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**A Sea of Change:
Community Resilience to Climate Change and Disaster Risk**

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A Sea of Change: Community Resilience to Climate Change and Disaster Risk

- Resilience vs. Vulnerability – strong islands and islanders
- Integrating CCA and DRM – challenges
- Gender and CCA/DRM
- Healthy Islands Vision – 2 decades of experience

A person wearing a bright green t-shirt and dark trousers stands in the stern of a small wooden boat, holding a long wooden oar. They are looking out over a vast, clear blue lagoon that stretches to the horizon. In the distance, there are lush green islands under a bright blue sky with scattered white clouds. The water is exceptionally clear, showing the sandy bottom and some coral reefs.

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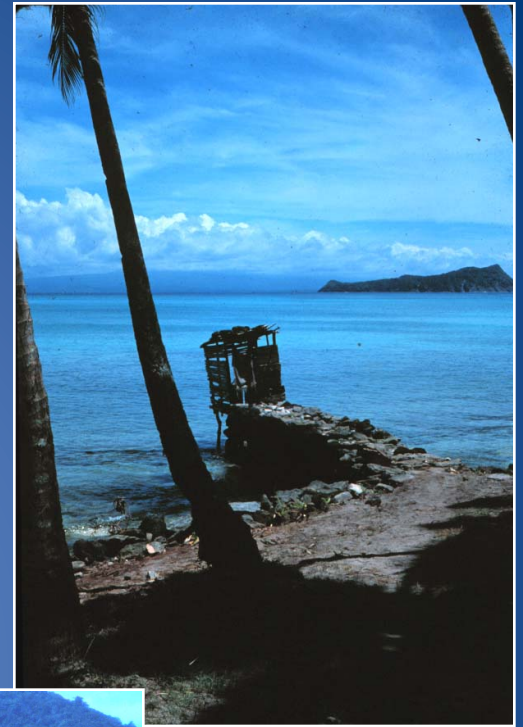
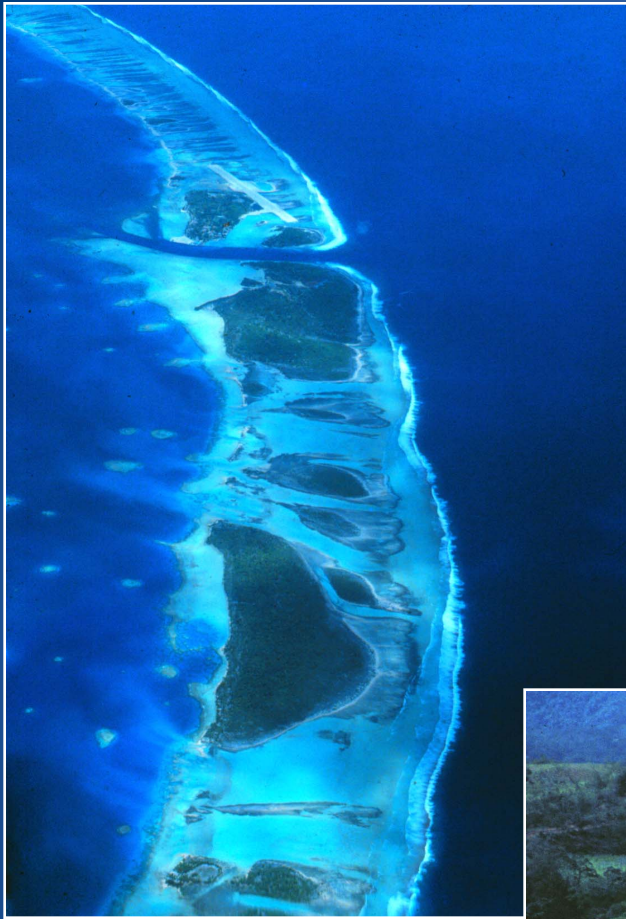
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Rejecting the Negative Discourse Narrative

Islands of Diversity



Population and Land Area

Region	Pop	Land Area
Pacific Islands	11,300,523	551,059 sq km
Melanesia	90.4%	98.0%
Polynesia	4.7%	1.4%
Micronesia	4.9%	0.6%

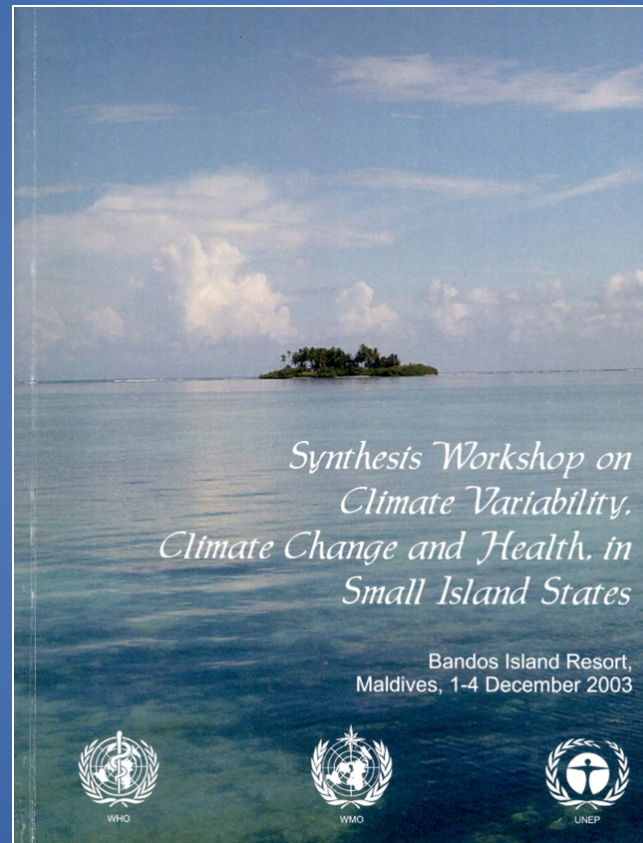
PNG 84% land area

72% PI Population

Silos:

Climate Change

Human Health



*Climate Vulnerability, Climate
Change and Health in Small Island*

Integrating CCA & DRM



East Rift Zone, Big Island, HI May 14



Cyclone Pam, Vanuatu, 2015

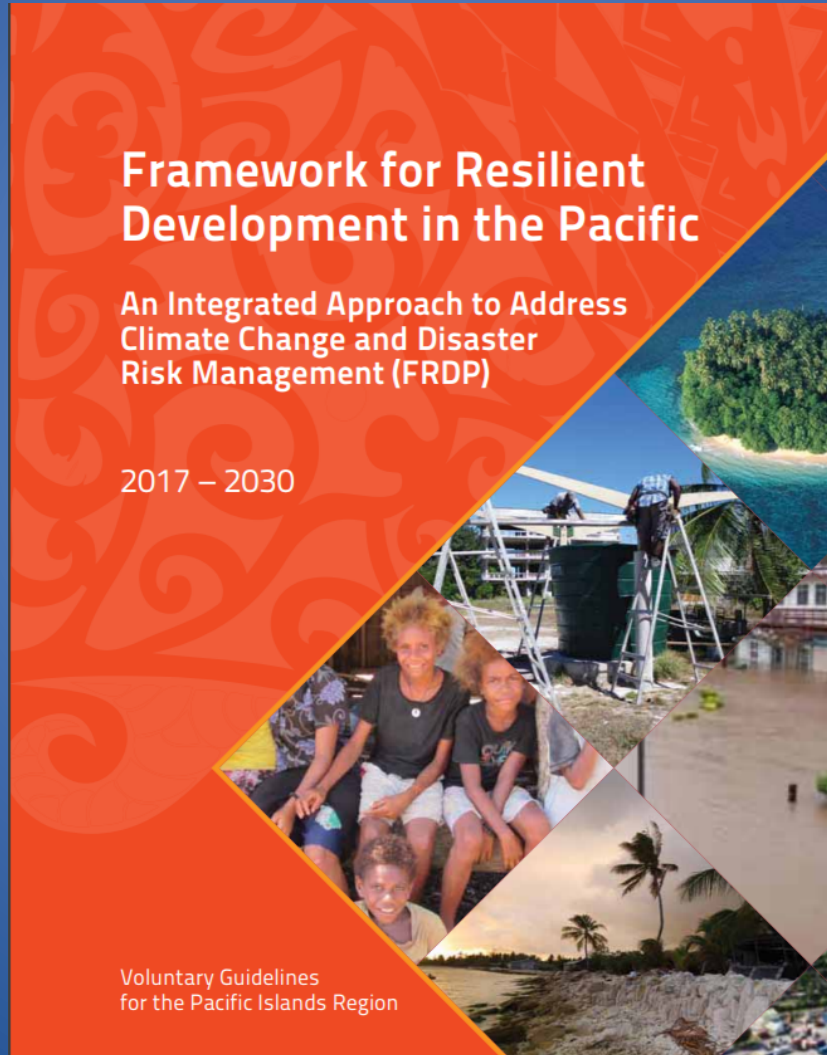
FRDP 2017-2030

Framework for Resilient Development in the Pacific

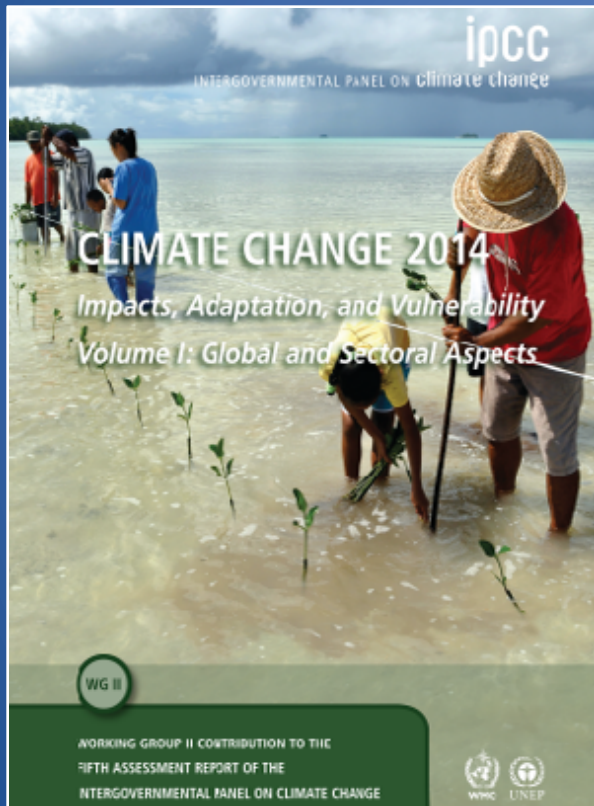
An Integrated Approach to Address
Climate Change and Disaster
Risk Management (FRDP)

2017 – 2030

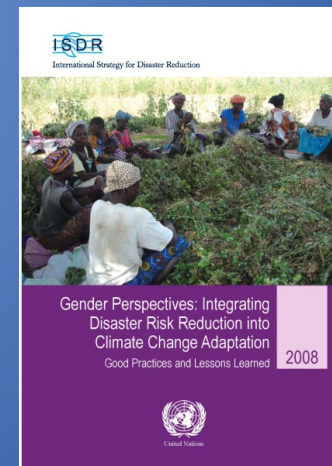
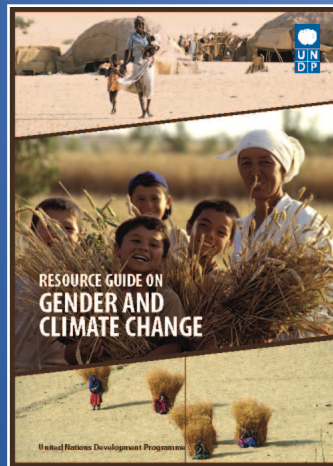
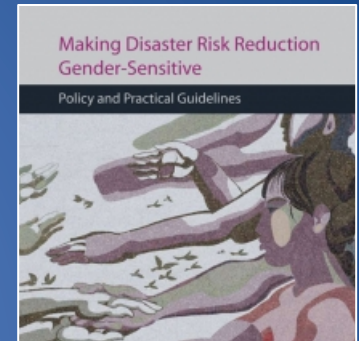
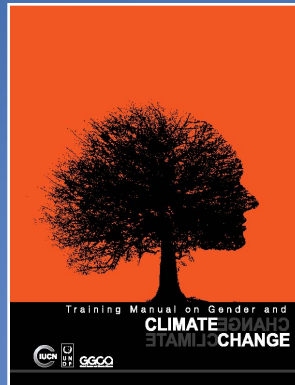
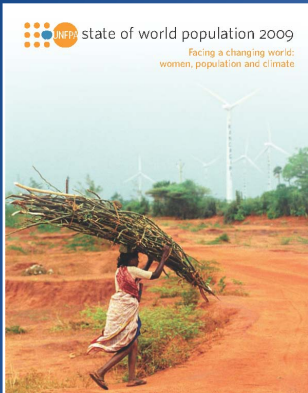
Voluntary Guidelines
for the Pacific Islands Region



Women as Agents of Change



Publications on Gender & DRR and CCA



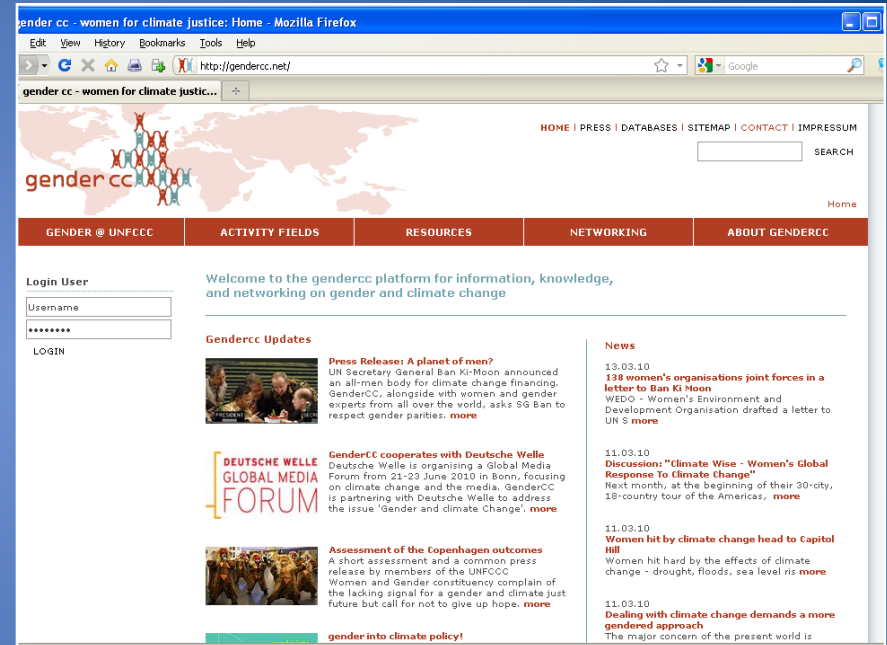
Eye of the Storm:

www.newsecuritybeat.org.2016/07/eye--storm-women-climate-change/ Wilson Center

Alliances



gender-climate.org



gendercc.net

Gender and Disaster Network

GDN seeks to open up spaces for marginalized groups in disasters where they can participate and influence risk reduction and development policies that impact their lives.

www.gdnonline.net



**International Women's Day
1910-2010**

Roots for the Future



Roots for the Future

The Landscape and Way Forward on
Gender and Climate Change



Gender and Climate Change



Gender and Climate Change:
A Closer Look at Existing Evidence

Global Gender and
Climate Alliance
NOVEMBER 2016

Women Do Have Vulnerabilities



Perceptions



Sustainable
Development
Knowledge
Partnership



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SUSTAINABLE
DEVELOPMENT
INSIGHTS

Are Women the Key to Sustainable Development?

Avoid the victim lens

- Women are vulnerable - and gender interacts with race, ethnicity, nationality, social class
- Lack of access to capital, land ownership, loans, ICT
- Dependent on natural and agricultural resources impacted by disaster
- Increased sexual and domestic violence in aftermath of disaster, displacement – avoid shelters
- Lack of community participation in recovery and rebuilding – but not only women
- Marginalized in planning, adaptation and response – “missing voices”
- Seeing women only as victims disempowers them

Why Women in CCA and DRR

- Beyond equity – need all our human resources to address challenges of the 21st century
- Women and children bear a disproportionate burden of disasters
- Women and girls are resilient and can be important agents of change
- Women understand social networks and community resources and they can have an important role in fostering a culture of resilience
- Women and men perceive risk differently – better risk decisions when both women and men are involved
- Include grassroots strategies and female professionals in CCA and DRR
- Programs & tools of rights based CCA and DRR can empower women
- Equal and active participation of women and men in CCA and DRR contributes to equitable sustainable development

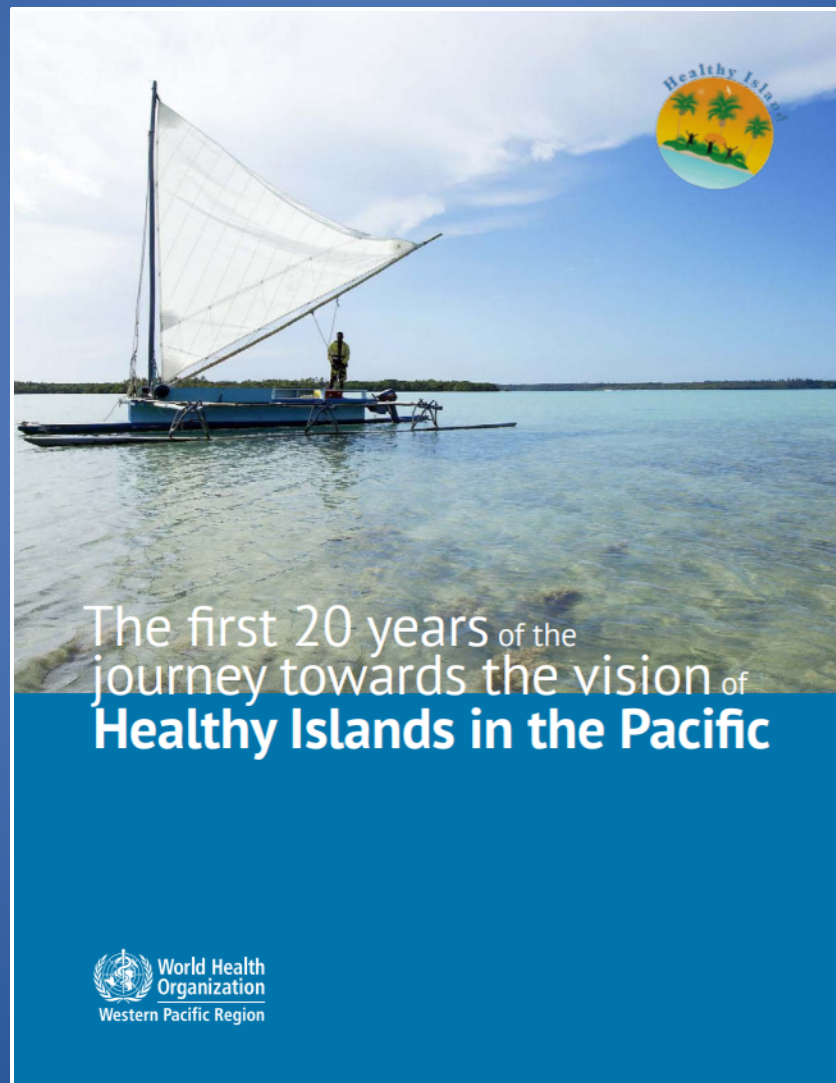
Looking to the Future



**SUSTAINABLE
DEVELOPMENT**

GOALS

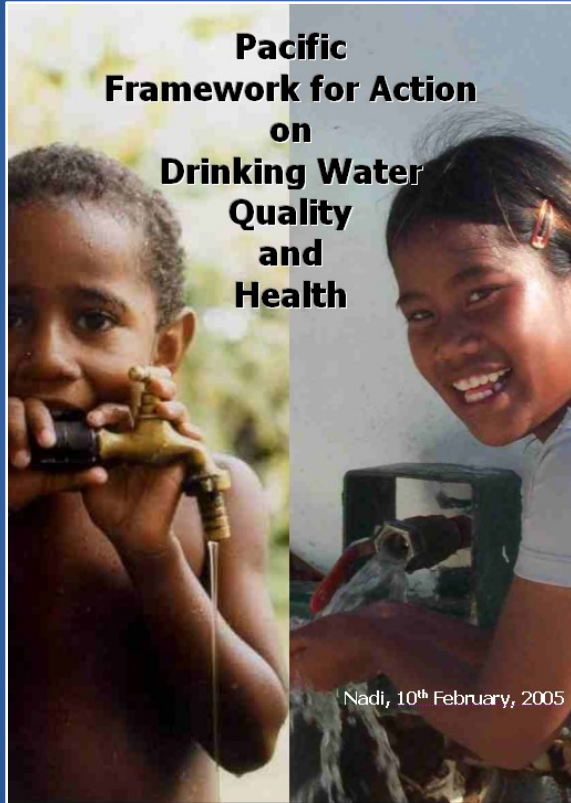
Healthy Islands



Infectious and VB Disease



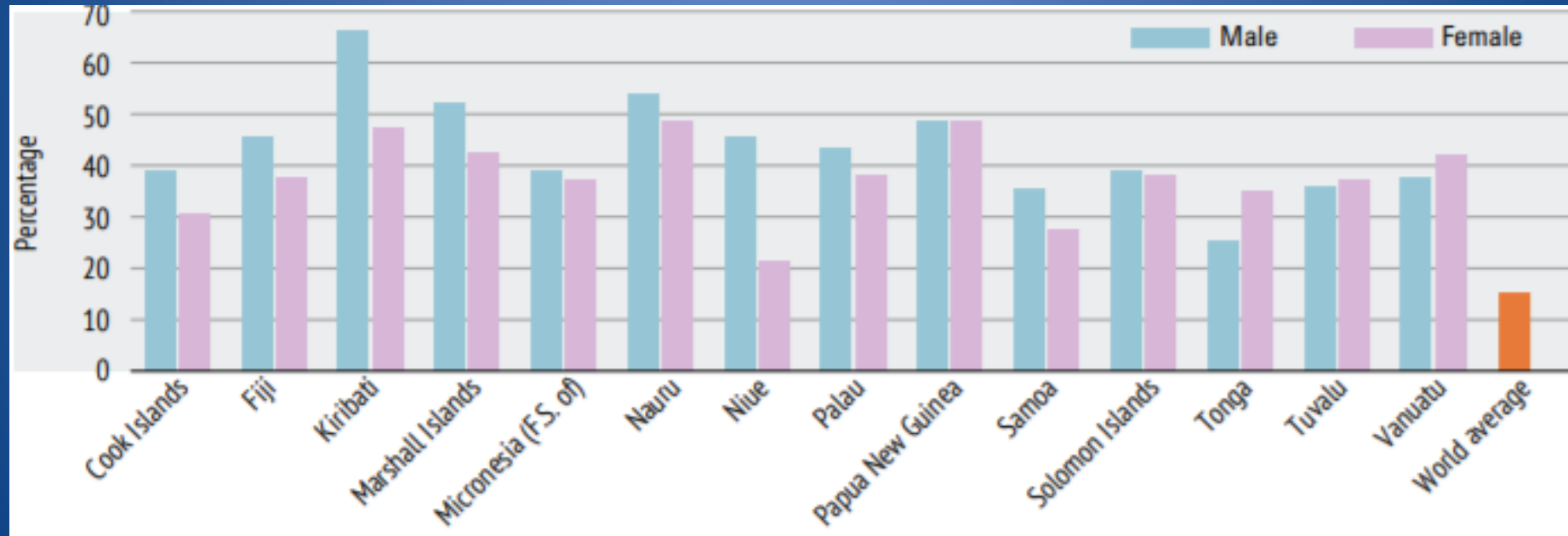
Water and Sanitation



Epidemic of NCDs



Rates of Premature Death from NCD – Related Deaths

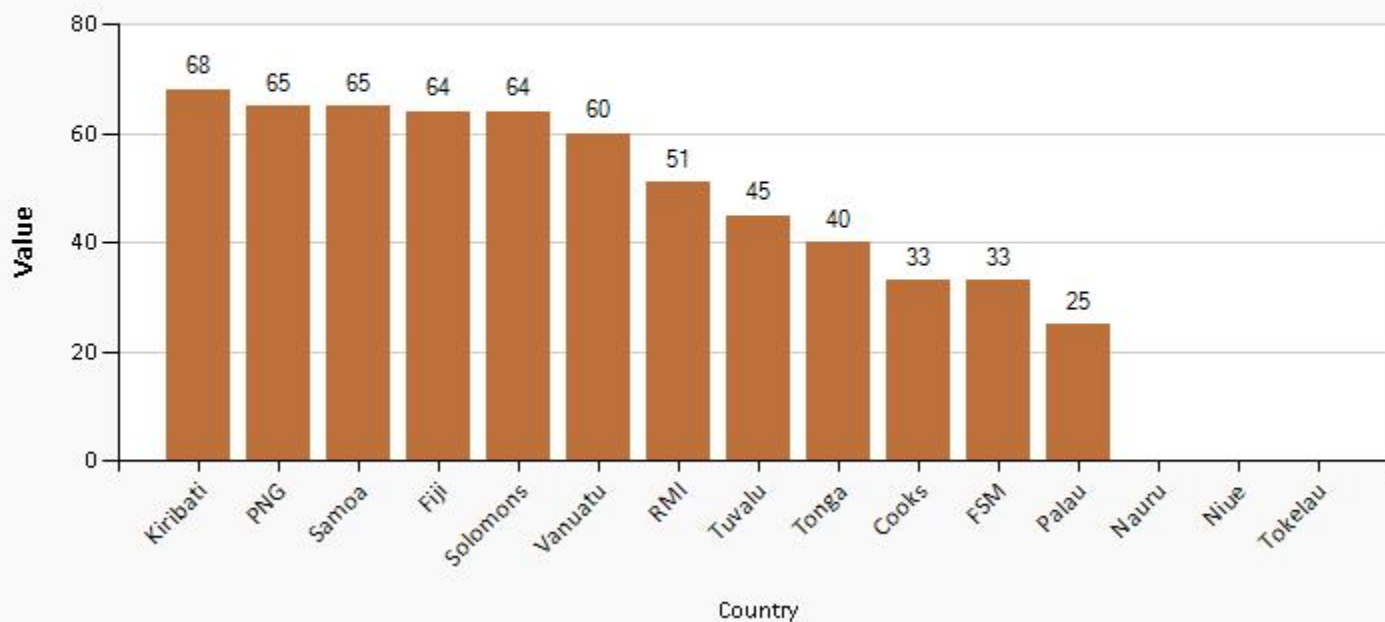


WHO 2015 *The first 20 Years of the journey towards
the vision of Healthy Islands in the Pacific*

Violence Against Women

HD-GEN-1.12 - Comparison of Latest Figures for each Country/Territory - Prevalence of violence against women (VAW)

National Minimum Development Indicators (NMDI) www.spc.int/nmdi





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Apia, Samoa 2014

