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Sustainable Public Procurement Challenges and Opportunities for Fiji



Fiji is a small island developing state in the
South Pacific

Committed to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

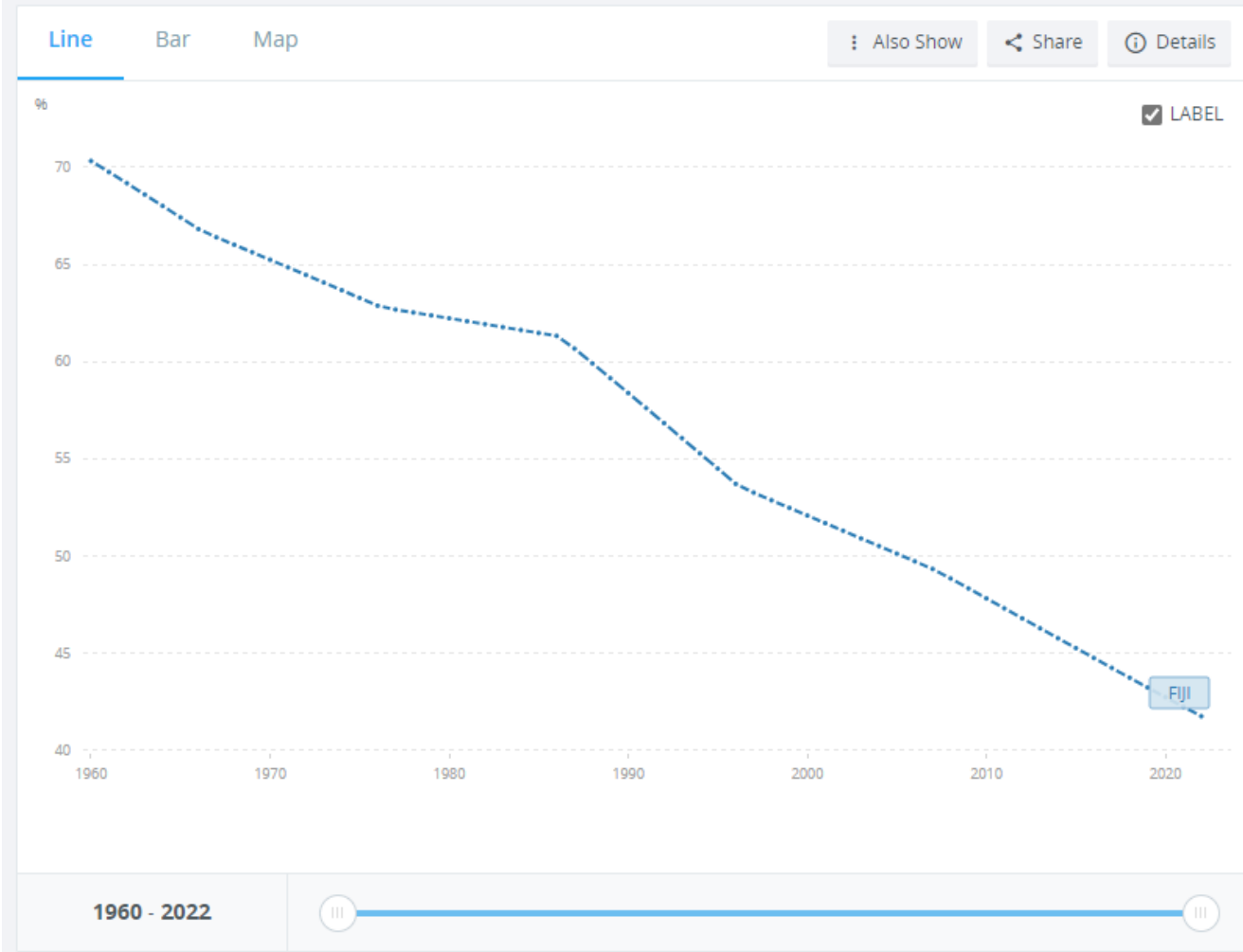


**Climate Change is
an issue**

Rural population (% of total population) - Fiji

World Bank staff estimates based on the United Nations Population Division's World Urbanization Prospects: 2018 Revision.

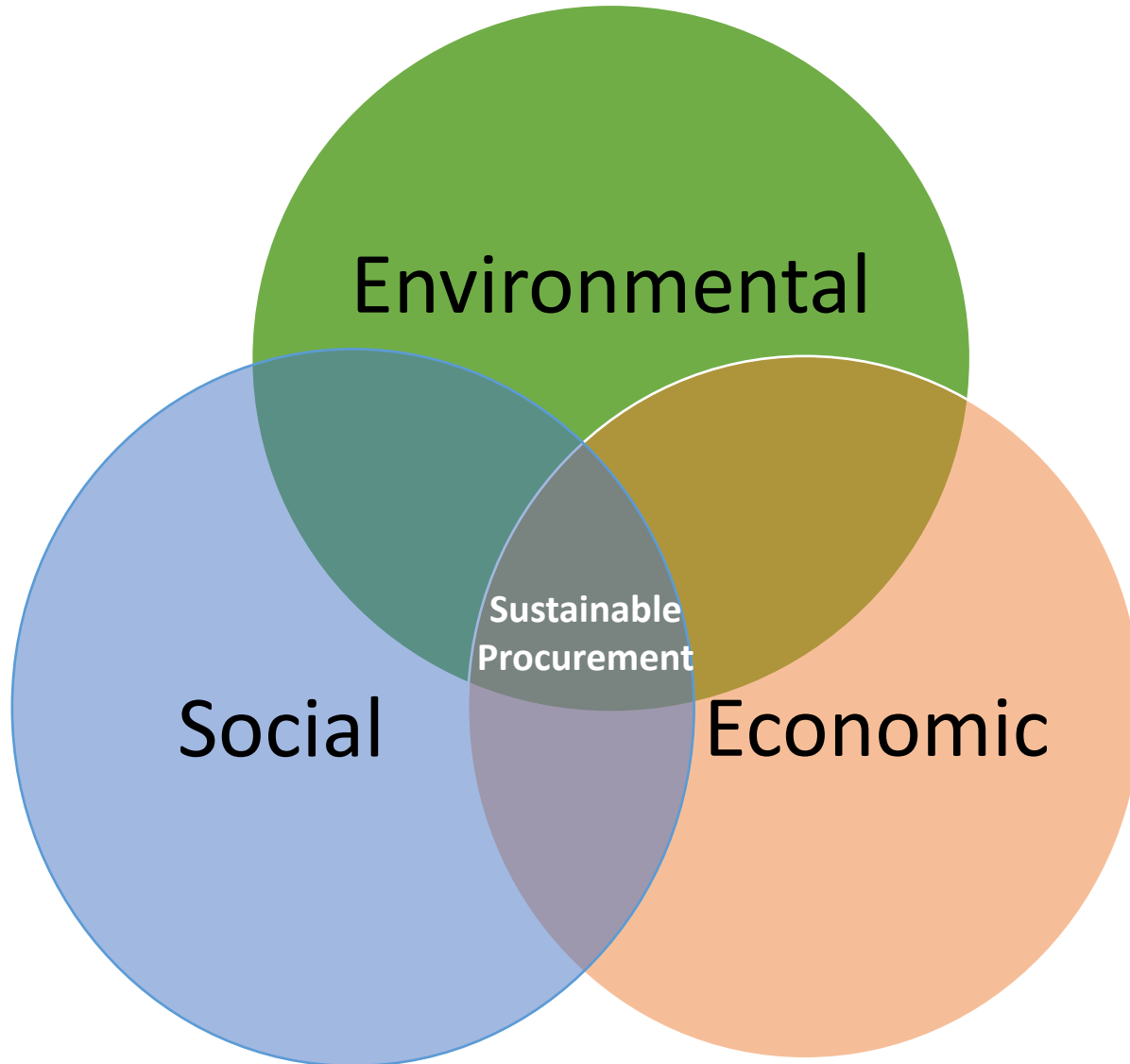
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Growing urbanization is a challenge

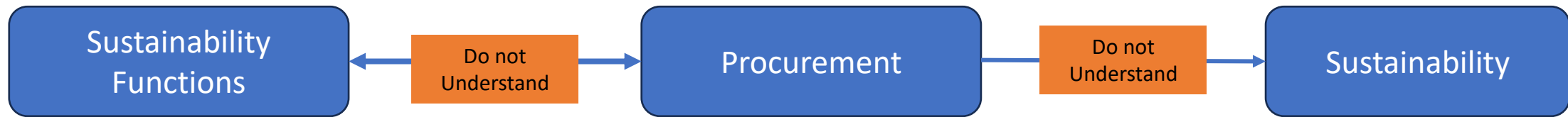
- 55.9. per cent of Fiji's population live in urban areas
- 44% of the rural and 26% of the urban population live under the poverty line
- 20% of the urban population live in informal settlements in high-risk peri urban areas

Public Procurement is in the driving seat



- Procurement makes strategic initiatives for sustainable development a reality
- The government can use its procurement power to promote sustainable procurement practices

...but achieving sustainability procurement can be challenging in a small developing country



Internal

- Procurement framework is not fit for purpose
- Capability needs to be developed
- Lack of resources to support SPP
- Lack of data
- Assumed to be complex
- SAAS solutions that we use lack integration capability

External

- Resistance from stakeholders
- Matching sustainable needs v Market Offer
- Data and measurement environment not developed
- Advanced digital procurement resources not available/too costly
- Standard for measuring the sustainability impact varies

Sustainability has been a focus, but implementation of sustainable procurement has been limited and inconsistent

- Investing in renewable energy e.g. Solar & Biogas
- Investing in a Build back better programme
- Tree planting projects to restore forests and protect watersheds e.g. Jobs for nature projects
- Investment in education and healthcare to reduce inequality
- A focus on SMEs, Women led businesses and disadvantaged groups
- Focus on environmentally friendly products in specifications
- Tender evaluation geared towards sustainable products
- Sea level rise protection projects



This is the time to act!



Government's
commitment to
sustainable development



Increase in awareness of
the environmental and
social impacts of their
consumption choices



Businesses are
developing and using
innovative sustainable
practices



There is demand to
improve social outcomes

Frameworks in Fiji

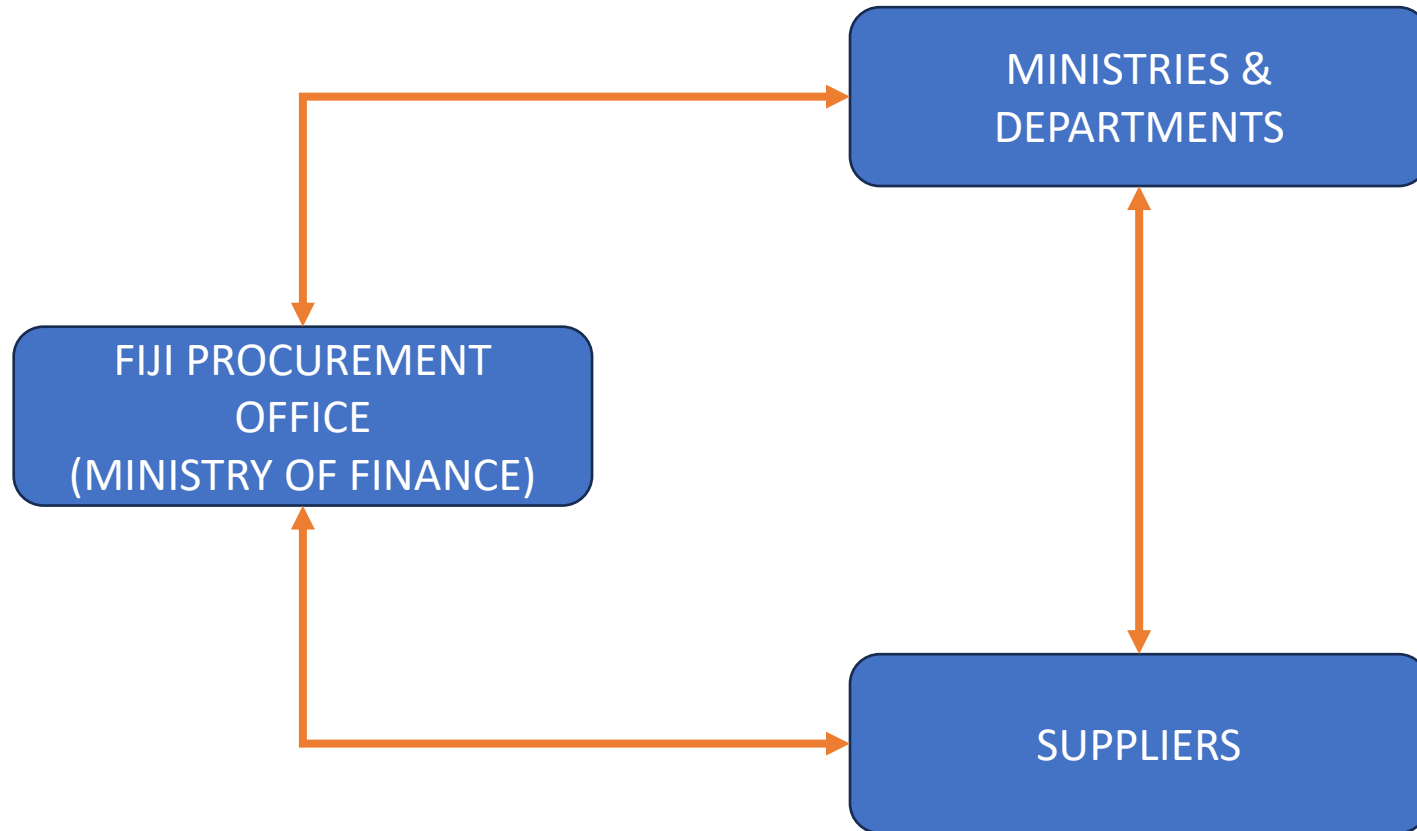
Legal

- Environment Management Act
- Climate Change Act
- Procurement Regulations (under review)

Policy

- 5-Year and 20-Year NDP
- National Climate Change Policy (2018 – 2030)
- National Adaptation Plan
- National Ocean Policy
- Nationally Determined Contribution and Low Emissions Development Strategy

Sustainable Procurement Implementing mechanism



Fiji Procurement office as the central procurement agency administers all major procurement and eTender system for the central government

Fiji is implementing sustainable procurement through the Procurement Regulations

- Sustainability has been added a procurement principle for the government of Fiji
- The Procurement Guidelines are being updated to include guidance on sustainable procurement
- Focus is on commonly used goods for government

Fiji's Roadmap to Sustainable Public Procurement

A Broad Overview

Align	Support	Drive	Collect	Engage
Align public procurement regulations and policy to sustainable public procurement best practice	Support government officials and public procurement professionals with training and create sustainable procurement champions	Drive sustainable public procurement through a whole of government approach through the central procurement agency	Collect data on the environmental, economic and social impacts of public procurement	Engage with stakeholders, such as businesses and suppliers, to support sustainable public procurement

Leveraging digital procurement – Fiji’s Roadmap

Focus on the Basics

Signal the Market

- Publish supplier code of conduct that includes sustainability
- Use tender documents and eEvaluation tool to promote sustainability requirements (selected products)
- Supplier self assessments

Collect Data

- Certificating and Ratings
- Create list of suppliers that embed sustainability

Analyze Data and Action

- Identify and engage with ‘sustainable’ suppliers
- Using our eEvaluation tool to automate and streamline sustainable procurement processes
- Track progress towards environmental, economic and social impacts of public procurement
- Add sustainability data in our reporting

Thank You