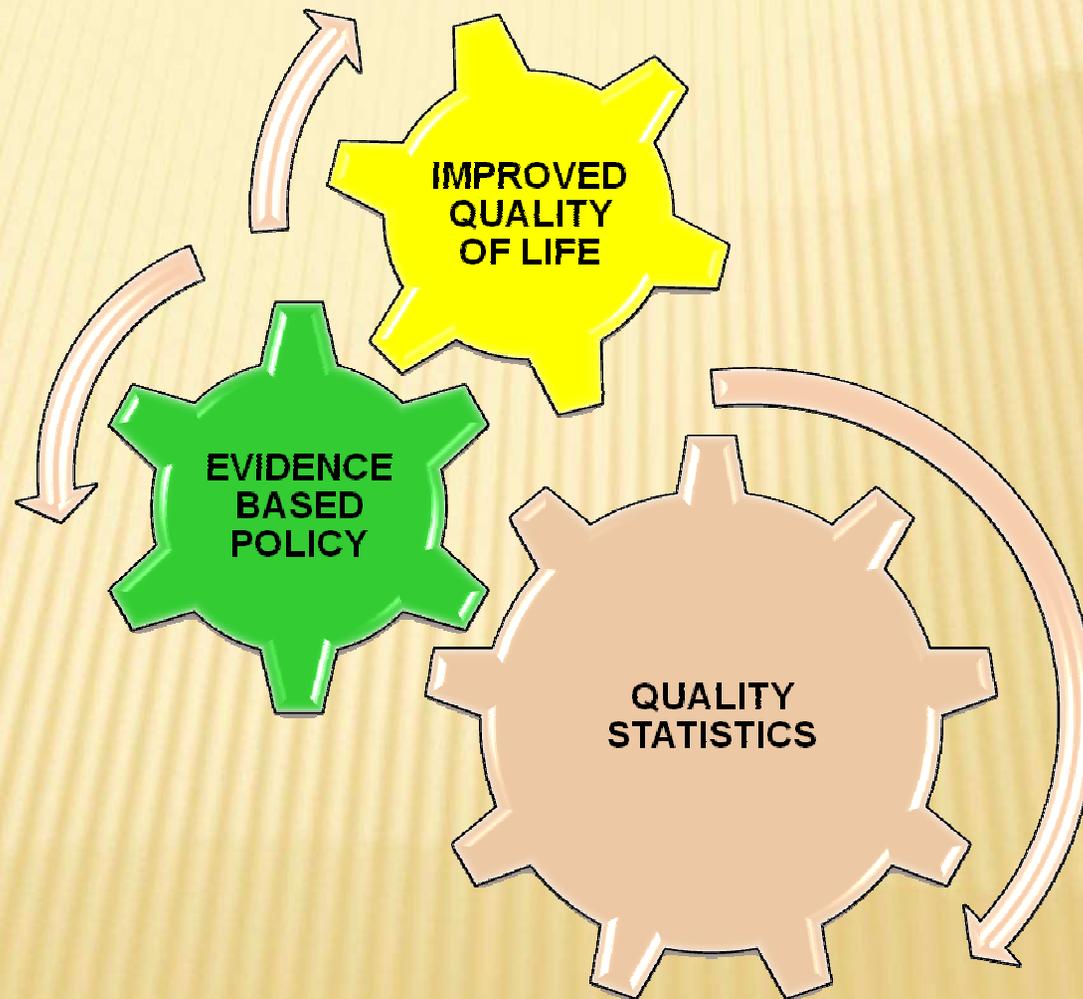
OUTLINE

- × Background
- × Development of Statistics in SAMOA
- × Reform Programme
- × Challenges
- × Opportunities
- × Conclusion

BACKGROUND

- ✘ Statistical data and information is a vital resource
- ✘ Statistics is a national priority
- ✘ Demand exceeds available data sets:
 - + Major changes in Social and Economic Structures
 - + Good Governance – Transparency and Accountability
 - + Regional and International Commitments (MDG's, etc)
 - + Monitoring Progress
 - + Increasing need for compliance

STATISTICS AND POLICY MAKING



DEVELOPMENT OF STATISTICS IN SAMOA:

- ✘ Decentralised system
- ✘ Appreciation of statistics was low
- ✘ Statistical information was very limited to:
 - + Population Census
 - + Migration
 - + Consumer price index
 - + Trade
- ✘ Resource allocation in every aspects was very poor
- ✘ Limited awareness of statistics in many stakeholders
- ✘ Lack of co-operation and co-ordination amongst producers and users
- ✘ Inadequate statistics infrastructure
- ✘ Recognition of NSO was very low

STATISTICS AND PUBLIC SECTOR REFORM

- × Public Sector reform – 1994/1995+
 - + Development of the National Plan
 - × **Statistics was a priority in the first SDS**
 - + Development of Sector Plans
 - + Corporate plans
 - + Management Plans
 - + Output Budgeting

SAMOA STRATEGY FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF STATISTICS - 2011 -2021

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CHALLENGES

- ✘ Willingness to adapt and change
- ✘ Limited technical capacity at national and regional levels
- ✘ Limited resources – financial resources
- ✘ Limited training opportunities
- ✘ Limited co-operation amongst stakeholders
- ✘ Framework is not exist
 - ✘ Set of indicators and existing data sources
- ✘ Data set is very new

OPPORTUNITIES & STRENGTHS

- × Statistics development is now focussed
- × Strong co-operation amongst stakeholders
- × Public now owns the data
- × Institutional Framework in place for statistics development – SSDS 2011 – 2021
- × More statistics awareness
- × Funding is forthcoming from Government and donors
- × SBS organisational structure in place, more staff
- × SEEA development is possible

CONCLUSION:

- ✘ Environment Statistics development can be achieved by:
 - + Increasing commitment at the national level
 - + Increasing the frequency of Technical Assistance from the donor community
 - + Increasing training opportunities
 - + Increasing awareness programs
 - + Ensuring adequate staff and resources are available to national statistics units
 - + Ensuring financial support is available at all time
 - + Ensuring that appropriate source data are available

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE

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