Take it out of the too hard basket

Update from the Pacific Countries on End-of Decade Assessment
The Pacific Context

- Pacific governments meet and agree on regional initiatives and developments through the Pacific Islands Forum (PIF – similar to ASEAN)
- Reporting to the Forum is the secretariat of the Forum Education Ministers (FEdM) who met every 18 months
- The Pacific Heads of Education (Permanent Secretaries, Heads of Ministries) also met annually and provide guidance to the FEdM
- The goals of the EFA have been contextualised for the Pacific into the Pacific Education Development Framework (PEDF)
Pacific Island Forum Countries
Why do an assessment?

• “Catch up” opportunity
• PEDF – baseline information for regional and national planning
Outcomes of Pacific EDA preparatory meeting

1. Agreed structure for the EDA report
2. Draft outline for a country report
3. Agreed timeline for EDA process
4. Identification of resource and technical assistance requirements for the EDA
Change in Focus

- Focus on information for Monitoring and Evaluation rather than information for statistical publications
- Focus on the quality of outputs
- Tell the story
- Know your audience and your purpose
- Value of report and process
The Cook Islands Approach

- The EDA will be incorporated into a report on progress towards the achievement of goals of the Cook Islands Education Master Plan
- A matrix of indicators to track progress towards other regional and international conventions can be utilised by a range of other agencies
Issues for the Unreached and Marginalised

- Identification – who are they? Where are they?
- Very small population pockets can skew data (16)
- Timeliness and validity of data
- Infrastructural support
- Capacity
- Inter agency links
- Programme and donor coordination
The Unreached Reached

- Students who have access and are enrolled in school but the system is not meeting their needs.
- Consider: alternative programmes
  different modalities of learning
different timeframes for learning
scope of courses available

“Relevance as well as Quality”
Moving Forward

• Don’t be put off by the issues

• Change mindsets – think about what can be done and not about how hard it might be

• Take ownership of process and the outcomes
Attitudes are contagious – are yours worth catching?