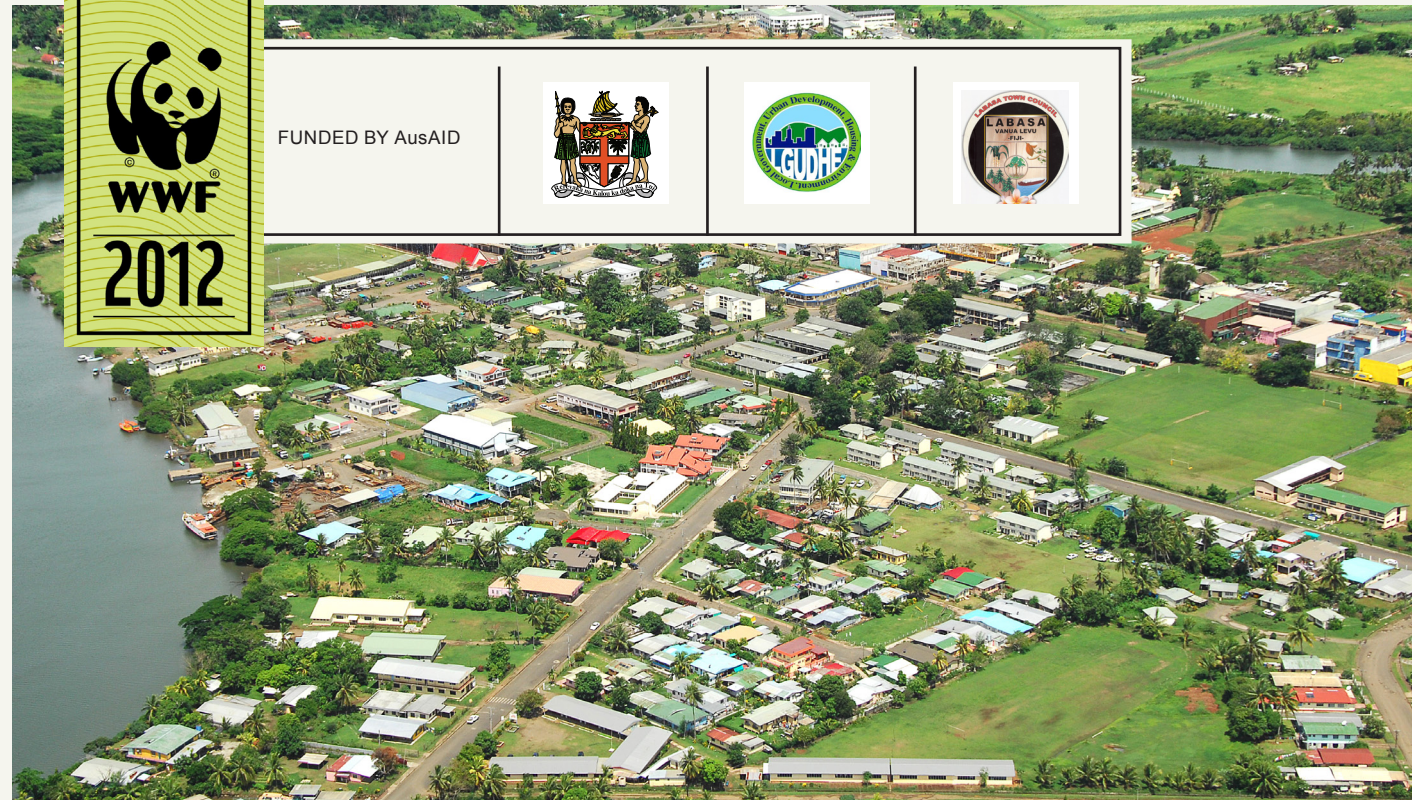
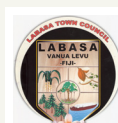




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“BUILDING RESILIENCE IN LABASA TOWN” STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION

The purpose of consultation is to primarily engage all municipal stakeholders in the consultative process and provide insight into the projected impacts and potential adaptation actions drawn from a wide range of expertise. This is an initial step to guide the development of an appropriate municipal adaptation strategy and plan of action in the implementation adaptation activities throughout the “AusAID Building Resilience” project cycle. Labasa is the selected municipality region treated to two cross-cutting processes led by WWF South Pacific Programme with major cooperation from the Commissioner Northern Office, Macuata Provincial Office, Special Administrator, Ministry of Local Government, Urban Development, Housing and Environment (MLGUDHE).

1. stakeholder engagement in order to identify vulnerable sectors & existing potential adaptation initiatives. This engagement is also necessary to bring politicians and decision makers onboard to give them insight into the projected impacts and potential adaptation actions. Some of the actions will be capital intensive or politically unpopular, but it is necessary to build political will to fund and support adaptation measures. Some actions may require certain tradeoffs on which the stakeholders would need to deliberate. Various products would be produced, including a vulnerability assessment, a climate impacts assessment and a vulnerability map highlighting hotspots where development priorities intersect with climate impacts. A broad range of expertise is drawn on to gather this evidence.

2. adaptive capacity assessment. the capacity to adapt of the various sectors that would be affected by the impacts of climate change needs to be assessed. This process should also include an assessment of the local government's capacity to implement adaptation actions in terms of budgetary and personnel constraints, with and without explicit climate change adaptation strategies.



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Who are the Labasa town stakeholders?

The following is a brief description of the wide range of stakeholders representing many varied and differing views on the relationship between transportation planning, land use, economic development and environmental protection.

General Public- any individual who is interested in adaptation planning including representatives of land owning units (mataqali) of the town boundaries, non-government, civil society organisations (Red Cross, WWF), institutions (FNU, USP).

Business and Commercial Stakeholders- this group comprises of the Labasa Chamber of Commerce, Labasa Associations (Tourism, Cane Producers), Sugar Cane Growers Council, Fiji Sugar Corporation/Labasa Mill Management.

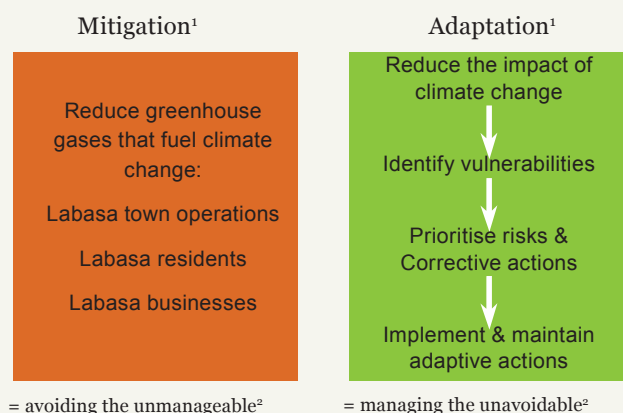
Transportation service providers- this group includes representatives of inter-island, local and private transportation companies, authorities managing the airport, nearest port i.e. that actively provide transportation services within the Nabouwalu-Savusavu corridor. Consultation with these agencies is critical to identifying problems and opportunities, and the evaluation of options to increase capacity of the area transportation system.

Regulatory agencies- consists of the Authorities (FWA, FEA, NFA, LTA, OHS), departments and line ministries for health, environment, agriculture, land use planning, land and water resources management, I Taukei Land Trust Board and emergency management. This group of representatives will provide the project team with input and advice regarding laws, regulations, policies, programs and other areas of concern within their respective areas of jurisdiction.

Planning tools and approach

In an effort to inform, engage and obtain constructive feedback, the project team is facilitating a wide range of tools and resources that can help each group / communities implement various components of a developed adaptation strategy. Tools for public engagement in climate change adaptation decision making, actions that homeowners can take to reduce their vulnerability to extreme weather events and climate change impacts, and tools for integrating climate smart adaptation into new developments.

Conceptual Framework : Building Resilience in Labasa Town



¹ Figure adapted from (Municipal World March 2009, www.municipalworld.com)

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