



**VANUATU**  
**TRUSTED**  
**OFFICIAL**  
**STATISTICS**

Trusted Official Statistics  
For Good Governance and  
Evidence Based Decision  
Making



# Programme Plan

## KEY CONCEPTS:

- National Statistical System, Public Policies, Trusted Statistics, Good Governance, Statistical Literacy, Data Communication, Financial Statistics

## OBJECTIVES FOR THE PROGRAMME:

- Build combined individual, organisational and system level capacity of the Parliament of Vanuatu to utilise trusted statistics for good governance and evidence-based decision-making

## CONTENT

- Functions of Parliament
- Coordination of the Vanuatu Statistical System
- Training Programme for Parliamentary Civil Servants
- Briefing Programme for Members of Parliament
- Next Steps- National Sustainable Development Plan Indicator Tracking Platform and Mobile App

# Functions of Parliament

## Legislation:

- Bills debated by Parliament and if approved become Acts (Law)

## Oversight:

- Parliament monitors the quality of the work of the government regarding implementation of the law, development plans and budgets

## Budgetary:

- Independent and accurately scrutinise the budget processes and procedures- overall public financial management

## Representation:

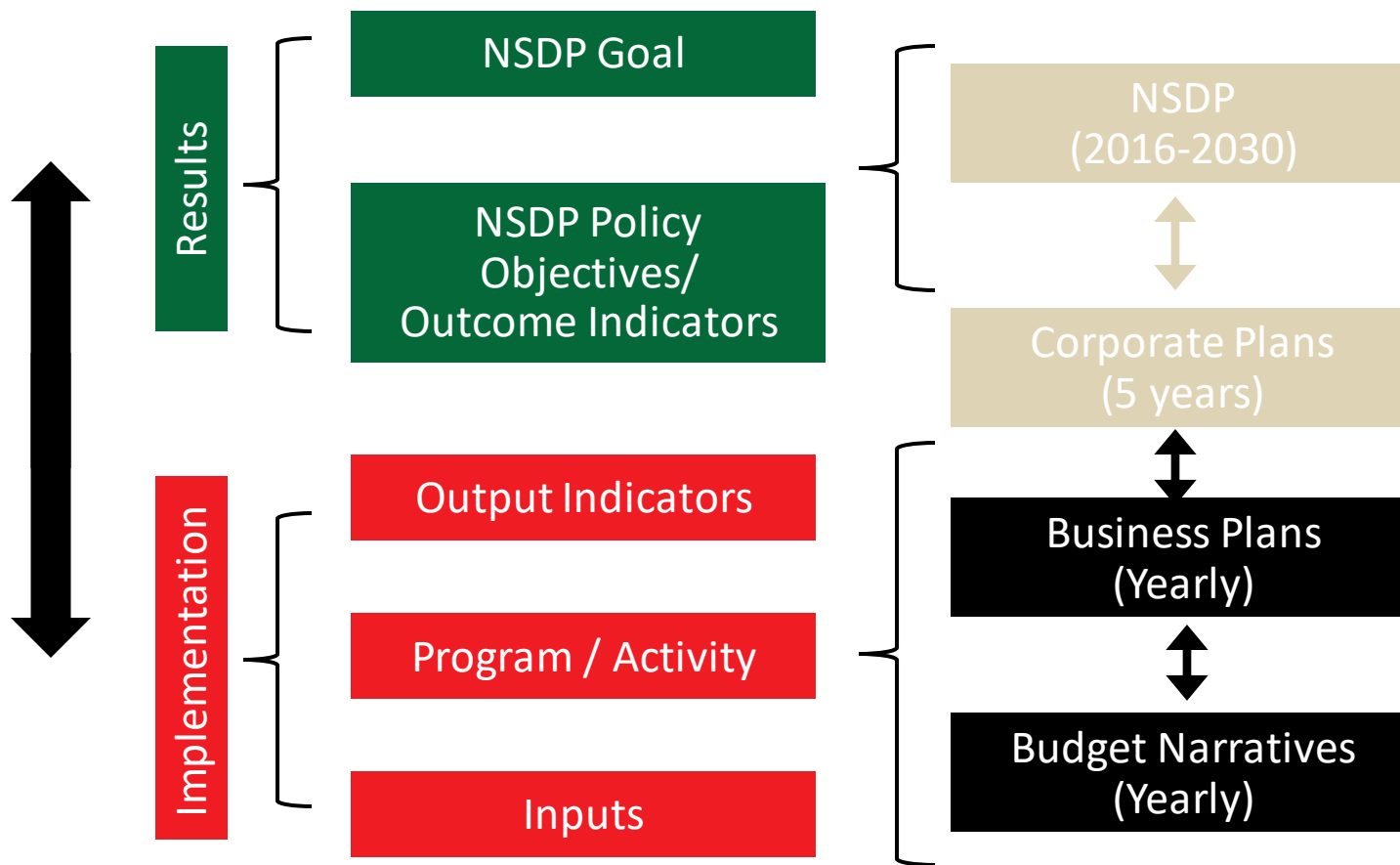
Make citizens "present" in public policy making processes, making decisions in the best interest of citizens.



**What is needed for these Functions to be done effectively?**

To drive demand in Trusted Statistics we are building the capacity of Parliament.

# Coordination of the Vanuatu Statistical System



**We must align our Business Plan activities to the Corporate Plan and, our Corporate Plan to the NSDP (highest policy framework). The budget narrative will then show the impact of investment.**

We brought together Policy Analysts, Expenditure Analysts, Subject Specialists and Statisticians on key Areas including Education, Health, Disasters, Public Accounts, Labour, Inland Revenue and Trade



# Training Programme for Parliamentary Civil Servants

## CONTENT

1. National Statistical System
2. Data Enabling Development
3. Factors in Building Trust in Data
4. Data Sources
5. Data Interpretation and Use
6. Data Communication
7. Financial Statistics

## KEY CONCEPTS

- Principles of Official Statistics
- Alignment of Government Frameworks
- Data Quality- metadata, Disaggregated Data
- Good Governance
- Data Storytelling
- Understanding Impact of Investment

## TRAINING METHODS

- Presentations
- Group Work
- Feedback
- Games
- Discussions
- Pre & Post Assessment

## TIMELINES

- August 7<sup>th</sup> all content complete
- September 5-6<sup>th</sup> trained to use skills to develop an evidence-based Policy Brief
- September 20-21<sup>st</sup> trained to use the National Sustainable Development Plan Indicator Tracking Platform

Long Term Outcome: Good Governance and evidence based decision-making improved in Parliament

Indicator: Proportion of parliamentary sittings and Standing Committees annually that use Trusted statistics while debating

# Briefing Programme for Members of Parliament

## CONTENT

1. Introduction
2. Access to Services
3. Rural Economy
4. Disaster, Water, Sanitation & Hygiene
5. Monetary Wealth
6. Evaluation

## KEY CONCEPTS

- Demographics, Health, Education, Registration
- Household Finance, Production, Financial Services
- Household Materials, Facilities and Energy; and Disaster Support
- Household Finance, Household Assets, Access to Information

## TRAINING METHODS

- Presentations
- Guided Discussions
- Feedback
- Pre & Post Assessment (video)

## TIMELINES

- End of September all Briefing Sessions complete

We initially had the Clerk of Parliament choose 6 Members of Parliament. Handouts are a sample of the Santo Rural Constituency. The Policy Recommendations are left blank as Vanuatu Bureau of Statistics will guide MPs to make their own recommendations after interpreting the Trusted Statistics.

# Next Steps- National Sustainable Development Plan Indicator Tracking Platform and Mobile App

This Platform will make official statistics in Vanuatu more open and accessible.

Support Parliament's roles of:

- Oversight
- Representation
- Budget
- Legislation

**Planned Official Launch End September**

## Vanuatu 2030: The People's Plan

The national sustainable development goals and policy objectives outlined in *Vanuatu 2030: The People's Plan (National Sustainable Development Plan 2016 to 2030)* are the overarching guide for government planning over the next 15 years. Together they articulate a path for Vanuatu to emerge as a much stronger nation, renewing our traditions and values, and creating economic opportunities for all.



### Indicators of the National Sustainable Development Plan

Click on each goal for Vanuatu National Sustainable Development Plan indicator data.

