



INTEGRATED APPROACH OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT IN PACIFIC SIDS

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OVERVIEW OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT IN PACIFIC SIDS

- The Pacific has the highest urbanization rate of global SIDS today (at 4.3% per year)
- Urban population of the Pacific islands is expected to rise to 51% by 2050
- Pacific SIDS is experiencing dramatic social, political, and demographic change as the urban population increases and the flow of people moving from rural villages to towns has become high.
- The rapid urban growth and urban concentration in many Pacific SIDS contribute to public health risks, environmental pressures, and waste pollution.

MAJOR ISSUES

- Urban growth has been associated with
 - unemployment
 - crime
 - poverty
 - environmental degradation
 - traffic congestion
 - heightened inequality
 - the rise of the informal sector (and repressions of it)
 - and pressures on education, housing, health, and other services such as water and garbage disposal.



CHALLENGES

- Ecological fragility – most are coastal entities with small dispersed land areas.
- Economic vulnerability
- Geographical isolation
- Small size of the economy
- Dependence on a narrow range of products often leads them to be highly dependent on international trade and therefore are vulnerable to external shocks.
- Exposure to global environmental challenges e.g. climate change and sea level rise
- Many urban residents live in informal housing in unplanned settlements, resulting in a tripartite problem of ‘over-urbanization’
- Rapidly growing population leads to complex waste pollution on land, sea, and air.
- Little resilience and high exposure to natural disasters

WASTE MANAGEMENT CHALLENGES

- Increasing waste generation quantities
- Lack of capacity to manage waste and pollution
- Poor waste management
- Limited land space for waste disposal and poor waste disposal
- Lack of proper facilities and technology to manage waste
- Challenge of accessing markets to export recyclable waste
- Economic of scale

OPPORTUNITIES

- Important to have urban planning and management policies for perceived solutions to urbanization.
- To develop a comprehensive strategy at the national, regional, and international levels to address urban development issues and challenges.
- To include sustainable urban development strategies in the New Declaration on 3R and Circular Economy as well as the new Cleaner Pacific 2035.
- Opportunity for the new Declaration to complement the new Cleaner Pacific 2035.
- Implementing and adoption of 3R and Circular Economy and Sustainable Financing in the Pacific Region.
- Development of a framework to support the 3R and Circular Economy in the Pacific (South-south cooperation).
- Strengthen partnerships at the subnational, national, sub-regional, regional, and international levels.

QUESTIONS
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