# Whole of Government ICT Centralisation Strategy

# SIG-Connect SIG-Datacenter

Presentation by the SIG ICT Support Unit

## **SIG-ICT Support Unit**

Ministry of Finance & Treasury

## Our Vision:

To empower SIG services to Solomon Islanders through effective delivery of ICT

## **Our Mission:**

We deliver SIG services through innovative and sustainable technologies supported by an environment that fosters talent and embraces best practices.



## **BRIEF BACKGROUND**







# Datacenter & Disaster Recovery Site

- ICTSU hosts, maintain and support more than 30 Ministry-specific ICT Information Systems offered to different SIG agencies
- Many of those are critical systems, e.g.:
  - Generating revenue to the Government
  - Managing patients and medical records
  - Justice Information Management Systems

Ensuring Systems Availability and Recovery

# Recent Developments or experiences in the deployment

- Upgrade of Flexpod Infrastructure for increased capacity.
- Implementation of DMZ (Segmenting the network for increased security)
- Deployment of Radwin in replacement of cambium equipment used for Honiara Wireless
  MAN.
  - Deployment of cambium access points to replace Meraki access points
- Increased focus on network monitoring systems (SolarWinds and LibreNMS) creating maps so network engineers can see problems at a glance.
- Active Directory based login for network equipment so every user has their own access (increased security)
- Provincial sites "double hop satellite" proof of concept works well investment in single hop links to increase performance.

# Network Problem Solving with ISPs Telekom & Satsol

#### Telekom

- Fibre from SIG offices to data center via Telekom fibre.
- VSAT link to five Provincial centers using Telekom Infrastructure.
- Telekom O<sub>3</sub>b a total of 110Mbps (90Mbps download & 20 Mbps upload)
- Microsoft terrestrial links to Auki and Tulagi.

- Satsol
  - Honiara Wireless MAN.
  - Provincial wireless MAN
  - VSAT link to eight Provincial networks.
  - Internet bandwidth via Satsol O<sub>3</sub>b & Cband.

## **SHARED ICT SERVICES ACROSS SIG**

- More than 50 shared ICT
  SERVICES are being provided to users across SIG.
- A lot of those are not really visible to the users, but are KEY to ensuring a reliable, stable and secure ICT environment to SIG

## **OPERATIONAL CHALLENGES**

- Due to the increase in scope and reach, the demand for ICT service has also increased thus requiring additional resources, mainly:
  - ICT Staff (establishment from Ministries)
  - ICT Budget
    - Centralized Services (e.g. internet, email, file sharing, VoIP, etc.)
    - Maintain line items
- Require Stronger collaboration and partnership approach from Ministries & end users

## **OPPORTUNITIES/BENEFITS**

## Opportunities

- Information Sharing, Consolidation and Integration
- E-Government Framework

### **Benefits**

- Availability and Accessibility of Accurate and Up to Date Information for better Decision Making
- Increasing citizen participation through online services

## CONCLUSION

## **Our Slogan**

Accessibility Through Mobility To Your Information For Better Decision Making