Fiji Islands
FIJI ISLANDS

• Lat 18°00’S Long 178°30’E
• 330+ islands, 110 inhabited
• Pop. 870,000
• Total Land Area 18,300 sq km
  iTaukei land (Native) – 88%
  State Land – 4%
  Freehold Land – 8%
iTAUKEI (Native) LAND

✓ 88% - only 16% suitable for agriculture
✓ 10% surveyed – 41,000 leases
✓ Acts & Regulations
  ▪ Native Lands Act
✓ Owned by iTaukei Indigenous Fijians – Tokatoka, Mataqali, Yavusa
✓ Administered by iTaukei Land Trust Board on behalf of landowners
✓ Cannot be sold (only to Govt. on special circumstances) – leased
STATE LAND

✓ 4% plus foreshore & beds of rivers & streams
✓ 3.5% surveyed – 15,000 leases
✓ Acts & Regulations
  ▪ Crown Lands Act
  ▪ Rivers and Streams Act
  ▪ Land transfer Act
✓ Owned by the State
✓ Administered by the Department of Lands and Surveys
✓ Cannot be sold (only on special circumstances) – leased.
✓ Regularise the informal settlements over state land with 99 year residential lease.
FREEHOLD LAND

✓ 8% - very best
✓ Crown Grants & Native Grants
✓ Acts & Regulations
✓ Owned by individuals/group/etc.
✓ Can be sold (willing seller and willing buyer), leased.
CHALLENGES

• Different land tenure administered by different organisation
• Centralization of land records
• Out dated and unclear processes
• Lack of regular monitoring
• Out dated legislation & regulations
• Budget limitations
• Capacity building
TC Cyclone Disaster
New Land Challenges

• **RELOCATION** – people don’t want to live on the coast anymore
  – Land Availability Post Disaster
  – Land Acquisition
  – Land Compensation Issues
  – Re-building
    • Stronger
    • Better Planned villages
Way Forward

- Improve coordination of all land administration
- Centralised portal to host 3 tenure land administration records (National Land Register)
- Review of the existing land administration legislation and regulations
- Review the current systems and processes
- A system for the sustainable use of land
THANKS

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