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Quick Facts

Countries	Tonga
Financial Institutions	World Bank (WB)
Status	Proposed
Bank Risk Rating	C
Voting Date	2020-02-11
Borrower	Government of Tonga
Sectors	Law and Government
Investment Type(s)	Grant
Investment Amount (USD)	$ 1.50 million

Project Description

According to the bank document, the proposed project will "support countries in the Pacific region to increase the quality, frequency, and timeliness of socioeconomic statistics. The program envisions one regional organization grant to the Statistics for Development Division (SDD) of the Pacific Community, and two to three country level projects. The grant to the regional organization has planned three components. First, the grant will support the newly formed Pacific Statistics Methods Board (PSMB). The PSMB was created by the 2017 Heads of Planning meeting to promote rigorous approaches to methodological work in regional National Statistics Offices (NSOs). The second component supports SDD to increase their capacity to analyze and provide training in welfare measurement, including the calculation of poverty statistics. The final component provides financing to foster innovation, focused mainly on novel methods of data collection. The country-level grants supportthe collection of the next one to two rounds of the Household Income and Expenditure Survey (HIES) using improved methods, including a revised questionnaire, electronic data capture and verification, and reduced processing times. In addition, the countryprojects will provide targeted support to the project implementation teams within the NSOs, including materials and non-statistics technical training."

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Bank Documents

- Concept Project Information Document (PID) - Statistical Innovation and Capacity Building in Tonga - [Original Source]

Other Related Projects

- WB-P171380 Statistical Innovation and Capacity Building in Kiribati