

# ICP Pacific Islands Update



**ICP Inter-Agency Coordination Group Meeting**

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# Purpose of the Session

*This session will review the regional implementation status of the ICP 2024 cycle in the Pacific Islands Region.*

# The Pacific Islands in the ICP 2011 Cycle

- **20 Pacific Islands** economies participated in the ICP 2011
- Their participation was limited to the **individual consumption expenditure by households** (without housing or private education)
- Prices were collected **quarterly** over 2012 (backcasted to 2011)
- National accounts expenditure data were sparse for several islands, and alternative data sources were therefore utilized.
- **Pacific Islands were linked** to the rest of the world through economies that were in other regional comparisons and had global results:
  - Fiji (Asia and Pacific comparison)
  - Australia (Eurostat-OECD comparison)
  - New Zealand (Eurostat-OECD comparison)

# The Pacific Islands in the ICP 2024 Cycle

- The ICP Global Office, in conjunction with the Pacific Community and PacStat\*, have long been assessing the feasibility of **including the Pacific Island countries in the ICP 2024 cycle**.
- Opportunities to collect prices for the ICP using computer-assisted personal interviewing (CAPI) software, specifically the World Bank's Survey Solutions platform, were leveraged building on previous experience with using CAPI for statistical data collection in the region.
- In **June 2025, an ICP Workshop was held in Nadi, Fiji**, organized by the Pacific Community and with the participation of the ICP Global Office and Asian Development Bank (ADB), which counted with the participation of 16 Pacific Island countries.
- **\*Note:** *The Statistical Innovation and Capacity Building in the Pacific Islands (PACSTAT) project has an overall development objective to improve the quality of welfare data collection and accessibility to comparable welfare data in the Pacific Island Countries.*

# The Pacific Islands in the ICP 2024 cycle (cont.)

- The main goal of this workshop in June was to **introduce the ICP to the Pacific Island countries**, gather feedback to update and finalize the Regional Pacific Item List, as well and introduce the **price collection software designed using Survey Solutions**.
- The first **price data collection** occurred between **August and September 2025** and a new price collection period is now expected to occur between **November and December 2025**.
- The feedback received so far on the use of the Survey Solutions questionnaire, has been positive and so far, **16 Pacific Islands** economies have submitted price data to the ICP Regional Coordinator, the Pacific Community.
- **STATA scripts** were developed by the Global Office to process, structure, and analyze data collected using the Survey Solutions platform.

# The Pacific Islands in the ICP 2024 Cycle (cont.)

- In addition to household consumption goods and services, the feasibility of collecting data on **housing rentals** and **government compensation** will be investigated.
- **National accounts activities** are planned for 2026, with the Pacific Community benefiting from the expertise of Fiji's former national coordinator, now serving as a Pacific Community staff member.
- Two **regional workshops** are scheduled for 2026 to support data validation and the preparation of regional results.
- **Communication activities**, including a World Bank Data Blog, are planned to highlight progress and lay the groundwork for continued ICP implementation in the region.
- The application of the World Bank's Survey Solutions platform may be expanded to include **CPI data collection** in selected island economies.