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Social Resources Division (SDP)
 Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC)

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Social Resources Div Programmes

- **Statistics and Demography Programme**
- **Public Health Programme**
- **Human Development Programme**
- **Regional Media Centre**

- Staff: 103
- 2008 Budget: USD >20 million

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SDP Key Facts & Programme Coverage

- 14 staff (Headquarters)
- 2008 budget: > USD 2 million
- Primary clients – National Statistics Offices/Data Bureau/Planning Offices
- **Data Collection, Analysis, Dissemination** (Censuses, Household Income and Expenditure Surveys and Demographic Health Surveys in many PICTs)
- **General and specific statistical training**

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Part 1: Programme Coverage, 2007

Summary of SDP tangible inputs

- **140 person weeks** of SDP staff-provided technical assistance and training in 2007
 - Technical assistance: 72 weeks
 - Training (in-country): 37.5 weeks
 - Noumea-based attachments: 30.5 weeks



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Part 2: Outlook – Selected Priorities

Current SDP team

- 11 professional, 2 programme support staff
- Two *operational*, two new strategic priorities

Operational

- manage effective integration of SDP
- consolidate achievements in data utilization

Strategic

- Develop SDP economic statistics capacity
- greater balance in meeting membership requests and pro-actively address critical development issues

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Part 2: Outlook – Selected Priorities

2.1 Manage effective integration of SDP activities

- move away from the “traditional” Statistics and Demography dichotomy.
- establish cross-program activity/project teams with a focus on generic activities rather than merely by staff subject-matter expertise
- more efficient use of available professional skills and experience across all major activity areas.

2.2 Consolidate achievements in data utilization

- Pro-active data dissemination to become a priority activity/integral component of all programme activities
- More strategic use of media/innovative means of data/ information dissemination (example: *Island Business; Pacific Way*)
- More strategic engagements with national policy-makers (example: *PPAPD*)

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2.3 Develop SDP economic statistics capacity

- Address concerns by stakeholders, membership, development partners, FEMM over standard of economic statistics at national and regional level.
- Recent regional Heads of Planning and Heads of Statistics meeting (September 2007) urged SPC to undertake improvements in this area;

2.3 Develop SDP economic statistics capacity (2)

- Response by SPC: make this a top SDP programme development priority
 - Recent advertisement of a new position of Economic Statistician.
 - continue collaboration with PIFS on regional benchmark study to chart the future course of statistical developments in the region

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Potential Synergies among SOPAC Programmes and SPC SDP

- **Community Lifelines: ICT; Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (eg. PopGIS, population statistics)**
- **Community Risk (e.g. PopGIS, population statistics – ref to CL’s National GIS centres activities)**
- **Ocean and Islands (e.g. PopGIS, population statistics)**