Samoa - Country Report

-Regional Course on Improving Exhaustiveness of GDP Coverage

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OUTLINE:

❖ Current Practices and Status:
  ➢ Type of GDP Approach used in Samoa
  ➢ GDP Compilation Stages
  ➢ Data Sources used for GDP Compilation

❖ Benchmark Methodology
  ➢ Quality Practices & Issues in National Accounts

❖ Questions???
**Part A: Current Practices & Sources**

i). The three (3) GDP Approaches

1. **Production Approach** (the only GDP approach used by the bureau)

2. Expenditure Approach (*Work in Progress*)

3. Income Approach

ii). GDP Compilation Stages

1. **Stage 1**
   - Raw Data
   - Update Individual Spreadsheets

2. **Stage 2**
   - Deflator
   - and other Summary files..

3. **Stage 3**
   - VAGST Data

4. **Stage 4**
   - GDP (P)
iii). Data Sources

1. External

- VAGST (Ministry for Revenue)
- Employment (National Provident Fund)
- Fishing (Ministry of Agriculture & Fisheries)
- Foreign Trade, BPM6, Tourism Earnings (Central Bank of Samoa)
- Electricity (Ministry of Public Enterprise)
- Public Administration (Ministry of Finance)

2. Internal

- CPI
- Tourist Arrivals
- Fugalei Market Survey
- Trade Data (HS Import/Export, SITC Imp/Exp)
- Benchmark Data:
  - Business Activity Survey
  - Population Census
  - HIES
GDP by Industry (ISIC 3.1)

Primary Sector
- Agriculture
- Fishing
- Food & Beverage Manufacturing
- Other Manufacturing
- Construction
- Electricity & Water
- Commerce
- Accommodation & Restaurant
- Transport
- Communication
- Finance
- Business Services
- Personal & Other Services
- Public Administration

Secondary Sector
- Services Sector

Public Administration
Input Data Links

Non-VAGST Data
Agriculture
Fishing

VAGST Data
Food & Beverage Manufacturing
Other Manufacturing
Construction
Electricity & Water
Commerce
Accommodation & Restaurant
Transport
Communication
Finance
Business Services
Personal & Other Services
Public Administration

External Sectors

Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries (MAF)
Ministry for Revenue
Central Bank of Samoa (CBS)
National Provident Fund (NPF)
Ministry of Public Enterprises (MPE)
Ministry of Finance (MOF)
Part B: Benchmark Methodology

i). Rebase Methodology

1. Benchmark
   - HIES 2008
   - Agriculture Census 2009
   - Population Census 2011, etc...

2. Data Extrapolation
Part C: Quality Practices & Issues in National Accounts

i). Quality Practices

- Samoa adopted the GDDS in 2012
- 2015 – an IMF mission on e-GDDS (enhanced General Data Dissemination System) was introduced
- The Bureau is now upgraded to e-GDDS
  - The Bureau is also the host of the National Summary Data Page (NSDP)
  - Updated NSDP file_14_07_2016 (2).xlsx
  - Samoa now at Threshold 3 (Maintain an up to date NSDP)

ii). Issues in National Accounts

Some minor challenges/issues in the Compilation of National Account numbers include:

- Having input data from external sources available on time.
- Limited staff capacity of the SNA2008
iii). Questions:

- In what case/economic situation can the constant price growth be more than the current price growth?
- What’s the importance of using a Supply and Use Table?
- What are the initial steps of upgrading from SNA 1993 to SNA 2008?
- What are some other methods of rebasing GDP aside from Benchmarking?

Thank You