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Abstract While ensuring that data are available and available on time, it is imperative to ensure also that they are of good quality – reliable (of sound quality) and valid (meaning that they do measure what they are meant to). This requires skilled and experienced staff in place, right throughout Pacific island countries and territories' national statistical systems, and not merely at the level of section or agency head.

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