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COORDINATION IN THE PACIFIC ISLANDS

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THE BRISBANE ACCORD GROUP

- Formed in 2011, initially coordinated between UQ and SPC, now coordinated by SPC.
- 10 partner agencies including UN bodies, ABS, universities and regional networks
- Pacific Vital Statistics Action Plan sits under the Pacific Statistics Strategy, and progress reports are shared with the Pacific Statistics Steering Committee and Pacific Ministers of Health



PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

Aims of the Partnership

The principle aims of the BAG are:

- to support Pacific Island countries and territories to improve their CRVS systems in order to improve the quality and availability of birth, death and cause of death data at both national and regional levels and support universal birth and death registration,
- and to improve investment outcomes through better coordination between technical partners.



PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT - PRINCIPLES

- Partners agree to work in a collaborative manner, and aim to add value to bilateral investments through this collaborative approach.
- Scope is limited to birth, deaths and causes-of-death; & countries and territories that form part of the Pacific Islands
- Technical assistance by partner agencies will be coordinated through BAG, under the PVSAP
- Technical assistance should always be country-led, and where one exists, consistent with national CRVS improvement plans underpinned by multi-agency/whole-of-government approach.
- Technical assistance will support countries to meet international reporting obligations including progress reporting with implementing the RAF for CRVS in Asia and the Pacific.
- A coordinated approach to technical assistance is essential to make the most out of the available resources, and assistance provided in one area should not be to the detriment of others.
- Partners will provide, as far as practicable, consistent advice to countries in line with best evidence and practice, and existing international agreements and standards;
- Partners are expected to be actively engaged in the technical support of CRVS in the Pacific Region.
- Partners are committed to sharing relevant activity information with the partnership and coordination of financial and supply support as possible within agency processes and commitments.
- Progress with the initiative needs to be reported regularly to regional governance structures.
- Finally, Partners actively recognise the value and contribution of the partnership and partner agencies in their work as appropriate.



COUNTRY DRIVEN

- The intent of the plan is that countries – having undertaken a national assessment and developed a national plan – will drive the subsequent relationship with partners and TA needed
- The PVSAP reports to the Pacific Ministers of Health and Pacific Heads of Planning and Statistics (and interim Pacific Statistics Steering Committee).
- Country based networks included in the BAG partnership – PCRN & PHIN
- Increasing support for south-south collaboration between countries



REGIONAL SOLUTIONS

- Many of the issues highlighted in the national assessments, plans and feedback to partners are common across the region
- BAG has been engaged in developing regional solutions – training, standards (IT and Legislation Best practice), publications, and workshops to share experiences
- Also in supporting countries to engage with partners beyond the BAG partnership to address gaps & identified needs.