FIJI – Vunidogoloa village, the first to relocate
The Relocation Journey – Relocations to date
Vunidogoloa Village

- 122 people;
- 26 houses;
- Consistently flooded
‘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

- Village
- Family unit
- Clan or tribe
- Larger tribe or group of tribes
- Prominent chief

Government Administration

- Province
- District
- Village

![Diagram](image-url)
Government provinces – 14 in total

**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
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 non-government agencies and the church

• Finance protocol and land-based issues part of guidelines

• Transparency and clarity – county-driven and not donor-lead
VUNIDOGOLOA RELOCATION 2ND PHASE UNDERWAY

9/1/2014

The second phase of the Vunidogoloa Relocation project is now underway.

Mr Bolalevu said the second phase of the project would assist villagers improve and elevate their livelihood to another level.

This involves the development of infrastructure and facilities.

Escaping the developer's nightmare

October 9, 2015

Ella Rubali

In Fiji, Ella Rubali told the media she had now been relocated inland because of climate change.