



Standardisation of the HIES across the Pacific

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Background

- Nearly all countries in the Pacific are conducting HIESs on a regular basis now
- Unfortunately the way the HIES has been tackled has been very different from PICT to PICT
 - Quite different Q's
 - Quite different data processing systems
 - Quite different outputs
 - Etc
- What's been done to address this:
 - This issue was raised at the last HOPS meeting in 2010
 - Endorsed by first PSSC (early 2011)
 - First HIES TWG August 2011



HIES TWG – 1st meeting

Tackled in 2 phases

1) Outputs

- National Accounts
- CPI
- Balance of Payments
- Standard Reports
- Other
 - Health
 - Education
 - Labour Force
 - Food Security
 - Other

2) Methodology

- Definitions and Classifications
- Questionnaire Design
- Sample Design
- Data Processing



Questionnaire Design – Current Approach

Survey Questionnaires

- Four main modules
 - Module 1: Demographics and Housing Characteristics
 - Module 2: Household Level Expenditure
 - Module 3: Person Level Expenditure
 - Module 4: Income
- 2-week Diary



Income Module

What's collected

- Wage and Salary Income
- Non-Agriculture Business Income
- Agriculture Business Income
- Fishing/Hunting Income
- Livestock Income
- Handicrafts/Food Produced at Home Income
- Property, Transfer and Other Casual Income
- Remittances