

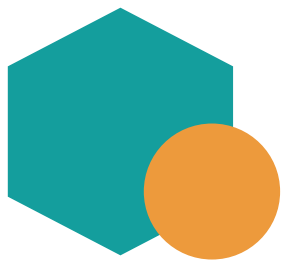
Monitoring the Implementation of the SAMOA Pathway and SDGs: A Focus on Data Challenges in SIDS

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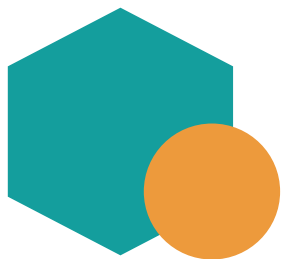




1. SIDS statistical challenges

- **Small NSOs** in majority of SIDS (smallest NSOs, particularly in Pacific, have less than 10 staff)
- **Human resources challenges** pervasive in the NSS (high turnover of statisticians in NSOs, limited pool of statisticians, need for new capacities as per CD 4.0 Framework)
- **Statistical institutions and frameworks** need to be strengthened (i.e., outdated statistical legislation, weak NSO mandate, inadequate NSS coordination)

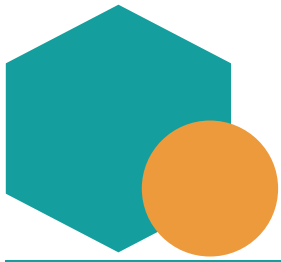




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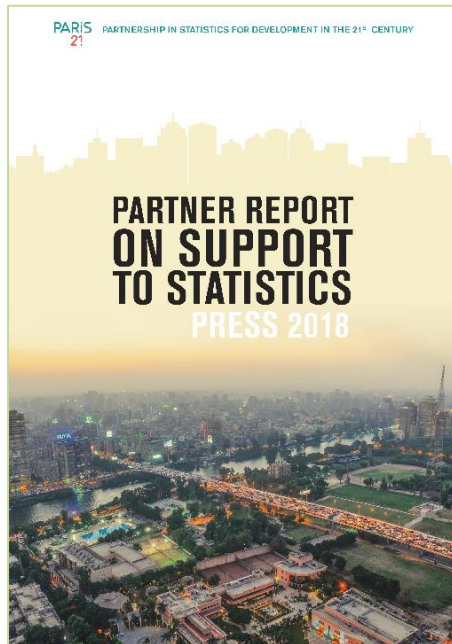
- Few SIDS have current **national development strategies/plans** that aligns to or incorporates SDG concerns (to serve as policy framework to anchor statistics development priorities)
- Lack of strong and consistent **political recognition of statistics at national level** (weak demand for statistics and poor links between statistics and policy)
- Sustainability of **funding/investments** for statistics programmes, particularly those related to SDG initiatives (e.g., NSDS and RSDS that are SDG-ready)





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2018 PRESS: Key trends



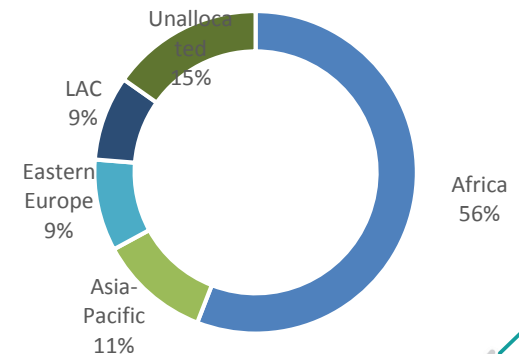
The 2018 PRESS highlights the international community's support to statistics in 2016.

623 Million USD
total commitments

0.33% of ODA for
statistics

88% of funding from
10 donors

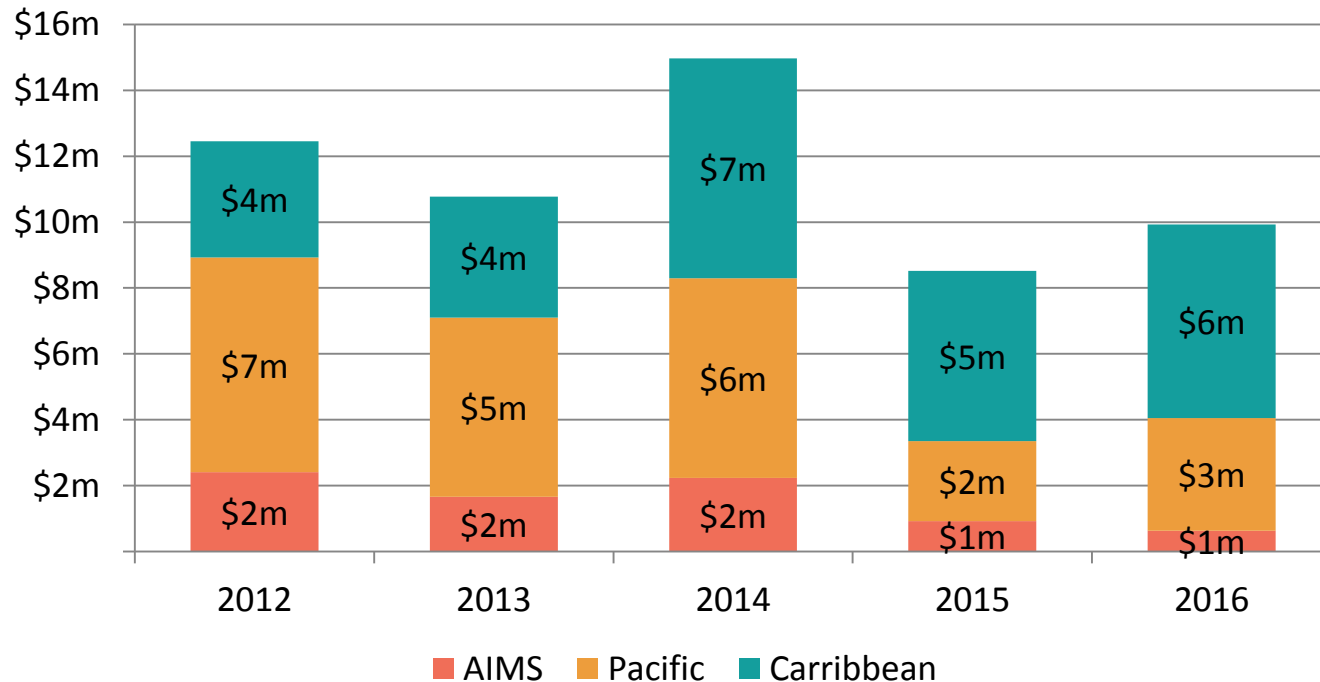
SIDS received only 5%
of commitments from
2014-2016.





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Funding commitments to SIDS remained stagnant in 5 years, in million USD



Source: Partner Report on Support to Statistics 2018 <http://www.paris21.org/press2018>

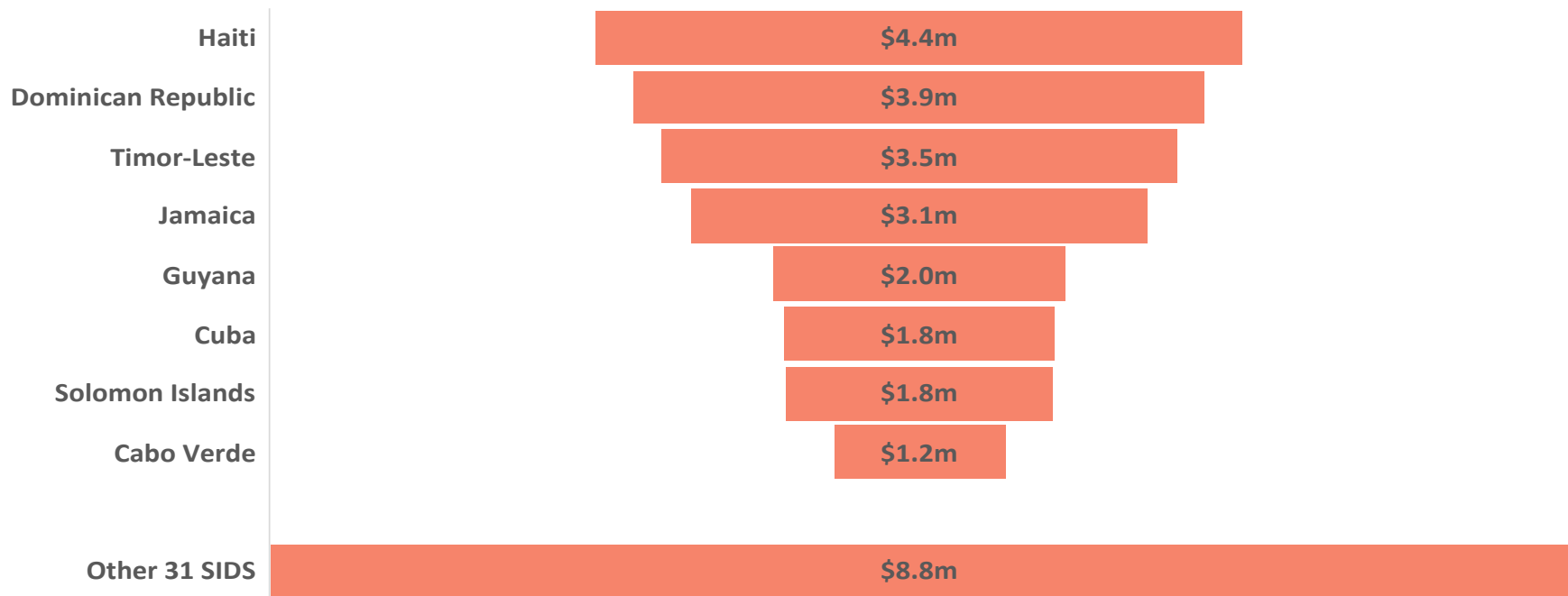


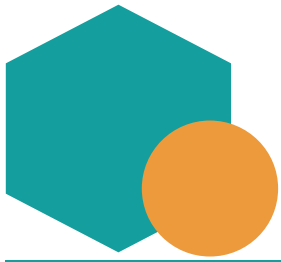


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Only 8 SIDS received more than 1M USD in statistics funding (2014-2016)

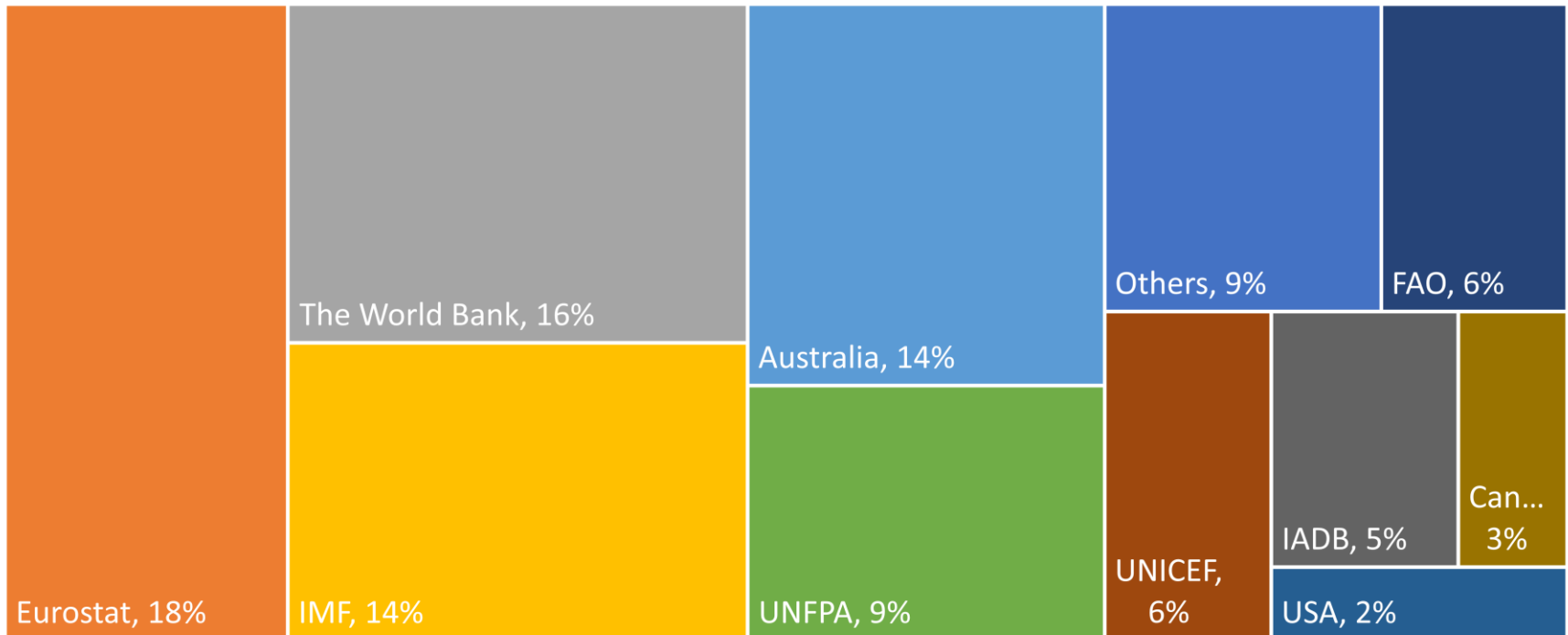
Top SIDS Recipients in 2014-2016





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Top 10 Donors for SIDS

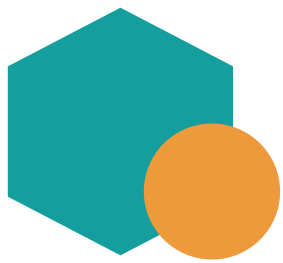




2. Best practices on statistical development in SIDS

- Development of (regional) common tools, methodologies, systems and frameworks to contribute to improved availability, quality and range of statistics and indicators
 - Pacific: HIES methodology/ common questionnaire; core set of census modules; region-wide adoption of international statistical classifications; regional statistics portal
 - Caribbean: IT Framework (data management, data warehousing, data policy); CARICOM Model Bill; common census framework; regional statistics portal





2. Best practices on statistical development in SIDS

- **Strong (sub) regional statistics cooperation** in SIDS (specifically in Caribbean and Pacific)
 - regional leadership in statistical development (e.g., Standing Committee of Caribbean Statisticians and Pacific Statistics Steering Committee)
 - Technical coordination facilitated by regional bodies with dedicated statistics unit (i.e., CARICOM, SPC)
- **Regional statistical development plan/strategy** (i.e., Ten Year Pacific Statistics Strategy/TYPSS and Caribbean Regional Statistical Development Plan/RSDS)
- Building regional capacity through **South-South** (NSO - NSO) **technical collaboration**





3. Role of partnerships in SIDS statistical capacity

- **Enable coordinated funding on statistics** (by donors and governments) based on regional statistical plan/strategy
- **Supports SIDS-wide statistics development** to promote cross-learning and come up with common solution
 - established regular SIDS-wide forum (e.g., PARIS21 Cross Regional Forum, Annual Round-Table Meeting of SIDS in the UNSD) to discuss statistical issues and initiatives and sustain engagement among SIDS regions to exchange best practices, learn from one another, and recommend solutions unique to SIDS



4. Responding to Global Development Agenda: Recommendations

- Support the implementation of existing RSDS/NSDS
- Advocate for the development of NSDS that incorporates SDG and SAMOA Pathway data needs
- Strengthen statistical institutions (e.g., review and updating of statistical laws; restructuring of NSOs and establishment of NSS; increase domestic funding on statistics; access to new data sources)
- Develop/strengthen statistical capacity development strategy based on Capacity Development 4.0 Framework
- Establish SIDS Platform on statistics to bridge all SIDS



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