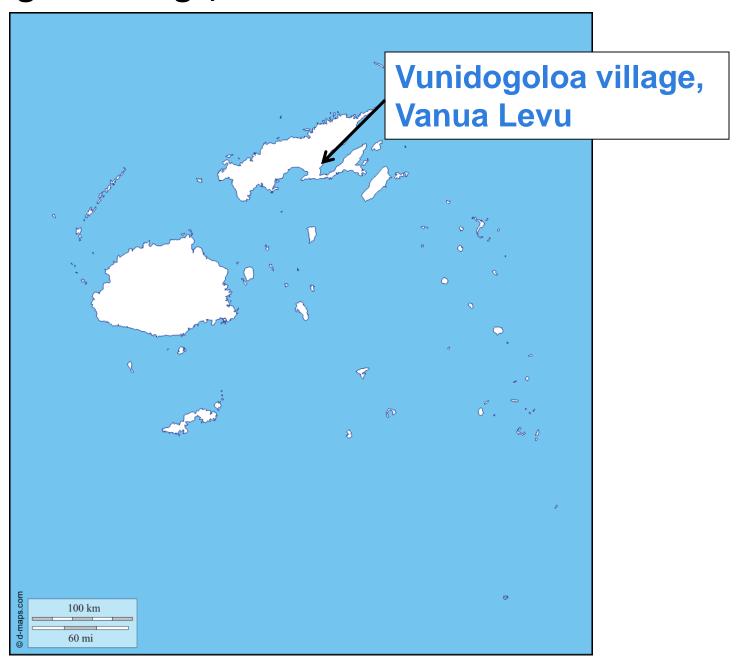


FIJI – Vunidogoloa village, the first to relocate



## The Relocation Journey – Relocations to date

**Vunidogoloa Village** 











'Kenani' (Fijian for Canaan, the Promised Land)

# The Relocation Journey – Land and indigenous people

## Hierarchical structure of a confederacy (*matanitu*): from village to vanua

Traditional Social Structure

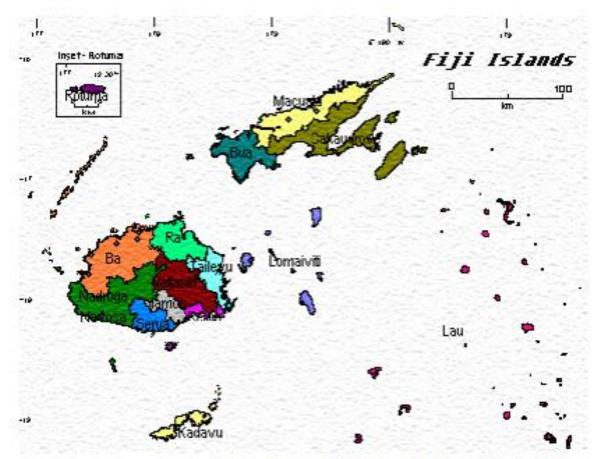
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**Province** 

**Prominent** WASEWASE NI VEIDARAVI <u>I Wasewase vakavanua</u> NA I LIULIIU chief VANUA Turaga i taukei **District** TIKINA Larger tribe or group of TURAGA NI KORO Village YAVUSA YAVUSA YAVUSA tribes TURAGA I TAVI NI MATAQALI MATAGALI MATAQALI NI MATAQALI MATAGALI **VEI MATAQALI** Clan or (TURAGA) (SAUTURAGA) (MATANIVANUA) (BETE) tribe MATAGALI MATAGALI MATAGALI TURAGA (BATI) (UAZIATAM) (GONEDAU) NI TOKATOKA Family TOKATOKA unit

### Government provinces – 14 in total



Source: Bureau of Statistics - Fiji Islands Provincial Map

Vanua – people are an extension of the land and the land is an extension of the people – each depends on the other

Land ownership – registered by *iTaukei* Land Trust Board, and owned by the *mataqali* 

VKB – *Vola ni Kawa Bula* – register of indigenous people

Indigenous relationships

– Naita / Tauvu







## The Relocation Journey – Government

## Fiji's first National Summit 2012:

Building resilience to climate change



### Fiji Relocation Guidelines

October 2012 – National Climate Change Summit – government proposed the creation of a relocation guidelines

2013 – Initial draft document and drawing up of Relocation Taskforce membership

April 2014 – Meeting of Ministers and key government representatives

February 2015 – First official meeting of key stakeholders to discuss process

June 2015 – Second meeting of key stakeholders to refine process

April 2016 – First meeting of the Relocation Task Force – agreed relocation process for iTaukei communities

-September 2016 — Wider consultation-on-relocation-process- - - - - - - - - - - - - - -

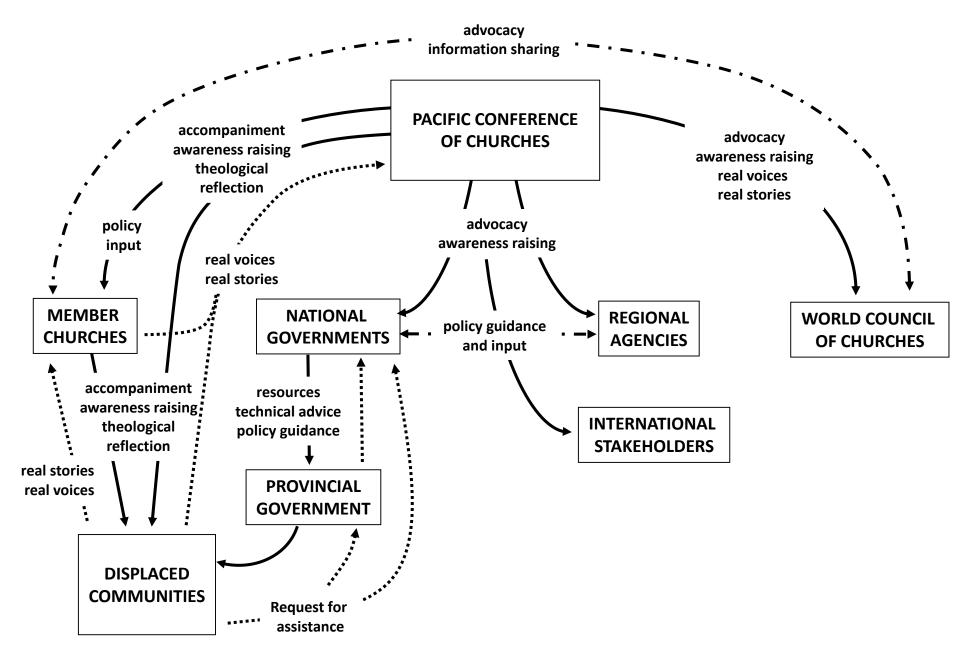
End of October 2016 – Cabinet to endorse relocation process for iTaukei communities; Endorsement and publication of other land tenures

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### Scope of church work with an issue

- Research
- Awareness raising
- Advocacy
   Policy engagement
   Policy accompaniment/advice

### **Accompaniment and advocacy**



### **Concluding comments**

- Relocation is complex last resort
- Participatory driven by the community, but supported by full technical assessments and climate data
- Comprehensive approach
- Better co-ordination between government and nongovernment agencies and the church
- Finance protocol and land-based issues part of guidelines
- Transparency and clarity county-driven and not donor-lead



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#### VUNIDOGOLOA RELOCATION 2ND PHASE UNDERWAY

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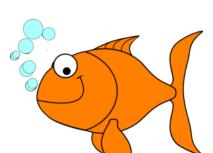
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Fiji: Building resilience in the face of climate change

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Increasingly severe weather patterns and rising sea levels have

years. She says that, in the past five years, there has been a significant increase in the number of floods affecting her

"We asked for help from the government because water was coming right into the village and most houses were underwater

during really high tides and storms," she says. "People are scared and worried, but they can't do much about it - they just live with it and know that moving is the only option." 2014, Vanua Levu, Fiji: The village of Vunidogoloa on Vanua Levu was the first community in Fiji to relocate because of constal ecosion and flooding attributed in

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