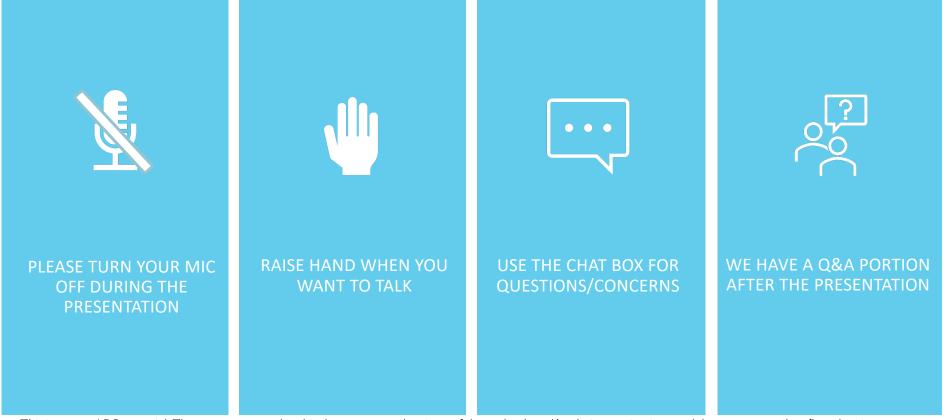
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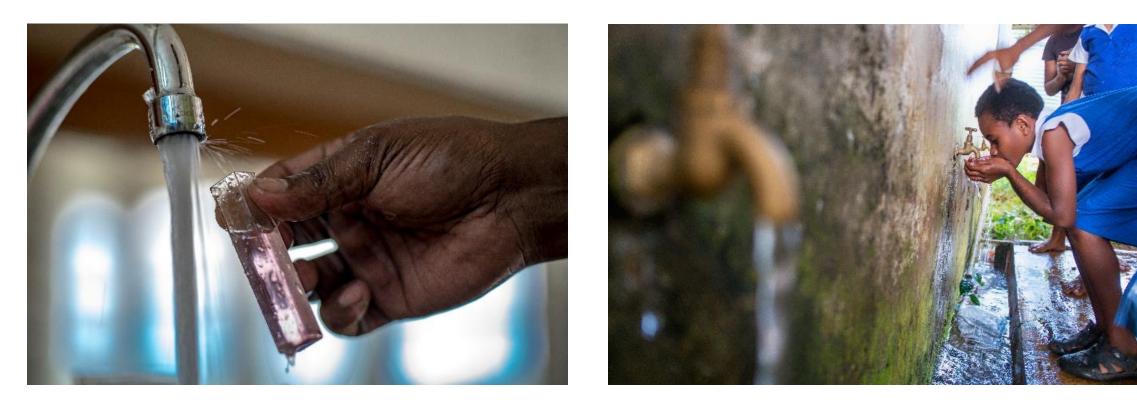
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# Pacific WASH Webinars

# Building Water Resilience in a Changing Climate



### 17 November 2021

TA6551-REG: Strengthening WASH practices and hygiene behavioral change in the Pacific TA9685-REG: Implementing a Differentiated Approach to Urban Development in the Pacific





Allotted time	
5 min	Introductions: Emma Veve, Deputy Director General, Pacific Department, ADB Lusia Sefo-Leau CEO PWWA
35 min	<ul> <li>Presentations:</li> <li>1. Analytical Framework for Effective National Water Resources Management and SDG-6 – Bapon Fakhruddin</li> <li>2. Impacts of climate change in Tonga- Elisiva Tapueluelu</li> <li>3. Rarotonga Groundwater Resource Assessment – Chris Shanks</li> </ul>
15 min	Discussion and Q&A
5 min	<b>Closing remarks</b> Karl Galing, ADB WASH Pacific Regional TA



Analytical Framework for Effective National Water Resources Management and SDG-6

Bapon Fakhruddin, PhD



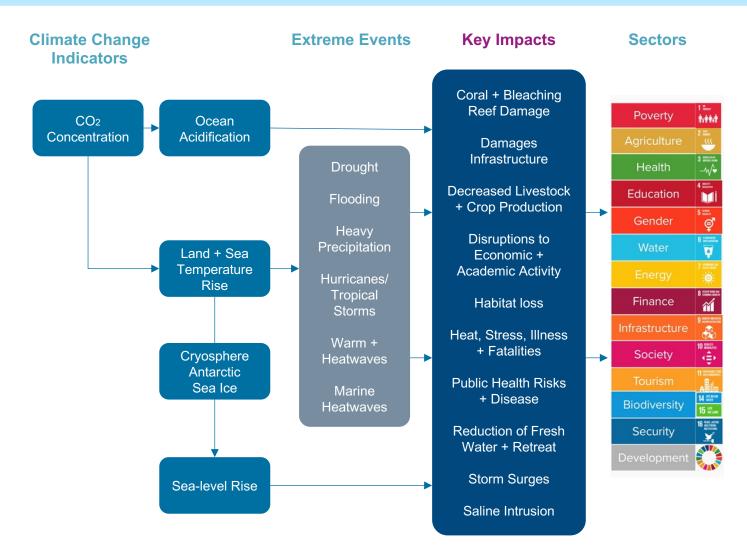


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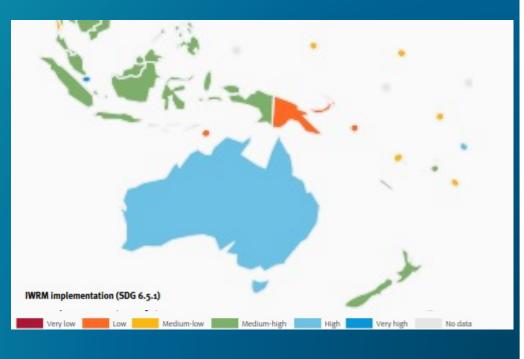
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- Coherence in Policy, Plan and Strategy
- IWRM Analytical Framework
  - Conceptual Framework
  - Computational Framework
  - National Policy Objectives and Criteria
  - State Indicators (SIs)
  - Decision Support Indicators (DSIs)
  - Relationship between SIs and DSIs
- Example



## Water resilience is the language of climate action



### Water & Climate Challenges in the Pacific



- Due to demographic and climate change drivers –stress in water resources specifically fresh water extremely vulnerable
- Out of many climate risks identified are related to water and there is either "too much" or "too little" of it
- Water-Food-Environment Nexus- data
   ecosystem
- Inadequate quantity and quality and limited coverage of sewerage networks and wastewater treatment systems
- Rapid depletion of groundwater aquifers is leading to inequity in water access and saltwater intrusion

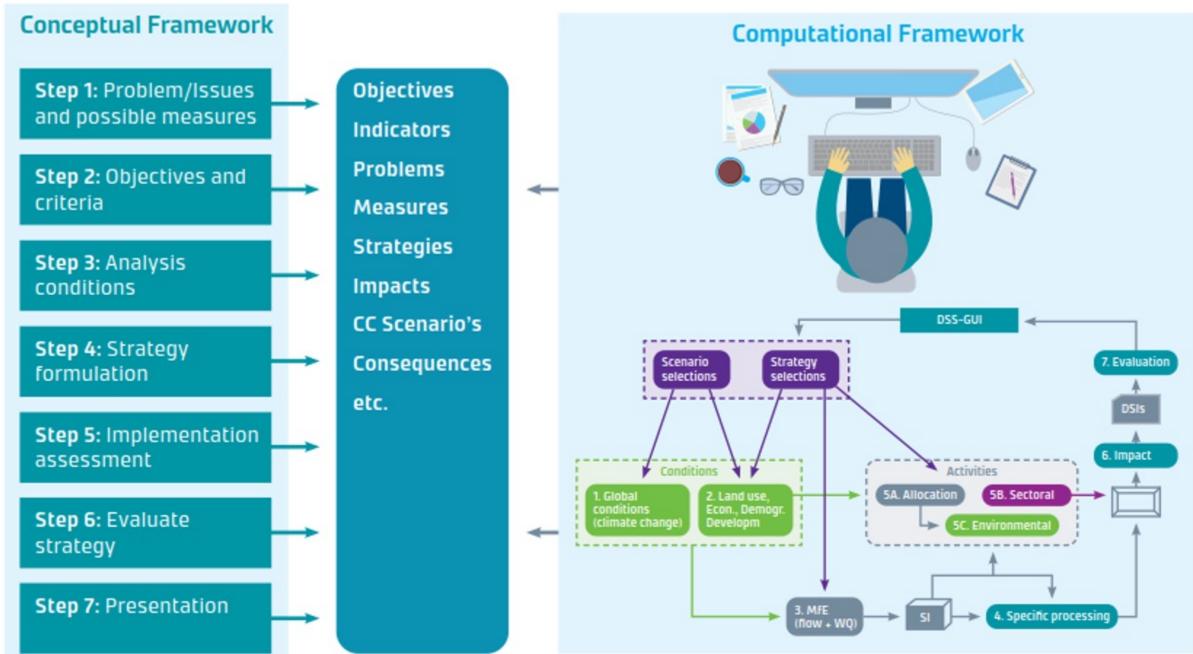
## Policy, Plan and Strategy

Harmonise and align cross sectoral and interagency policies

Formulation, analysis + evaluation of alternative water management strategies for IWRM

### **Example- New Zealand**

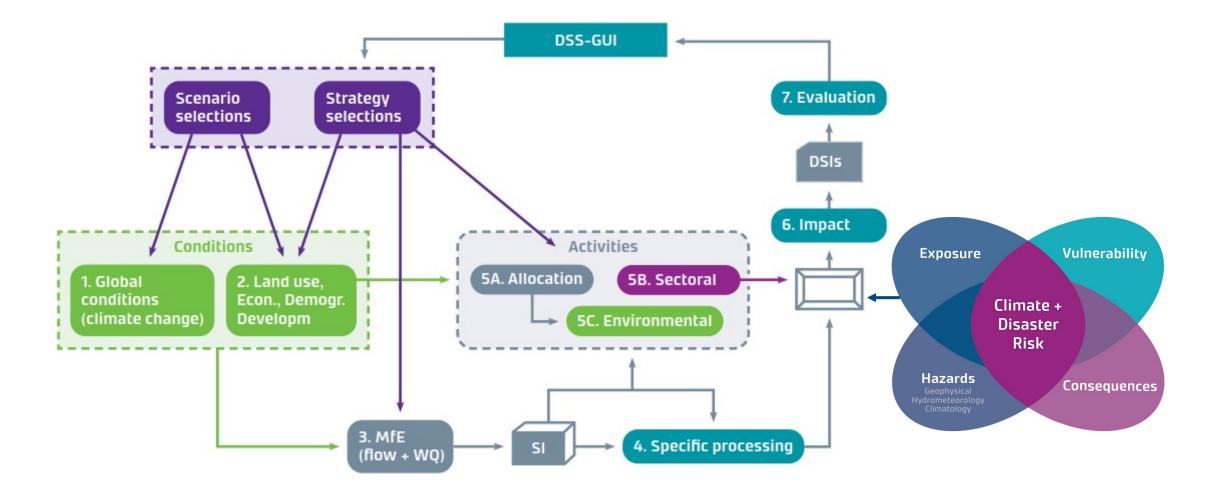
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  - Forests Acts, from 1874
    - Local Drainage Acts and Empowering Acts
      - Soil Conservation and Rivers Control Act, 1941
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          - Waters Pollution Act, 1953
            - Town and Country Planning Acts, 1953/1977
              - Resource Management Act, 1991
              - Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Act, 1996
                - Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants, 2001
                  - National Environmental Standard for Sources of Human Drinking Water, 2007
                  - NZ Standard on Flood Risk Management, 2008
                  - Waste Minimisation Act, 2008
                  - NZ Waste Strategy, 2010
                  - National Policy Statement on Urban Development Capacity, 2017
              - Waste Minimisation (Microbeads) Regulation, 2017
              - National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management 2020 (Mfe, 2020)



#### **Analytical Framework**

### **Overall Architecture of Computational Framework**





### National Policy Objectives + Criteria

- National policy objectives (i.e. MfE)
  - Economic development
  - Quality of life (incl. public health and safety)
  - Ecosystem sustainability
  - Recreation
  - Māori well-being and identification (Te mana o te wai)
- Criteria indicate in how far we are able to reach those objectives -> indicators
  - DSI: Decision Support Indicators
- To reach the policy objectives we like to have the natural resource system to be in a certain state, so they are able to provide their functions:
  - SI: State Indicators



### **State indicators**

- The Watershed System performs multiple functions:
  - Flood regulation and drainage
  - Water retention and 'production' (supply of water)
  - Water quality
  - Waste-water management
  - Salinity control
  - Tide and storm surge regulation
  - Sediment transport and retention
  - Waste assimilation
- The State Indicators (SI's) represent these functions is such a way that changes in these values can be assessed in terms of the DSI's (the objectives)



## State Indicators (SIs)-Examples

| Flood Attenuation<br>and Drainage | <ul> <li>Peak (annual, frequency)</li> <li>Duration of submerged conditions above critical levels</li> <li>Onset of flood</li> <li>Recession of flood</li> <li>Change in water level</li> </ul>  |
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| Water Retention<br>and Protection | <ul> <li>Usable groundwater recharge</li> <li>Surface water stored in the floodplain during dry period</li> <li>Soil Moisture</li> <li>Surface water availability: minimum river flows</li> <li>Water depth at critical river section</li> </ul> |

## Decision Support Indicators (DSIs)

| Economic<br>development | <ul> <li>Gross Domestic Product (GDP)</li> <li>Production in agriculture</li> <li>Protection of assets</li> </ul> |
|-------------------------|---|
| Māori                   | <ul><li>Water quality</li><li>Iwi and hapu experience and observations</li></ul>                                  |
| Recreation              | <ul><li>Swimmability</li><li>Fishing</li><li>Boating</li></ul>  |

| SDG Target 6.1 -<br>Access to water       SDG Target 6.1 -<br>Access to water       SDG Target 6.2 -<br>Sanitation and<br>hygiene       SDG Target 6.3 -<br>Water quality       SDG Target 6.4 -<br>Nater quality       SDG Target 6.5 -<br>Integrated water       SDG Target 6.5 -<br>Protect and restore       SDG Target 6.5 -<br>Integrated water       SDG Target 6.5 -<br>Protect and restore       SDG Target 6.8 -<br>Integrated water       SDG Target 6.8 -<br>Integrated water       SDG Target 6.8 -<br>International       Accessystem       SDG Target 6.8 -<br>International       Accession       Accession       SDG Target 6.8 -<br>International       Accession       Accession       Accession       Accession       Accession  | Assessment Framework        |           |  |   |  |  |   |  |   |  | Decision S   | Support Indi  | cators (DSI)   |                       |  |                     |                             |                                  |                              |   |  |
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**Relationship between SIs + DSIs** 

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### Simple example

|                |                                |                    |            |               | OUTCOME: Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all |            |            |           |           |           |                |            |           |            |            | l i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i | MfE a       | goals              |                  |
|----------------|--------------------------------|--------------------|------------|---------------|---|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------------|------------|-----------|------------|------------|---|-------------|--------------------|------------------|
|                | Inputs: Strategies & Scenarios |                    |            |               |   |            |            |           |           |           |                |            |           |            |            |   | Economic    |                    |                  |
|                |                                |                    |            |               |   | Target 6.1 | Target 6.2 | Targe     | et 6.3    | Targe     | get 6.4        | Targe      | et 6.5    | Target 6.6 | Target 6.a | Target 6.b                              | Development | Swimmability       | Te mana o te wai |
|                |                                |                    |            |               | Outputs: Change in State Indicators   |            |            |           |           |           |                |            |           |            |            |   | GDP /       | Proportion of      |                  |
| Infrastructure | Non-Structural                 | Regulatory rules & | Demand     | Institutional |   | Indicator  | Indicator  | Indicator | Indicator | Indicator | Indicator      | Indicator  | Indicator | Indicator  | Indicator  | Indicator                               |             | freshwater systems | Cultural Health  |
| Investment     | Investment                     | regulations        | Management | arrangement   |   | 6.1.1      | 6.2.1      | 6.3.1     | 6.3.2     | 6.4.1     | 6.4.2          | 6.5.1      | 6.5.2     | 6.6.1      | 6.a.1      | 6.b.1                                   | assets      | swimmable          | Index (CHI)      |
|                |                                |                    |            |               | Flood attenuation   |            |            |           |           |           |                |            |           |            |            | 1                                       |             |                    |                  |
|                |                                |                    |            |               | Water retention   |            |            |           |           |           |                |            |           | ·          |            | 1                                       |             |                    |                  |
|                |                                |                    |            |               | Water quality   |            |            |           |           |           |                |            |           |            |            | 1                                       |             |                    |                  |
|                |                                |                    |            |               | Waste-water management  |            | 1          | 1         |           |           | $\overline{1}$ |            |           |            |            | 1                                       |             |                    | 1                |
|                |                                |                    |            |               | Salinity control  |            | 1          | 1         |           |           | 1              | т <u> </u> |           |            | 1          | 1                                       |             |                    | 1                |
|                |                                |                    |            |               | Tide and storm surge regulation   |            | 1          | 1         |           |           | 1              |            |           |            | 1          | 1                                       |             |                    | 1                |
|                |                                |                    |            |               | Sediment transport/ retention   |            | 1          |           |           |           |                |            |           |            | ,)         | <del>,</del>                            |             | 1                  | 1                |
|                |                                |                    |            |               | Waste assimilation  |            | 1          | 1         |           |           |                |            |           |            | 1          | 1                                       |             |                    | 1                |
|                |                                |                    |            |               | Water-related habitats  |            | 1          |           |           |           | (              |            |           |            |            | 1                                       |             | 1                  | 1                |
|                |                                |                    |            |               | Iwi and hapu experience   |            |            |           |           |           |                |            |           |            |            | ·                                       |             | ·                  | 1                |

|                                |                                     |            | OUTCOME: Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all |       |            |       |            |       |            |           |            |            |               | MfE goals     |                    |  |  |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------|---|-------|------------|-------|------------|-------|------------|-----------|------------|------------|---------------|---------------|--------------------|--|--|
| Inputs: Strategies & Scenarios |                                     |            |   |       |            |       |            |       |            |           |            |            | Economic      |               | Māori well-being   |  |  |
|                                |                                     | Target 6.1 | Target 6.2  | Targ  | Target 6.3 |       | Target 6.4 |       | Target 6.5 |           | Target 6.a | Target 6.b | Development   | Swimmability  | and identification |  |  |
|                                | Outputs: Change in State Indicators |            |   |       |            |       |            |       |            |           |            |            |               | Proportion of |                    |  |  |
|                                |                                     |            |   |       |            |       |            |       |            |           |            |            | GDP /         | water         |                    |  |  |
| Infrastructure Investment      |                                     | Indicator  |   |       |            |       |            |       |            | Indicator |            |            | Protection of | systems       |                    |  |  |
| Central Interceptor (CI)       |                                     | 6.1.1      | 6.2.1   | 6.3.1 | 6.3.2      | 6.4.1 | 6.4.2      | 6.5.1 | 6.5.2      | 6.6.1     | 6.a.1      | 6.b.1      | assets        | swimmable     | Te mana o te wai   |  |  |
|                                | Flood attenuation                   |            |   |       | <i></i>    |       |            | 1-100 |            |           |            |            | \$\$          |               |                    |  |  |
|                                | Water retention                     |            |   | %     |            |       |            | 1-100 |            |           |            |            |               |               |                    |  |  |
|                                | Water quality                       |            |   |       | %          |       |            | 1-100 |            |           |            |            |               | 2/4           | CHI                |  |  |
|                                | Waste-water management              |            |   | //%// |            |       |            | 1-100 | 11%        |           |            |            |               |               |                    |  |  |
|                                | Salinity control                    |            |   |       |            |       |            |       |            |           |            | 4          |               |               |                    |  |  |
|                                | Tide and storm surge regulation     |            |   |       |            |       |            |       |            |           |            |            |               |               |                    |  |  |
|                                | Sediment transport/ retention       |            |   |       |            |       |            |       |            |           |            |            |               |               |                    |  |  |
|                                | Waste assimilation                  |            |   |       |            |       |            |       |            |           |            |            |               |               |                    |  |  |
|                                | Water-related habitats              |            |   |       |            |       |            | 1-100 |            | sqkm      |            |            |               |               |                    |  |  |
|                                | Iwi and hapu experience             |            |   |       |            |       |            | 1-100 |            |           |            |            |               |               | CHI                |  |  |

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### **Alternative Strategies example**

| Alternative   |   | Torget                                | Qualitative Impact Assessment |                      |                     |                     |  |  |  |  |  |
|---|---|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--|--|--|--|--|
| Strategies  | Outcomes  | Target<br>objectives                  | Cost                          | Ease to<br>implement | Peoples<br>interest | Env.<br>Implication |  |  |  |  |  |
| Orange<br>Strategy:<br>Balance<br>surface and<br>groundwater<br>development | Balance<br>shear of<br>water and<br>provide<br>safety to the<br>people                        | Food<br>security, and<br>Environment  | Μ                             | Σ                    | Т                   | Μ                   |  |  |  |  |  |
| Green<br>Strategy:<br>Live with<br>flood and<br>demand<br>management        | Meet<br>demand for<br>environment<br>and people<br>and Increase<br>efficiency in<br>water use | Environment<br>and Quality<br>of live | L                             | Н                    | L                   | Н                   |  |  |  |  |  |
| Red<br>Strategy:<br>Full<br>development                                     | Maximize<br>agriculture<br>production<br>and reduce<br>vulnerability                          | Economic<br>and Food<br>security      | Н                             | М                    | Н                   | L                   |  |  |  |  |  |
| Do nothing  |   |                                       | -                             | -                    | L                   | L                   |  |  |  |  |  |

# Thank you

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# TONGA WATER BOARD

IMPACT CLIMATE CHANGE

### BACKGROUND

- Tonga one of the 52 Small Island Developing States (SIDS) is highly susceptible to the impact of climate change and disasters due to its geographical, geological, and socio-economic characteristics
- Climate change and natural disasters pose severe adverse threats on the environment, the people of Tonga, and their livelihoods
- Scientific findings revealed that these impacts would be exacerbated by future climate change.



### **CLIMATE CHANGE IMPACT**



- Cyclones are the most frequently occurring disaster in Tonga; average 1.3 tropical cyclones affect Tonga per year
- The worse cyclone disaster in Tonga occurred in 1982; killed 6 people and affected 146,512.
- Additional to cyclone is natural hazards in Tonga include earthquakes and volcanic activity. Tonga lies in close proximity to the Aust. & Pacific tectonic plates in the most seismically active regions in the Pacific
- Tonga is vulnerable to tsunamis most recent in September 2009, killed 9 people when waves 6-17 m high affected areas 600m inland and destroy many villages; total cost of US\$9.5 million.
- Climate pattern is highly vulnerable to the effect of El Nino, generally occurs once every three to seven years and always coincides with drought incidence.

### SOURCE OF WATER AND ITS CHALLENGES

- Fresh water for Tonga is either rainwater harvesting or extraction from a thin freshwater lens within the highly porous limestone substrate.
- Groundwater is used domestically for cooking, bathing, food preparation, plants, animals, sewerage, and general cleaning.
- It is piped to homes, government buildings, business, industry, and tourist accommodations by Tonga Water Board (TWB)in the urban centers of Nuku'alofa.
- Many villages outside of these centers have their own water system administered by water communities.
- TWB water supply is metered at each property; most villages are currently introducing individual meters
- Each Island within each group has vary water resource issues and concerns depending on population pressure, demand, the quality and quantity of water supply, local geology, agricultural and sanitation practices, and extraction standards.



### SOURCE OF WATER AND ITS CHALLENGES

- Water use for agricultural purposes is not documented, and water drawn from village water supply system is not metered.
- Numbers of bores are operating in Tongatapu or in the other island groups is unknown, as is the extracted volume.
- Tonga does not have centralized reticulated sewerage system. All wastewater is managed by on-site system, with supervision by the Ministry of Health (MOH) when resources permit.
- Wastewater management is in the hands of the community.
- Poorly constructed or inappropriate sanitation system are common, resulting in the potential for pathogen introduction into the surrounding environment, including groundwater system.



### SOURCE OF WATER AND ITS CHALLENGES

- No information database or data-exchange system on water resources is available for water resource assessment and monitoring; nor is a national hydrological network.
- Water resources are currently managed by a number of institutions, some of which deal with specific or general monitoring
- Disaster or emergencies that could affect water resources in Tonga include chemical pollution from pesticides, fertilizers, and oil and industrial components and extreme weather events such as cyclones, earthquakes, drought and flooding.
- Beach mining for sand and aggregates (dead coral) have also increased the impact of storm on coastal areas.
- Economic impact of inundation has also affected town and allotments resulting in the abandonment of homes and crops





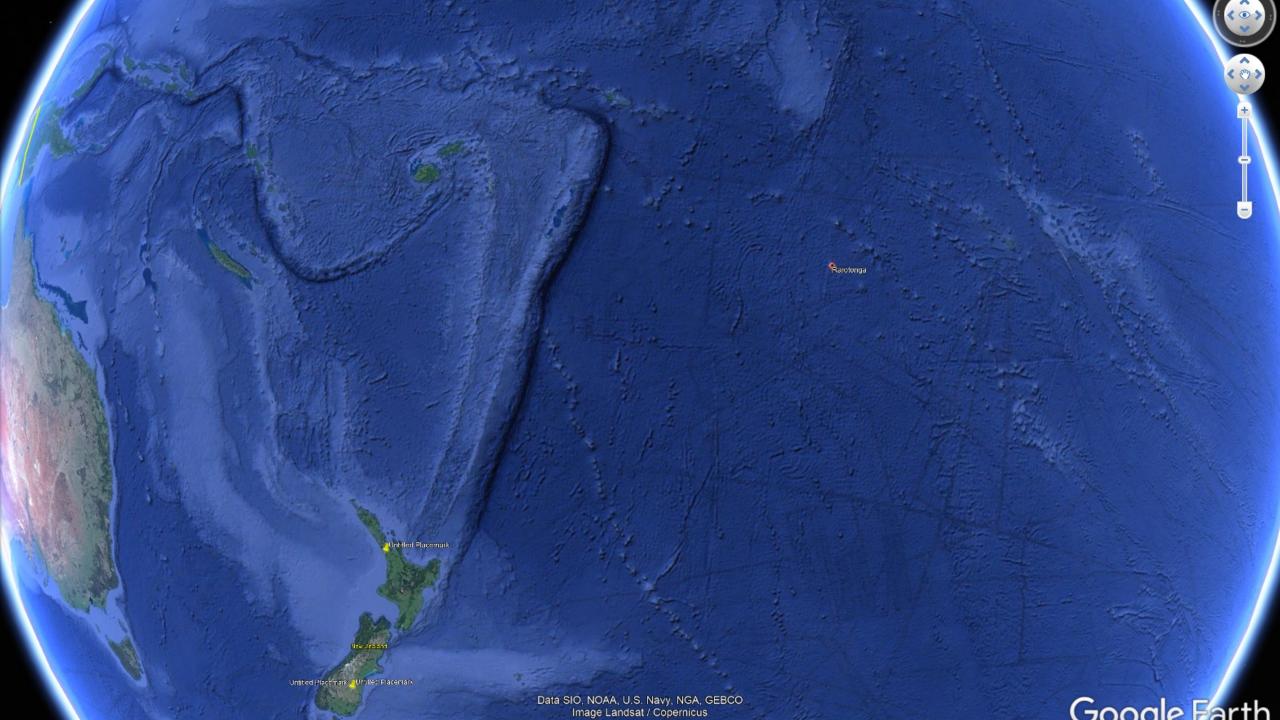
### WAY FORWARD

- Tonga National Disaster Management Plan; in additional to National Emergency Management Committee (NEMC); National Disaster Management Office (NEMO) to detail disaster management mechanisms.
- Demand for management measures, water supply augmentation, drought vulnerability assessment and climate forecasting can all help toward greater disaster preparedness.
- Institutional and regulatory support is required to effectively prepare for and manage disaster and to reduce the impact of climate variability of freshwater resources.
- Legislative has been introduced that support a sustainable approach it requires approval and funding allocation for implementation (perspective TWB)
- Village water supply committees require financial and technical assistance in addition to and on-the job training to establish and maintain their water supply system.

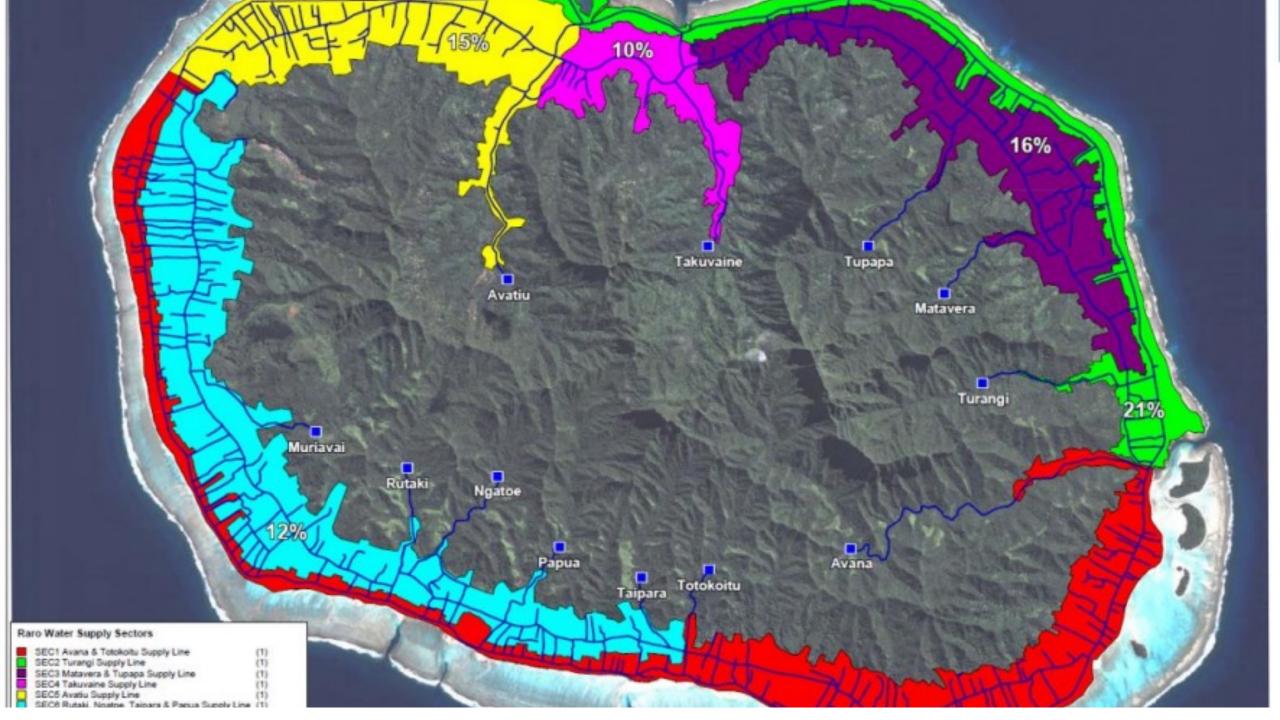


## Rarotonga Groundwater Resource Assessment

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### Key Background

- Aging network infrastructure (unmetered, lots of leakage)
- Tourism vs dry season
- Little or no storage on eastern side of the island
- Smaller streams/rivers on the eastern side = less resilient (heavy reliance on Avana)
- No treatment
- Heavy rain = shutdowns due to high turbidity



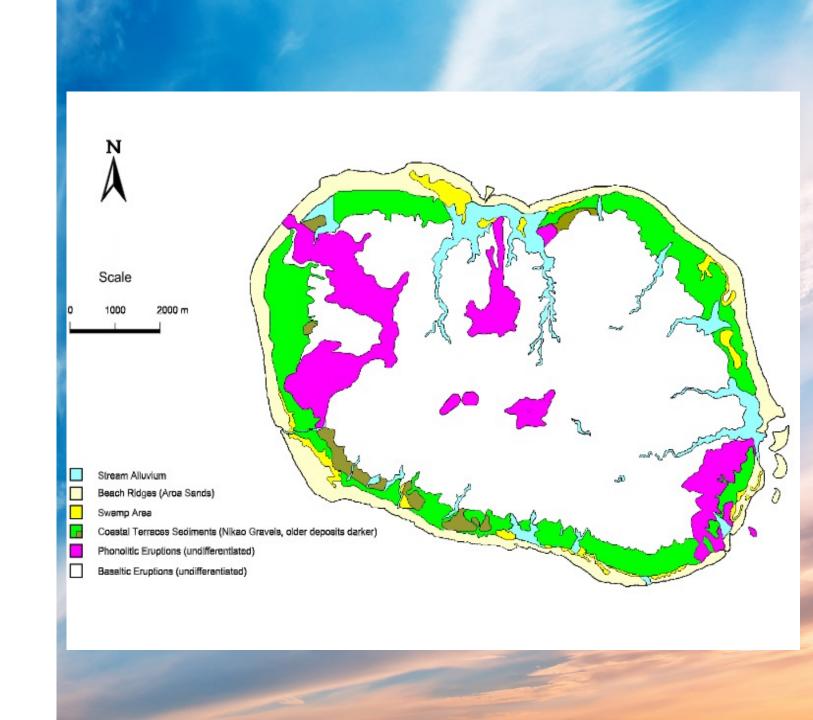
### **Project objectives**

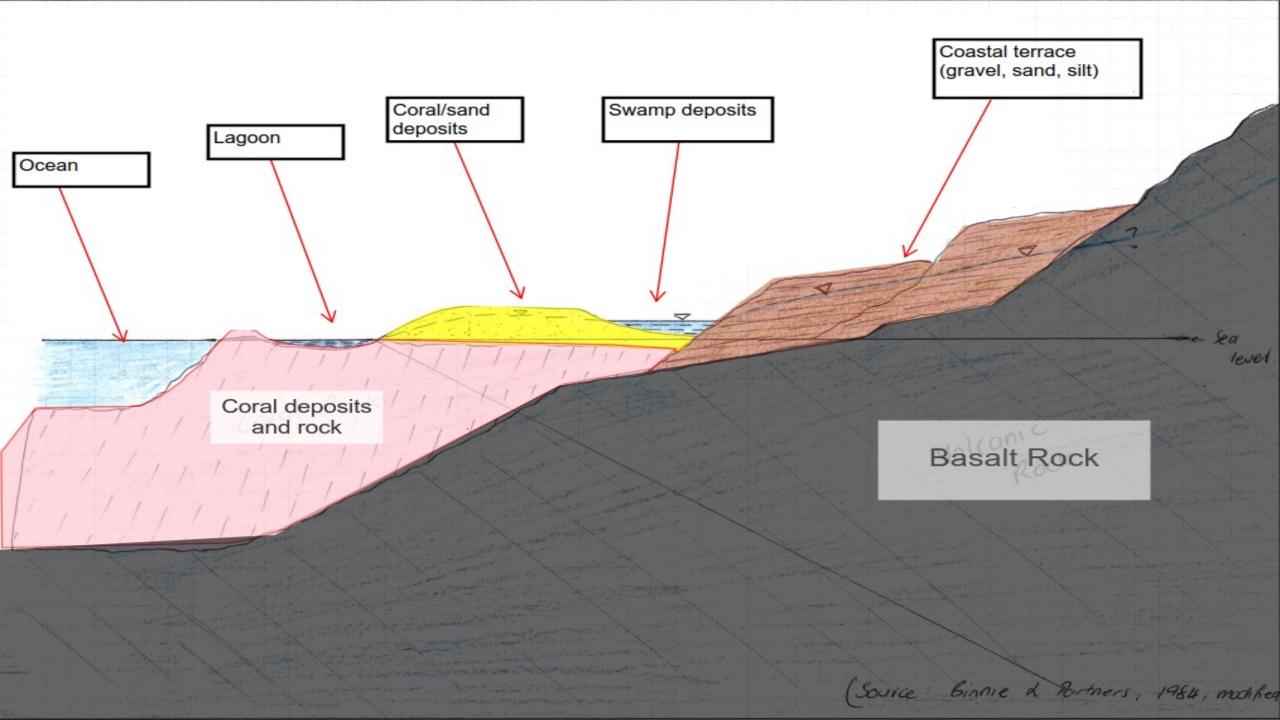
- Improve water security
- Assess groundwater resource potential on the eastern side of the island (5 investigation wells)
- Rehabilitate and reinstall monitoring wells



## Geology

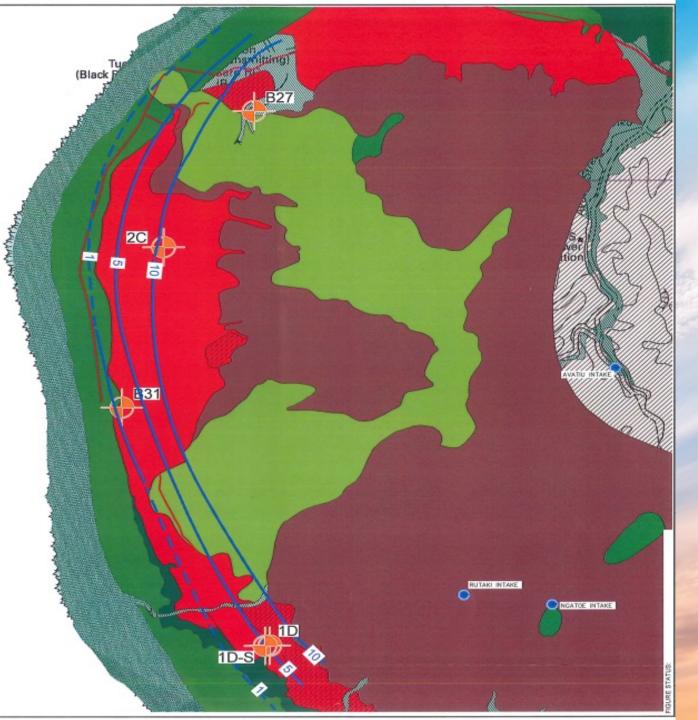
- Volcanic, with coastal terraces, beach ridges and a barrier reef (coral)
- Basalt rock generally lowyielding (not particularly fractured)
- Coastal terraces (Nikao Gravels) highly variable
- Beach ridges more consistent, but subject to saline intrusion







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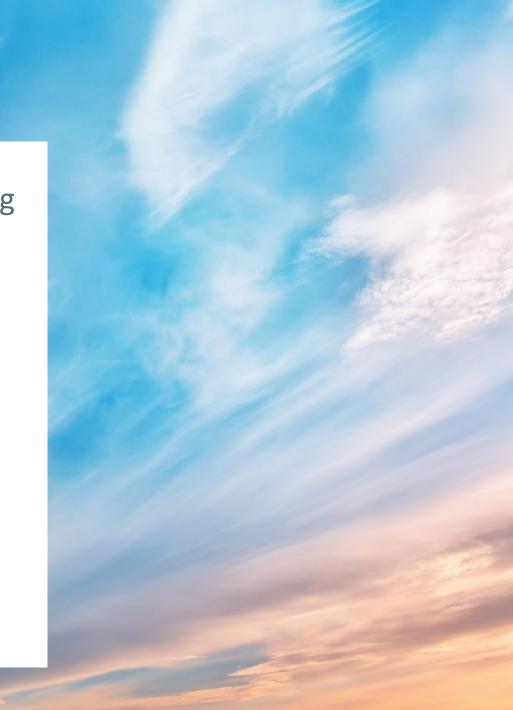
### Results

- Targeted the Nikao gravels, with very mixed results.
- Mostly struggled to achieve enough thickness of gravel before hitting basalt rock
- Mostly fine-grained and low yielding
- One bore identified an area with promising yields (approx.400m<sup>3</sup>/day?)
- Poor water quality (iron, manganese and bacteriological)



### Challenges

- Limited space on the coastal plains conflict between source protection and agriculture/housing
- Land ownership (difficult to get approvals)
- Saline intrusion at depth limits abstraction depth
- Limited local-scale geological information. Lots of high-level assessments



### Reflections

- Competing objectives between land-use and climate change (coastal retreat)
- Long-term monitoring networks support modelling
- Local-scale geological mapping
- Source management planning:
  - Source protection zones and catchment assessments
  - Source water monitoring programmes
  - Long-term strategy and improvement plans
- NZ regulatory reform (new drinking water standards, with focus on catchment planning).





# Discussion and Q&A





# Thank you.

