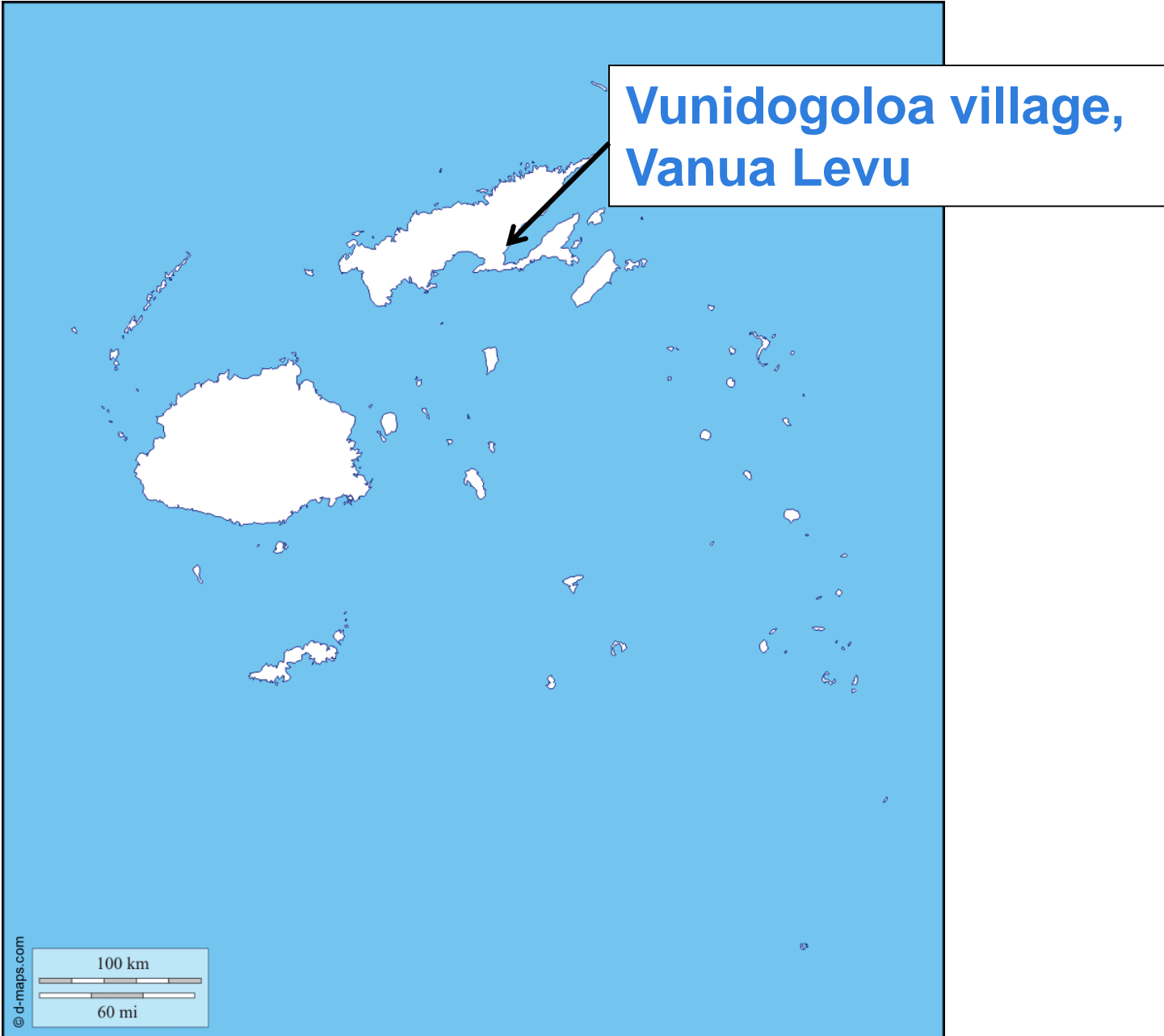


# FIJI – Vunidogoloa village, the first to relocate



# **The Relocation Journey – Relocations to date**

# Vunidogoloa Village

- 122 people;
- 26 houses;
- Consistently flooded









# VUNIDOGOLOA CLIMATE CHANGE RELOCATION PROJECT

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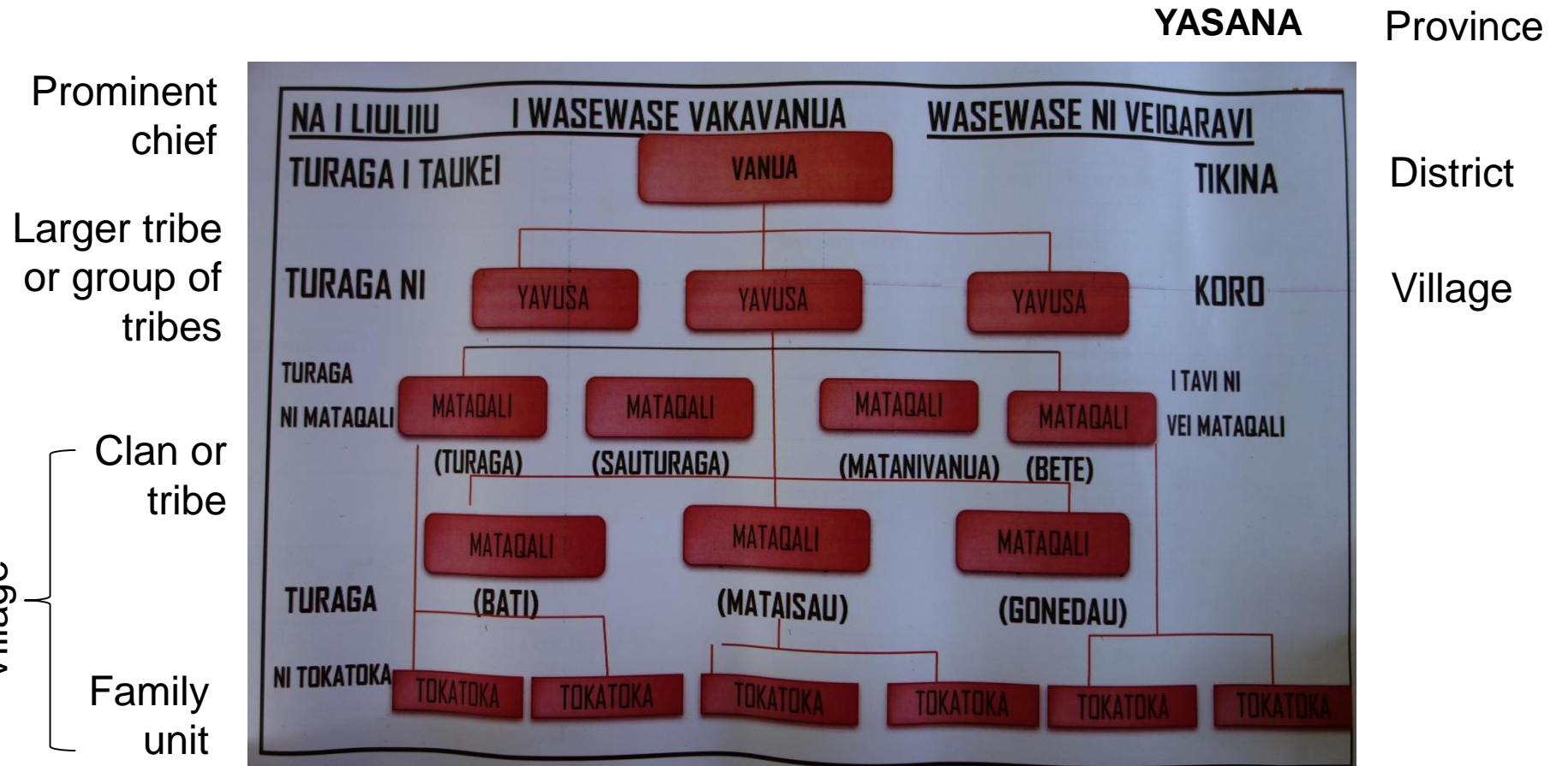


# **The Relocation Journey – Land and indigenous people**

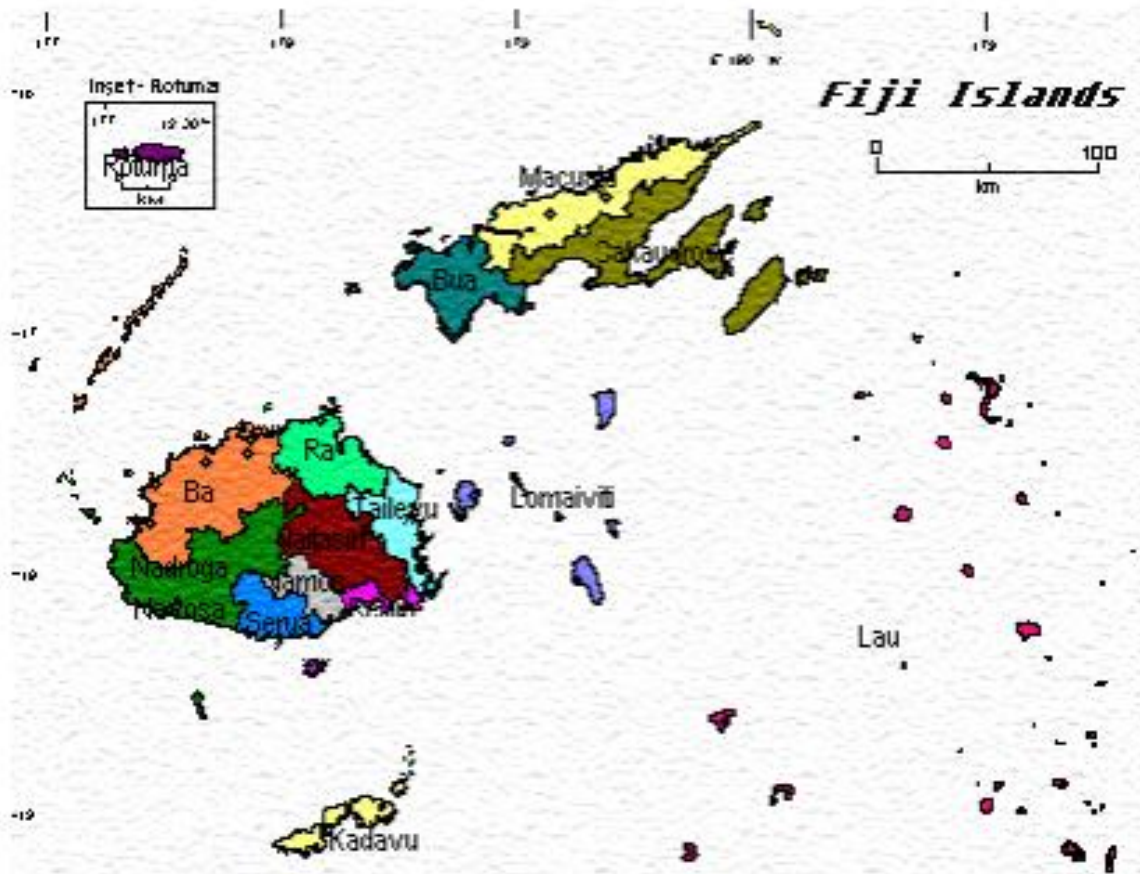
# Hierarchical structure of a confederacy (*matanitu*): from village to vanua

Traditional Social Structure

Government Administration



# Government provinces – 14 in total



Source: Bureau of Statistics - Fiji Islands Provincial Map

**Vanua** – people are an extension of the land and the land is an extension of the people – each depends on the other

Land ownership – registered by *iTaukei* Land Trust Board, and owned by the *mataqali*

VKB – *Vola ni Kawa Bula* – register of indigenous people

Indigenous relationships – *Naita / Tauvu*







# **The Relocation Journey – Government**

# Fiji's first National Summit 2012: Building resilience to climate change



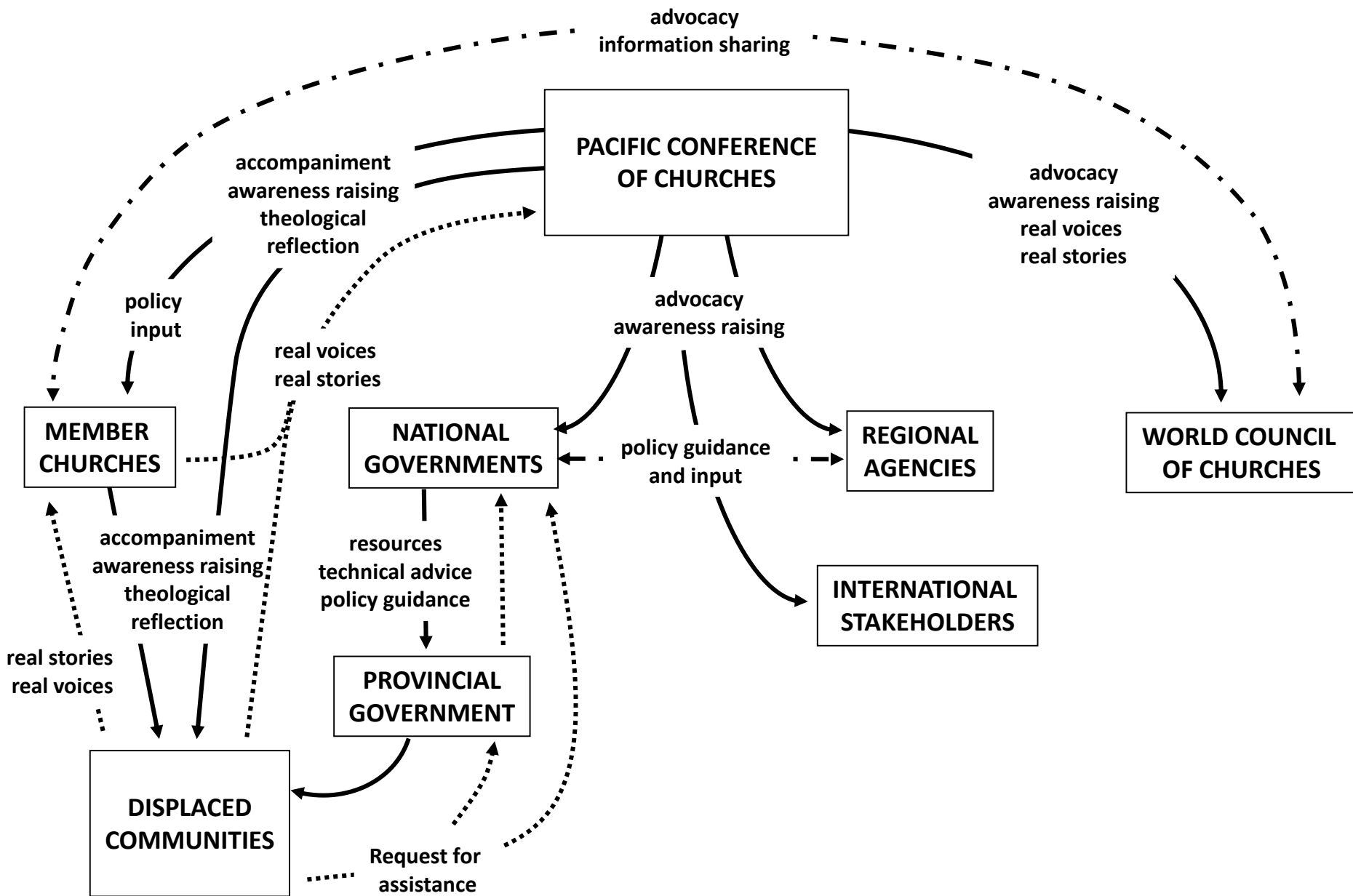




# Scope of church work with an issue

- Research
- Awareness raising
- Advocacy
  - Policy engagement
  - Policy accompaniment/advice

# Accompaniment and advocacy



# Concluding comments

- Relocation is complex – last resort
- Participatory – driven by the community, but supported by full technical assessments and climate data
- Comprehensive approach
- Better co-ordination between government and non-government agencies and the church
- Finance protocol and land-based issues part of guidelines
- Transparency and clarity – county-driven and not donor-lead

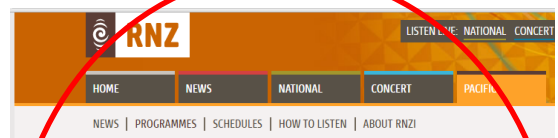


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