INFORMING POLICY TO END POVERTY

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DFAT NEEDS HIGH QUALITY POVERTY DATA IF WE ARE TO DO OUR JOB WELL

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Making Performance Count: enhancing the accountability and effectiveness of Australian aid
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3. Reducing poverty: By July 2015, all country and regional programs have Aid Investment Plans that describe how Australia’s aid will promote economic growth in ways that provide pathways out of poverty.

Promoting economic growth is the best way of reducing poverty. Over the next 12 months, all country and regional aid programs will develop Aid Investment Plans that identify the key constraints to growth and private sector development, based on economic, political and social analysis. Aid Investment Plans will outline how our investments will promote private sector-led growth and enable the poor to participate and share in the benefits of greater economic prosperity. This will include consideration of ways to enable more disadvantaged members of society, such as people with disabilities, to access the same opportunities as others and improve their quality of life.
LACK OF REGULARLY COLLECTED, HIGH QUALITY DATA IN THE PACIFIC

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Source: SPC: https://sdd.spc.int/en/stats-by-topic/collections
DFAT IS PROVIDING SUPPORT TO UPGRADE HIES IN THE PACIFIC

Macro-economics
- GDP
- CPI
- Labour
- Non-farm business

Poverty
- Monetary
- Multidimensional
- Food away from home
- Assets

Policy and planning
- Thematic sectors
- Disability
- Shocks
- Health
- Fisheries

Food security
- Prevalence of under-nourishment
- Food insecurity experience scale
- Food baskets
- Dietary diversity

Nutrition
- Apparent consumption
- Apparent caloric intake
- Macro and micro-nutrient deficiency
ENSURING THESE SURVEYS COLLECT HIGH QUALITY DISAGGREGATED DATA IS REALLY IMPORTANT...

...to understand the links between poverty and disability

- 15% of the world’s population has a disability
- 80% of people with a disability live in developing countries
- 20% of the world’s poorest people in developing countries have a disability
- There are 93–150 million children under 15 years of age living with a disability worldwide
- Children with a disability are much less likely to attend school than children without a disability
INCOME MEASURES OF POVERTY ARE JUST THE START AND NEED TO BE SUPPLEMENTED WITH OTHER INFORMATION
## Objectives

| Assess and improve the quality of education statistics in the PICs | Data Quality Assessments in 6 countries with recommendations for improvements.  
| • 5 countries completed the purpose-built online rapid data assessment tool. |
| Improve the visibility of education progress in the Pacific at the international level | 13/15 countries provided data for the last UIS Survey of Formal Education.  
| • Two Pacific countries have joined the Technical Cooperation Group on Indicators for SDG 4- Education 2030. |
| Improve the monitoring of progress against regional education agendas | Key outcome indicators agreed for monitoring the Pacific Regional Education Framework (PacREF), including SDG 4 indicators that relate to the framework’s priority areas.  
| • Draft M&E plan developed to monitor PacREF.  
| • Model developed for a regional data collection mechanism. |
| Increase the use of education statistics by stakeholders at the country and regional levels. | Ministry of education officials trained to analyse data from EMIS databases, and produce basic education indicators.  
| • Improvements to Country Education Digests - technical and structural advice. |
WE ALSO NEED QUALITATIVE DATA IF WE WANT A DEEP UNDERSTANDING OF POVERTY

For example,

- Indigenous peoples represent about 5% of the world’s population but make up 15% of the world’s extreme poor, and around 30% of the rural poor.

- A World Bank survey found that poverty is also more severe for indigenous peoples on average than non-indigenous peoples.

- But this doesn’t help us get to the bottom of the drivers of poverty or to understand how the experience of poverty differs between indigenous and non-indigenous groups— for this we need additional information...
INTEGRATED ANALYSIS AND DIAGNOSTIC TOOL

Poverty analysis

Constraints to economic growth

Political economy analysis

Poverty analysis

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