

What is the NSDS

In mid-2014 the Solomon Islands Cabinet endorsed the development of the first National Statistics Development Strategy to revitalise the Solomon Islands' National Statistics System (NSS).

With support from Solomon Islands Government and the Australian Government's DFAT Aid programme the National Statistics Office formulated a master plan that guide the provision of relevant and timely statistics for the next 20 years.

The formulation process use the framework and tools developed by PARIS21 (or the Partnership in Statistics for Development in the 21st Century). The PARIS21 model has been used in many countries, including Samoa and Tonga.

Why do we need a National Statistics Development Strategy (NSDS)?

Official national statistics (statistics produced by Government) are the cornerstones of good government, and support public confidence in good government.

National statistics are important indicators for the Government, business community and individuals in supporting rational and evidence-based decision-making in economic activities, investment and in involvement with society. It is a government responsibility to provide these statistics and to maintain their long-term sustainability within a well-organised statistical system.

The NSDS will ensure that needed statistics and related information are provided on a regular basis to shape evidenced based decision making, policy development and planning in the Solomon Islands. The Strategy aims to lay out the path for development of statistics across the national statistics system (NSS) to achieve a vision that by 2035 there will be a robust, sustainable, and well-coordinated statistical system providing credible official statistical information for the benefit of Solomon Islands.

What the NSDS do?

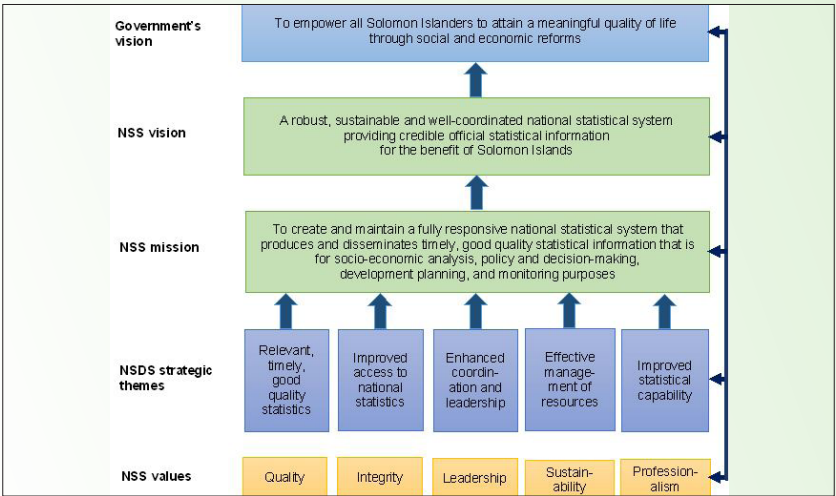
The NSDS involve all Solomon Islands' statistics users and producers. It aims to revitalise and strengthen the national statistics system (NSS) so that it will generate a regular and consistent supply of statistics, data and information. The NSDS team usually meet with statistics users and producers to discuss their current production and use of statistics, identify problems and gaps, and determine future needs. Information inside the NSDS master plan (NSDS 2015-2035), a strategic document set out the vision and goals for the NSS, outlining the kinds of statistics it will produce in order to meet the present and future needs of Solomon Islands society. The NSDS 2015-2035 build on what already exist and address legal and institutional issues, including the co-ordination of the national statistical system, identify technical assistance and training needs, estimate the cost of implementing the strategy, and explain how costs will be financed.

The NSDS 2015-2035 strategic master document can be accessed on this link here: https://www.statistics.gov.sb/images/SolomonFiles/Survey_Statistics/NSDS_2015-2035/Solomon-Islands-NSDS-2015-16-to-2035.pdf

Statistical projects that are under the NSDS umbrella and support include:

- Forthcoming 2019 national census
- Household Income & Expenditure Survey (HIES) – Extended for National Consumer Price Index project and Gross Domestic Product (ongoing activities)
- Demographic & Health Survey (DHS) (ongoing activities)
- Village Resource Survey (VRS) (ongoing)
- Coming Labour Force Survey (LFS) (new/ongoing)
- National Agriculture Survey Project (NASP) (ongoing)

The NSDS results framework



Our values

Quality

We are committed to producing increasingly better quality products that conform to international quality principles of timeliness, coherence, completeness, accessibility, reliability and relevance.

Integrity

There is trust in Solomon Islands national statistics. Statistics are objective, readily available, and are disseminated in an open and transparent manner.

Leadership

The National Statistics Office is recognized as an effective and influential leader of the NSS.

Sustainability

The NSS has strong management, technology and workforce capabilities that enables it to be sustainable and responsive for the long term.

Professionalism

Our people are innovative and resourceful. They are skilled and capable of producing relevant, accurate and timely data according to internationally acceptable and professional standards.



National Statistics Office staff during a training.

What we aim to achieve

Improved range and quality of statistics

Statistics will be relevant and meet users' needs. They will be of good quality, timely, and have international comparability.

Improved access to national statistics

Statistics will be readily available to all through a variety of media and formats, including the NSO website. Statistics will be usable and user friendly.

Enhanced coordination and leadership

The NSS is a coordinated system where agencies work together and have a legal mandate for the collection and dissemination of statistics.

The NSO, as an independent bureau, is the leader of the NSS, providing leadership, coordination, statistical advice, and capacity-building activities.

Efficient management of resources

The NSS will be responsive, efficient and timely. It will be scalable and able to cope with changing needs.

Improved statistical capability

Capacity will be improved by ensuring there are adequate numbers of people who are trained and knowledgeable about collecting, analyzing and disseminating statistics. Users will be better equipped to use statistics in policy and decision making.



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