



Building Capacity in Statistics and Audit Project (P180723)

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Implementing Agencies: Office of the Auditor General of Solomon Islands, Solomon Islands National Statistics office

1. OBJECTIVE

1.1 Development Objective

Original Development Objective (Approved as part of Approval package on 28-Nov-2023)

To improve the availability and quality of official statistics and audits in Solomon Islands

Has the Development Objective been changed since Board Approval of the Project Objective?

No

2. COMPONENTS

Name

Strengthening statistical capacity:(Cost 4,000,000.00)

Strengthening audit capacity:(Cost 1,700,000.00)

Project and portfolio management:(Cost 800,000.00)

3. OVERALL RATINGS

Name

Current

Progress towards achievement of PDO

● Satisfactory

Overall Implementation Progress (IP)

● Satisfactory

Overall Risk Rating

● Moderate

4. KEY ISSUES & STATUS

4.1 Implementation Status and Key Decisions



Progress toward initiating project activities has commenced. The recruitment of Project Support Team (PST) positions progressed, with the terms of references finalized and uploaded by the Implementation Agencies (IAs) onto the Systematic Tracking of Exchanges in Procurement (STEP) system. The establishment of operational accounts for both IAs is also in progress. The project launch workshop is to be organized in May after establishing the Project Steering Committee (PSC) and the PST. The preparation for the Household Income and Expenditure Survey (HIES) has progressed, with the questionnaire continuing to be developed, the survey sampling on track to be finalized in March, and the training to begin in July. A draft IT capability and maturity assessment has been completed with recommendations for the Office of Auditor General (OAG) to enhance the use of technology and data analytics to improve efficiency in the audit process and is expected to be finalized in March.

5. SYSTEMATIC OPERATIONS RISK-RATING TOOL

Risk Category	Rating at Approval Approval Package - 28 Nov 2023	Proposed Rating
Political and Governance	● Moderate	● Moderate
Macroeconomic	● Moderate	● Moderate
Sector Strategies and Policies	● Low	● Low
Technical Design of Project or Program	● Moderate	● Moderate
Institutional Capacity for Implementation and Sustainability	● Substantial	● Substantial
Fiduciary	● Substantial	● Substantial
Environment and Social	● Low	● Low
Stakeholders	● Low	● Low
Overall	● Moderate	● Moderate



6. RESULTS

6.1 PDO Indicators by PDO Outcomes

To improve availability and quality of official statistics								
Indicator Name	Baseline		Actual (Previous)		Actual (Current)		Closing Period	
	Value	Month/Year	Value	Date	Value	Date	Value	Month/Year
Number of data and publications made available from new HIES and business statistics for open access (Text)	0	Dec/2023	0	05-Mar-2024	0	05-Mar-2024	11. Media release with statistical tables from an annual business survey. 12. Media release with statistical tables from the SBR.	Dec/2028
National poverty indicator estimated in line with the regional standard approach endorsed by the PSMB (Text)	No poverty indicator based on improved HIES data available	Dec/2023	Not estimated yet.	05-Mar-2024	Not estimated yet.	05-Mar-2024	The methodology used for poverty estimation is documented and made public for transparency and replicability	Dec/2026
To improve availability and quality of audits								
Indicator Name	Baseline		Actual (Current)		Closing Period			
	Value	Month/Year	Value	Date	Value	Date	Value	Month/Year
Financial, performance and compliance audits conducted by OAG staff in line with ISSAIs (Yes/No)	Not compliant	Dec/2023	No	05-Mar-2024	Compliant with minor areas for improvement			Dec/2028



Number of annual public events to disseminate audit report findings by thematic area (Number)	0	Dec/2023	0	05-Mar-2024	2	Dec/2028
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6.2 Intermediate Results Indicators by Components

Strengthening statistical capacity						
Indicator Name	Baseline		Actual (Current)		Closing Period	
	Value	Month/Year	Value	Date	Value	Month/Year
Gross number of staff trained (Number)	0	Dec/2023	0	05-Mar-2024	50	Dec/2028
Number of gender indicators available using data collected within the last 5 years (Number)	0	Dec/2023	0	05-Mar-2024	15	Dec/2027
Reports are produced based on feedback from data users (Text)	No feedback reports	Dec/2023	No feedback reports	05-Mar-2024	Feedback surveys are sent to individuals who have accessed the HIES microdata and a report is produced based on the survey results	Dec/2028
Strengthening audit capacity						
Indicator Name	Baseline		Actual (Current)		Closing Period	
	Value	Month/Year	Value	Date	Value	Month/Year
Increased integration of information technology tools in the audit process (Text)	TeamMate not used to maximum functionality/integrated computer assisted audit techniques (iCAATs) not utilized	Dec/2023	The Year 1 target has been completed: Study on how to enhance the use of IT tools in the audit process completed.	05-Mar-2024	Implement one additional recommendation on use of information technology to increase audit efficiency	Dec/2028

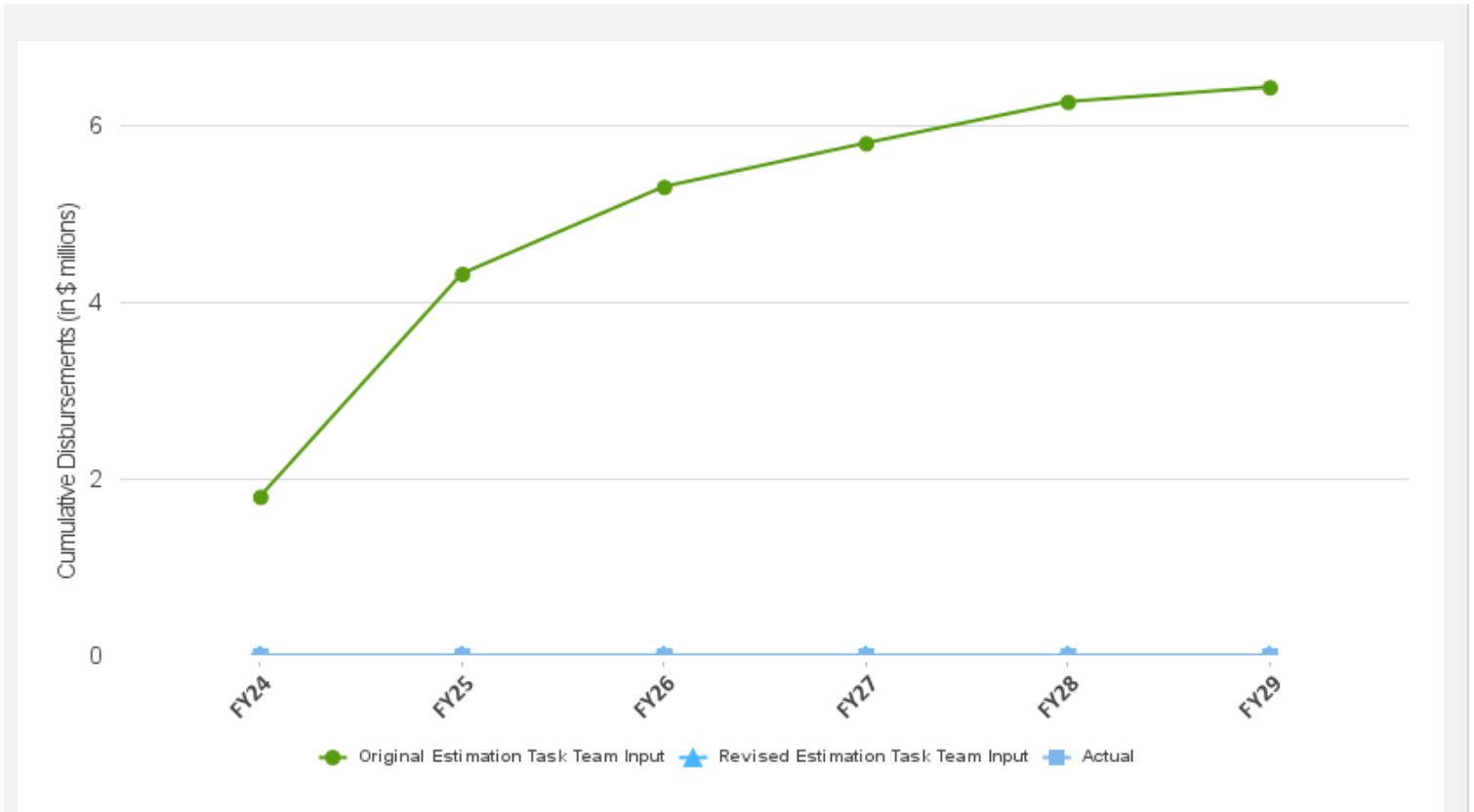


Reduction in backlog of statutory audit opinions issued (Text)	49% backlog of audits > 3 years; 38% backlog of audits 1-2 years	Jan/2023	49% backlog of audits > 3 years; 38% backlog of audits 1-2 years	05-Mar-2024	2% backlog > 3 years; 10% backlog 1-2 years	Dec/2028
Publish citizen friendly annual audit insight reports by thematic area (Number)	0	Dec/2023	0	05-Mar-2024	3	Dec/2028



7. DATA ON FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

7.1 Cumulative Disbursements



7.2 Disbursements (by loan)

Loan/Credit/TF	Status	Original	Revised	Cancelled	Disbursed	Undisbursed	% Disbursed
IDA-E2570	Effective	6.50	6.50	0.00	0.00	6.66	0%

7.3 Key Dates (by loan)

Loan/Credit/TF	Status	Approval	Signing	Effectiveness	Orig. Closing	Rev. Closing
IDA-E2570	Effective	28-Nov-2023	07-Dec-2023	19-Jan-2024	28-Dec-2028	28-Dec-2028

8. KEY DATES



Key Events	Planned	Actual
Approval	28-Nov-2023	28-Nov-2023
Effectiveness	19-Jan-2024	19-Jan-2024
Mid-Term Review No. 01	26-Jan-2026	
Operation Closing/Cancellation	28-Dec-2028	

9. RESTRUCTURING HISTORY

There has been no restructuring to date

10. ASSOCIATED OPERATION(S)

There are no associated operations