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Country-Level SNA Implementation Strategy

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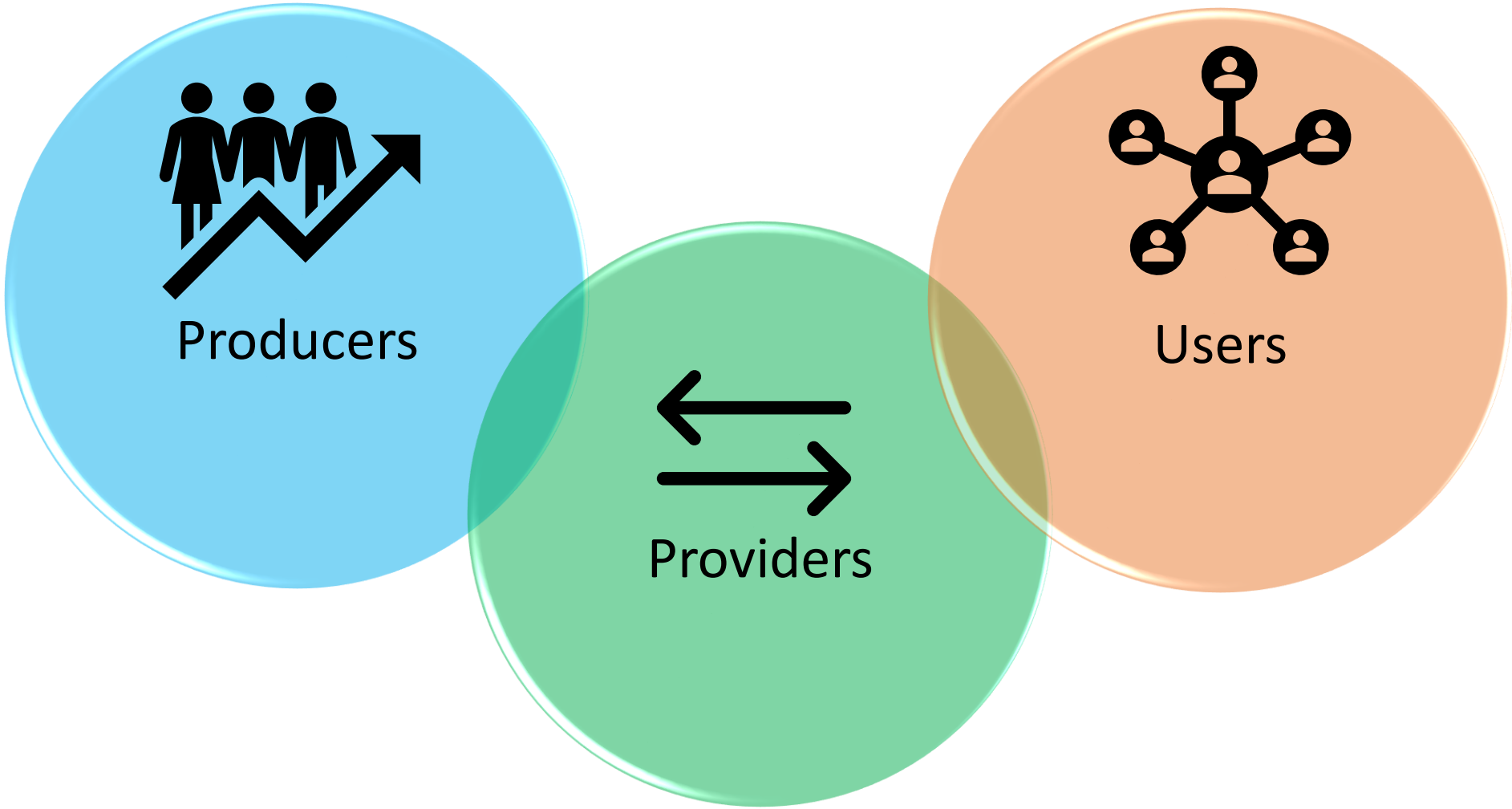
Strengthening the NSS



Strengthening the NSS

- Strengthening the NSS is one of the objectives addressed in the **Samoa Statistics Strategy (SSS) 2022-2026**
  - ✓ Enhancing Samoa's statistical capacity
  - ✓ Developing statistics infrastructure
  - ✓ Improving coordination across agencies
- To produce quality and timely statistics for informed decision-making.
- Today, Samoa's macroeconomic statistics are stronger, more timely, and better aligned with international standards as a result of this collaboration.

Key Areas of Implementation

- Data Collection & Compilation:
  - ✓ Improving data sources
  - ✓ Refined methodologies
  - ✓ Harmonization of statistical practices
- Statistical Domains:
  - ✓ Defining clear statistical domains to ensure comprehensive and consistent data collection across various sectors.

Key Areas of Implementation

- Dissemination:
  - ✓ Meeting user needs with efficient & timely dissemination of high-quality data
- Capacity Building:
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- Use of Technology:
  - ✓ Technological approaches to improve data collection, data processing and dissemination
- Capacity Building:
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Collaboration with Key Stakeholders

- Government Agencies:
  - ✓ Collaboration between different government bodies
  - ✓ Data sharing and coordination
- Private Sector & Business Community:
  - ✓ Engaging in the statistical process to ensure comprehensive data collection & utilization
- Development Partners:
  - ✓ Seeking support & Technical Assistance for capacity building

CHALLENGES ADDRESSED & OPPORTUNITIES

➢ CHALLENGES ADDRESSED:

- Data gaps addressed: Improved business frames for better sample design, and wider coverage of economic/establishment surveys
- Improved data sharing: Stronger collaboration with main data sources.
- Methodological advances: Adoption of the latest available international standards/classifications

➢ OPPORTUNITIES:

- Sustain and build on improvements by recruiting and training new staff.
- Modernize data processing systems, moving from manual spreadsheets to integrated digital platforms.
- Expand statistical programs into emerging areas such as TSA
- Strengthen formal data-sharing agreements to institutionalize inter-agency cooperation and ensure long-term sustainability of improvements.

Achievements

- GDP rebasing and improved NA estimates providing a more accurate picture of Samoa's economy, informing budget decisions, debt sustainability analysis, and macroeconomic policy.
- Timely, higher-quality GFS data strengthens fiscal discipline and supports transparency and accountability in public finance.
- Modernized CPI better reflects household consumption patterns, enhancing the relevance of inflation measures for wage setting, price stability policy etc
- Implemented Enhanced General Data Dissemination System (e-GDDS) and the Data Quality Assurance Framework (DQAF) to strengthen data dissemination, ensure consistency with global standards, and improve coverage, timeliness, quality, and public accessibility of official statistics.

WAY FORWARD

- Complete 2023 SUT and GDP rebasing in 2026
- Finalize updated CPI weights and rebase series by 2025
- Enhance GFS reporting with greater detail and timeliness, supporting fiscal management
- Ongoing capacity development for new and existing SBS staff
- Explore technical assistance for emerging priorities:
  - *Satellite account (tourism account)*
  - *Digital economy measurement*

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