

TEMIS Workshop – Closing remark

By the Permanent Secretary

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It gives me great pleasure to deliver the closing remarks for the workshop on using Tuvalu Education Information Management System data for planning and decision making. I would like to extend my appreciation to SPC, UNICEF and the TEMIS Focal Point for their technical services as well as our own Department staff for their technical input and logistical support for this workshop. I sincerely thank all the school representatives from all the islands and the Department staff for fully engaging and participating in this three-day workshop. I would also like to thank the National Statistics Office for showing willingness to support the data analysis for the education sub-sector. Thank you to TuFHA for making their conference room available and to all the catering groups that kept everyone nourished during the workshop.

I hope that as a result of the workshop you engaged in, you have an improved appreciation for the use of data and information in the work we do on a daily basis. I also hope that you are now better equipped with some important knowledge and tools to analyse the state and performance of education in your respective schools as well as the education sector as a whole in Tuvalu. I trust that you will implement the learning from this workshop and use evidence to improve planning, resource allocation and monitoring at the school level. At Head Quarters, we rely on the information you provide to shape and contribute to the Department's strategic objectives, policy implementation and decision making.

Upon looking at the conference room, one can consider this workshop a success. With all school representatives including ECCE, primary and secondary school heads and teachers present, I believe you all listened, collaborated and discussed issues and topics that were relevant but extremely new. I am certain you are going to go back to your schools and start the new academic year with more confidence and new essential skills to make you better school leaders and decision makers. We hope to see all of you developing and implementing information-driven school improvement plans more successfully this year.

I now declare the TEMIS workshop officially closed.

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