Building the Disaster Resilience of Cities in Asia Pacific (MCR2030 Webinar)

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Introduction

NADI TOWN COUNCIL POLICY STATEMENT

The following set of principles has been used to guide development of the Nadi Town Councils Disaster Management Plan. They are intended to guide its implementation, monitoring and evaluation and the ongoing development of the Nadi Town Councils Disaster Management, Risk Reduction and Resilience Building Plan as new and more pressing disasters evolve:

➢ Promote an integrated participatory approach in managing hazards, associated risks and disasters. There is a very important need to empower vulnerable communities to participate and be involved in preparing for disaster situations, resilience, response and recovery post disaster.
Vision

• To have Nadi recognised as a clean and beautiful city that leads and innovates, values diversity, involves its community and balances the needs of its citizens now and into the future.

Mission

• To be Fiji’s most liveable City
Aspirations - Our Communities Values

• **A Clean Green Future** – by cleaning and greening our environment

• **A Strong Local Economy** - by supporting and delivering investment into our community

• **A Healthy Lifestyle** – by delivering health and wellbeing outcomes to our citizens

• **A Resilient Community** - by working with our partners and communities to build strong and enduring relationships that add value to our heritage, culture and diversity.
Guiding Documents

We are also guided by the following documents:-

• Fiji’s National Adaptation Plan, 2018

• Fiji NDC (Nationally Determined Contribution) Implementation Roadmap 2017 – 2030

• Fiji’s National Climate Change Policy, 2012 and Climate Change Bill 2019.


• Fiji’s National Integrated Waste Management Strategy, 2016 – 2026


• Cleaner Pacific 2025 (Pacific Regional Waste and Pollution Management Strategy 2016 – 2025.
Building Resilience

• Integrate land and water management planning using an integrated flood risk management approach to improve flood preparedness and management within the Nadi Basin.

• To raise awareness to flooding issues

• Help local communities and other stakeholders to improve their resilience to flooding through an improved understanding of the river network and floodplain interactions

• Interlinking with other activities working on flood management and risk reduction

• Model for other catchments and sharing of lessons.
Building Resilience

• Interlinking with other stakeholders in resilience building based on the severity of the cyclones affecting the region, E.g. Cyclone Winston in 2016 being a cat 5: building development standards had to comply with Cat 5 requirements.

• Current COVID pandemic, which has plagued the world have to be now filtered into our Disaster Management Plans, as it needs to factor in the lessons learnt and how to mitigate a pandemic of such a nature for future.

✓ Model for education and awareness keeps changing depending on the current situation: mask up, maintaining physical distancing, hand wash/sanitising, staying within the bubble.
Planning and Policy Changes to address Risks

What shall be the 3 main pillars that planning and Policy shall focus on:-

Environment Pillar:
- Building Resilience to Climate Change and Disasters;
- Waste Management;
- Sustainable Island and Ocean Resources,

Social Pillar:
- Inclusive Social Development;
- Food Security;
- Freshwater Resources and Sanitation Management.
Economic Pillar:

• Energy Security;
• Sustainable Transportation;
• Technology Innovation and Development;
• Greening Tourism and Manufacturing Industries
Budgetary Allocation

• While a portion of the Council income is set aside to cater for disaster management budget, bulk of it comes from government funding/grants.

• International donor Agencies/Countries either through government or NGOs

• International communities, families and friends
Planned Activities

• Community profiling
• Education and awareness
• Workshops and trainings
• Implementation
• Empowerment
• Monitoring and evaluation
• Mitigation
Impact of Disasters in Fiji

Flood level in Nadi Town

Entire village damage during cyclone Winston, 2016
Conclusion

In building disaster resilience there is not one size fits all but needs to cater for each type of disaster and how it affects the individuals, communities', district and the nation. The many risks associated with it, such as lose of life, infrastructure damage, medical needs/demands and rise in both communicable diseases and non-communicable diseases.

The impacts it has on the government, whether it be environmental, social or economic, therefore, it is imperative to have a well planned, inclusive and easy to be guided by documents in building disaster resilience.
Thank You for your Attention

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