

# Community-Based Adaptation in the Pacific

*and*

## The Role of the World Bank

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# What is Community-Based (CBA)?

- ✓ Building **adaptive capacity**
- ✓ **Empowerment**: helping people to help themselves



- ✓ **Participatory**: done 'with' rather than 'to' or 'for' communities
- ✓ Based on **local priorities** and builds on **local knowledge**
- ✓ Increases local voice in decision making processes

# CBA in the Pacific

**Capacity Building  
for the  
Development of  
Adaptation  
Measures in PICs  
(‘CBDAMPIC’)**

***When:*** 2002-2005

***Who:*** 16 communities in 4 PICs +  
SPREP and environment ministries

***What:*** Water, food, coastal protection

***Funding:*** US\$2.2m, from Canada

**Enhancing  
Climate Change  
Adaptation: Fiji  
(‘ECCA’)**

***When:*** 2006-ongoing

***Who:*** 12 communities + USP +  
Environment ministry

***What:*** Water, flooding, coastal protection

***Funding:*** Phase 1 - US\$0.5m from  
AusAid

**GEF-SGP  
Community-  
Based  
Adaptation:  
Samoa**

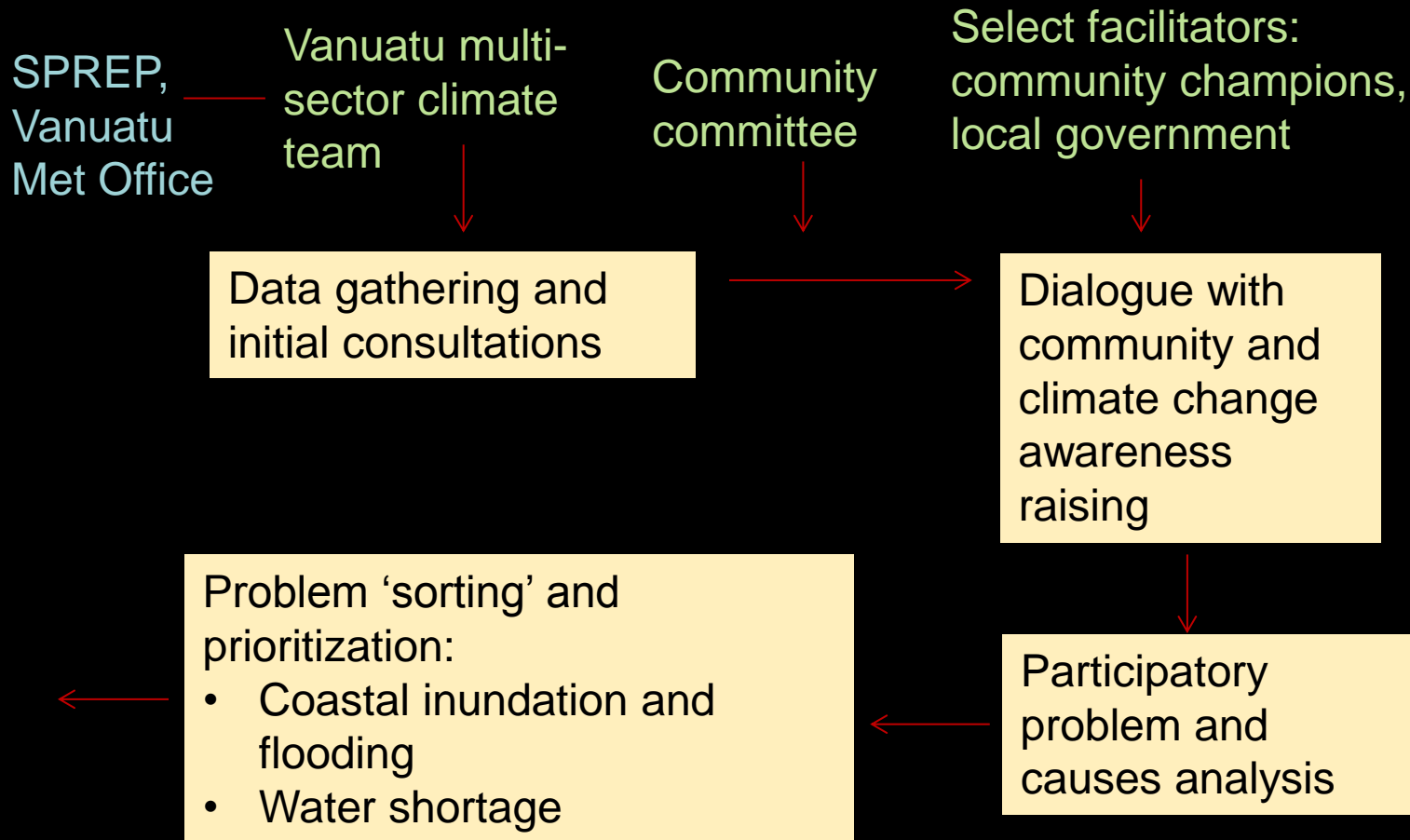
***When:*** 2009-ongoing

***Who:*** 6 communities +UNDP + national  
agencies

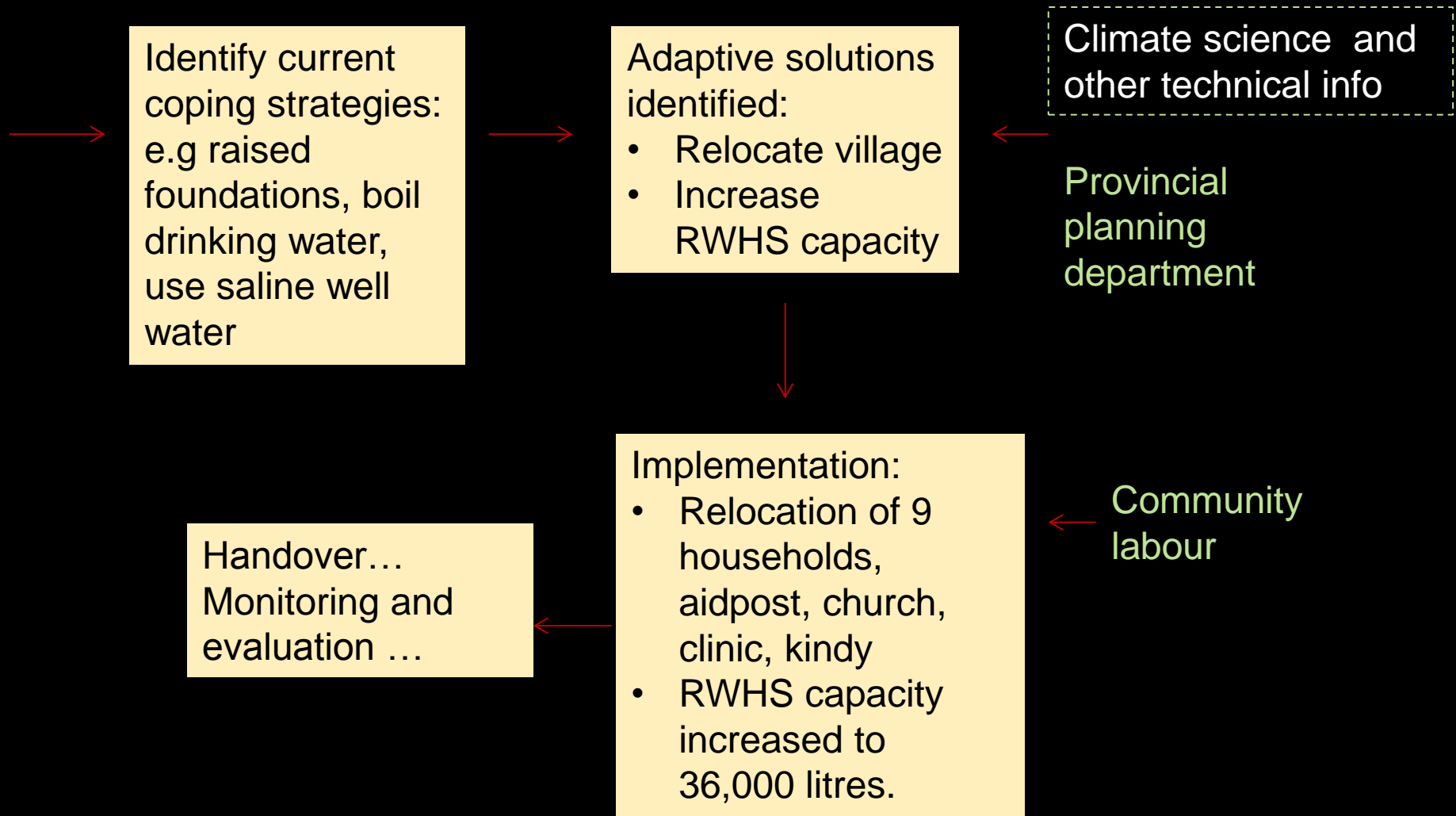
***What:*** Ecosystem management,  
coastal protection

***Funding:*** US\$0.5m from GEF/AusAid

# Example: Vanuatu, Tegua community relocation (CBDAMPIC)

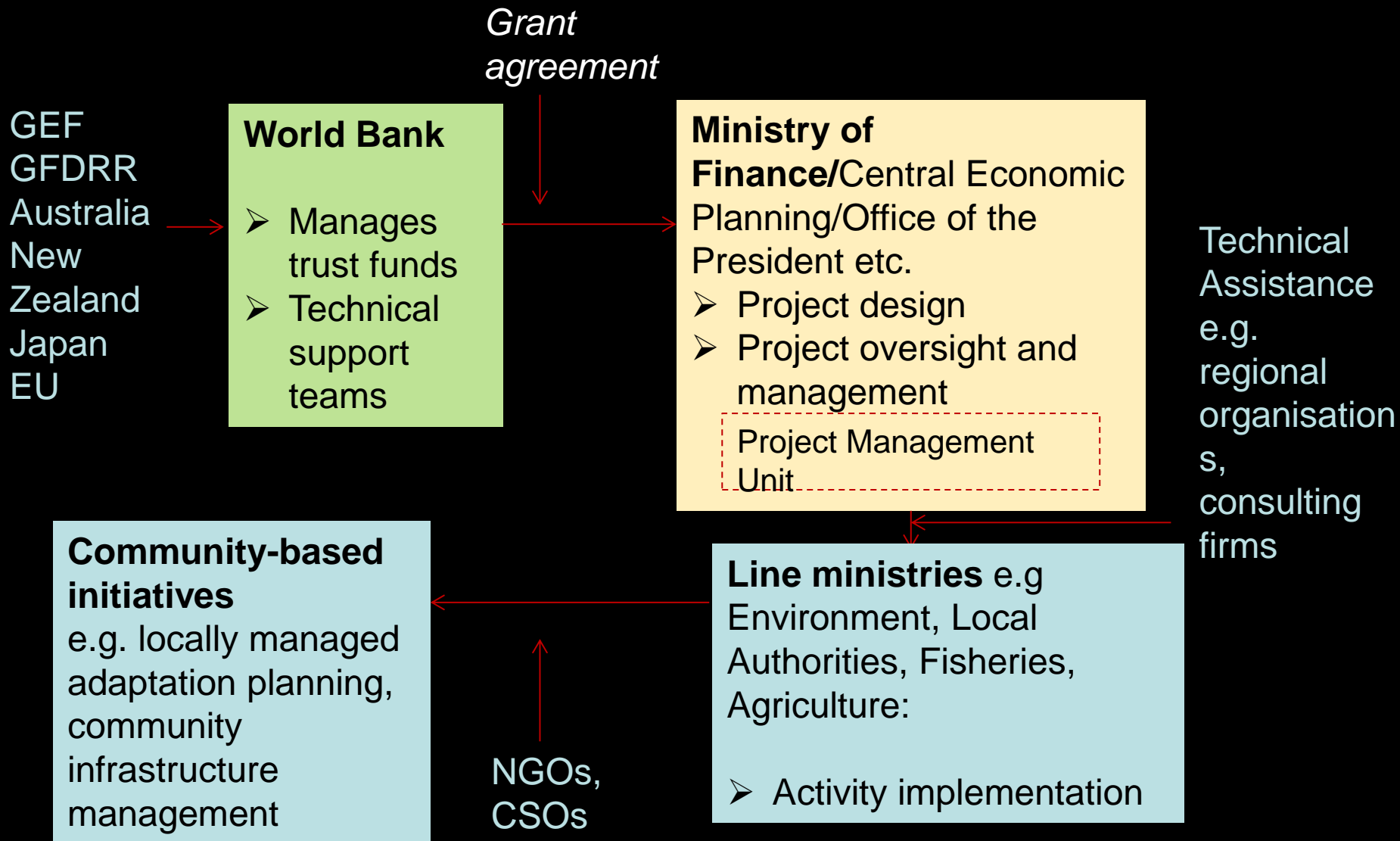


# Tegua example cont.





# World Bank Support for Adaptation in the Pacific



# Example: Vanuatu 'Increasing Resilience Project'

US\$11.52 from GEF, EU, GFDRR over 5 years

Integrated approaches to DRR and CCA

Mainstreaming risk at national to local levels

Increase linkages between national, provincial and local planning and action

Component	Cost US\$M
Institutional Strengthening for Climate Change Adaptation and Disaster Risk Management	4.37
Increasing Community Resilience in Active Volcanic Islands and in Coastal Areas	2.43
Promotion of Improved Technologies for Food Crop Production and Resilience to Climate Change	2.48
Rural Water Security	2.24



# Example: Vanuatu 'Increasing Resilience Project'

## National scale

- ✓ Strengthen National Advisory Board on CC and DRM Secretariat
- ✓ Consolidate methods, processes and protocols for CBA

## Provincial scale

- ✓ Establish provincial disaster coordination centres
- ✓ Establish provincial and Area Council-level CCA/DRR plans

## Community scale

- ✓ **Community Resilient Development Plans**
  - Partnered with dedicated community-based facilitator working alongside provincial-level staff for duration
  - 6 'sites' – each site includes 'community clusters', ~30 communities total
  - Ecosystem-based approach, landscape level
- ✓ Small grants mechanism for implementation
  - Larger grants for multi-community initiatives
  - Intended to be absorbed by another donor/government at conclusion

# CBA Achievements and Lessons in the Pacific

## Achievements...

- Reducing exposure to some climate impacts
- Integrating lessons from CBDRM, CDD and CBNRM
- Innovative methods and tools
- Integrating indigenous knowledge

## What could be improved...

- Increasing adaptive capacity
- Embedding CBA in wider development processes
- Project timeframes and coherence between projects
- Communication of climate change
- Integrating technical/scientific knowledge with local knowledge
- Monitoring and evaluation systems

**Thank you**

