

FY23 Work Plan - July 2022 to June 2023: Vanuatu

TA Area	Objective	Country	Outcome Targeted	Activity	July 2022 – June 2023 (in person-days)			Number of Missions/ Activities	Milestones	Comments	Planned Date	Secretariat/ Technical Advisors
					PASAI Secretariat Staff	Technical Advisors/ Consultants	Total					
SAI Independence Programme	SAIs are independent with a modern mandate consistent with the UN General Assembly Resolution on SAI Independence and the Lima and Mexico Declarations.	Vanuatu	Legal and regulatory framework equips the SAI with the authority to carry out its operational activities independently according to its mandate.	Update progress at SAI Develop an Independence strategy Action taken on the Independence Strategy	15	-	15	1	Conduct in-country mission to advocate for SAI's independence with key stakeholders (Ministry of Finance, Public Service Commission, Public Accounts Committee)		October 2022 (in-country)	Esther Lameko-Poutoa/ Meresimani Katuba
Advocacy to strengthen transparency and accountability	Advocacy for Accountability & Transparency and improving PFM effectiveness	Vanuatu	The Secretariat works with the SAI to contribute to improving PFM effectiveness in the country.	Participate in the Regional PFM Workshop for SAIs [PIFS/UNDP/PASAI] Liaise and work with relevant regional and development partners on ways to improving PFM in the region.	5	-	5	1	<b>Improving PFM effectiveness</b> Conduct in-country mission to discuss with SAIs on their strategy (if any) to contribute improving their country PEFA scores on PI-30 and PI-31, to inform support needed from PASAI.		October 2022 (in-country)	Esther Lameko-Poutoa/ Meresimani Katuba
	PASAI regularly reports on the contribution made by auditing public resources to transparency and accountability in the region		Complete 3 yearly Accountability & Transparency report, plan actions to address findings  Preparation of Accountability & Transparency report	Conducting a survey of 20 SAIs in the region on Accountability & Transparency contributions through auditing public resources.  Conducting a survey of 20 SAIs in the region on Accountability & Transparency contributions through auditing public resources.	8	6	14	1	Conduct in-country visit to gather further information on case studies for Accountability & Transparency Report  Complete Accountability & Transparency report		November 2022 (remote and in-country if required)  December 2022 (remote)	TA/ Meresimani Katuba
	Provide support to SAIs to strengthen communications to effectively engage with their key stakeholders, raise the visibility of their work, demonstrate its value and ongoing relevance to citizens, Parliament and other stakeholders.		A Communications Strategy and Regional Media Training Workshop equips the SAI to effectively engage with their stakeholders and raise awareness as well as visibility of their work in auditing public resources.  Conduct a Regional Media Training workshop	Developing of a Communications Strategy for the SAI which is aligned to their Strategic Plan. Support includes development of an annual communications plan, policies and processes.  Conduct a Regional Media Training workshop	7  7	20  20	27  27	1  1	Complete a Communications Strategy for the SAI which is aligned to their Strategic Plan  Complete a regional media training workshop with the SAI's participation		December 2022 (remote)  February 2023	Annie Subactagin-Matto/ Luke Eaton/ Meresimani Katuba/ TA
High quality audits completed by Pacific SAIs on a timely basis	Up-to-date Financial Statement of Government (FSG) or Whole of Government (WOG) reports are audited (using standards appropriate to the SAI) on a timely basis.	Vanuatu	The status of the FSG audit is known and able to be reported at all times (regionally)  Provide support to the SAI to reduce the FSG audit backlog, embed and refine audit methodology to comply with ISSAIs, and enhance its relationship with the Min. of Finance.	1. Refine and update the FSG database on timeliness, quality (audit opinions, accounting frameworks). 1. Provide SAI Level support for efficient and timely FSG audits compliance with ISSAIs 2. Develop a working paper guideline for FSG audits in line with the ISSAIs	7	20	27	-  -	Reducing the audit backlog at the SAI  Complete working paper guideline for FSG audits in line with the ISSAIs		December 2022 (remote)	Meresimani Katuba/ TA
	Enhancing quality Control and Quality Assurance		The SAI produces high quality audits confirmed by peer review a minimum of every 3 years	1. Review of QC and QA at the SAI 2. Conduct QA Review of FSG audit completed by the SAI and supported by PASAI	2  -	-  10	2  10	-  1	Complete internal report on review of QC and QA at the SAI  Complete QA Review Report on FSG Audit done by the SAI which was supported by PASAI		February 2023 (in-country)	Meresimani Katuba  TA
	Enhancing audit coverage and standards		To assist SAIs to produce high quality financial audits in accordance with national/international standards.	Provide technical assistance in financial audit to guide SAIs in the planning, conduct and reporting of a financial audit according to international standards.	10	0	10	1	Complete single financial audit engagement		July 2022	Meresimani Katuba
SAI capacity and capability enhanced	To provide leadership training for senior management of the SAIs in line with the strategic plan.	Vanuatu	SAI senior management are equipped with leadership principles and best practices	Leadership workshops conducted online as a continuation from the previous financial year's Programme.	1	1	2	-	SAI senior and middle management trained by PASAI for leadership positions.		August 2022	Consultants - Beasley Intercultural Australia
	To deliver and implement part of the recommendations from the IT report for the PASAI region		Teammate support for the SAI IT Policy IT Selection -Alternative Audit Software	Provide funding support to upgrade Teammate Provide a policy and find an appropriate audit software for the SAI and others in the region	- 4	- -	- 4	- -	Upgrade of Teammate Audit Software at the SAI Complete a policy and find an alternative audit software for the SAI and others in the region (Implementation in 2023/2024 FY)		July 2022 Aug 2022-May 2023	TA
	Support SAI in refining audit methodology to comply with ISSAIs		Support for PESA-P Certification	Provide support to participants from SAI in completing requirements and in taking the certification examination	5	-	5	-	Participants complete the certification examination		22-26 September 2022	Meresimani Katuba
<b>TOTAL</b>					<b>61</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>6</b>				