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A Report on UNDP's Support to MDG Advocacy, Monitoring and Achievement in the Pacific

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Outline

- MDG Advocacy
- MDG and Poverty Monitoring & Reporting
- Critical issues from the Regional MDG workshop
- MDG Summary Scorecard
- Poverty Incidence in PICs
- On-going Support to PICs towards improved MDG achievement

MDG Advocacy

- Three Regional Workshops involving all PICs; February 2003, October 2006, March 2009
- Three sub-regional workshops:
 - North Pacific (Palau, FSM, RMI & Kiribati); June 2007
 - Western Pacific (Solomon Islands, Vanuatu, Fiji, Nauru and Tuvalu); November 2007
 - Eastern Pacific (Cook Islands, Samoa, Tonga, Tokelau and Niue); May 2008

MDG and Poverty Monitoring

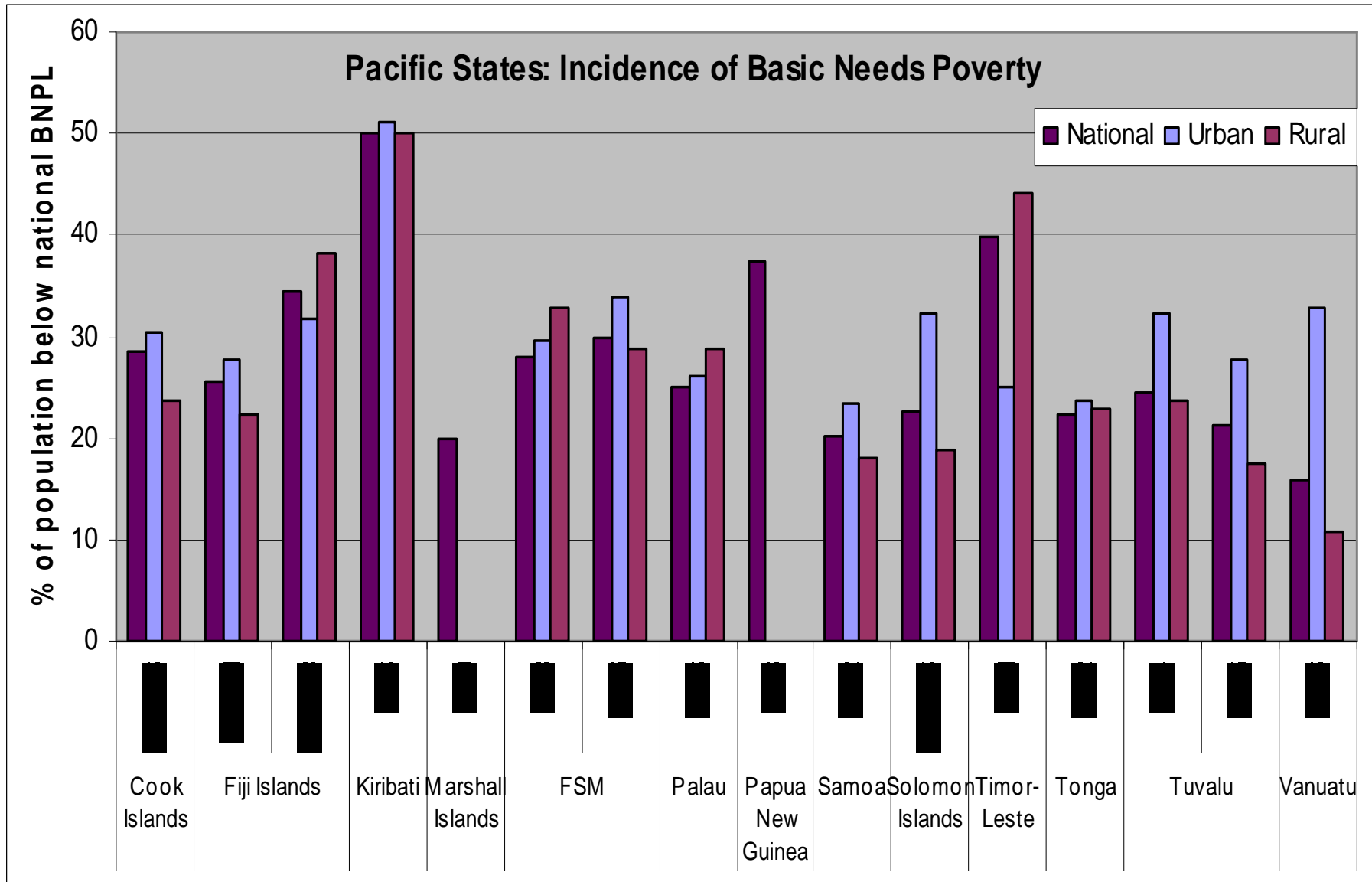
- National MDG Reports
 - Cook Islands (2005)
 - Fiji (2004)
 - FSM in draft
 - Kiribati (2007)
 - Marshall Islands in draft
 - Palau (2008)
 - PNG (2004)
 - Samoa (2006)
 - Solomon Islands (2006)
 - Tonga (2005)
 - Tuvalu (2006)
 - Vanuatu (2005)
 - Niue in draft
 - Tokelau not done
 - Regional MDG Report 2004
 - Regional MDG update 2009
- National Poverty Reports
 - Cook islands (2005/06 HIES)
 - Fiji (1990/91 & 2002/03 HIES)
 - FSM (1998 & 2005 HIES)
 - Kiribati (1996 HIES)
 - Marshall Islands no HIES data
 - Palau (2006 HIES)
 - PNG (1996 HIES)
 - Samoa (2002 HIES)
 - Solomon Islands (2006 HIES)
 - Tonga (2001 HIES)
 - Tuvalu (1994 & 2004/05 HIES)
 - Vanuatu (2006 HIES)
 - Niue in draft
 - Tokelau not done
 - Regional Poverty Report 2004 (ADB)

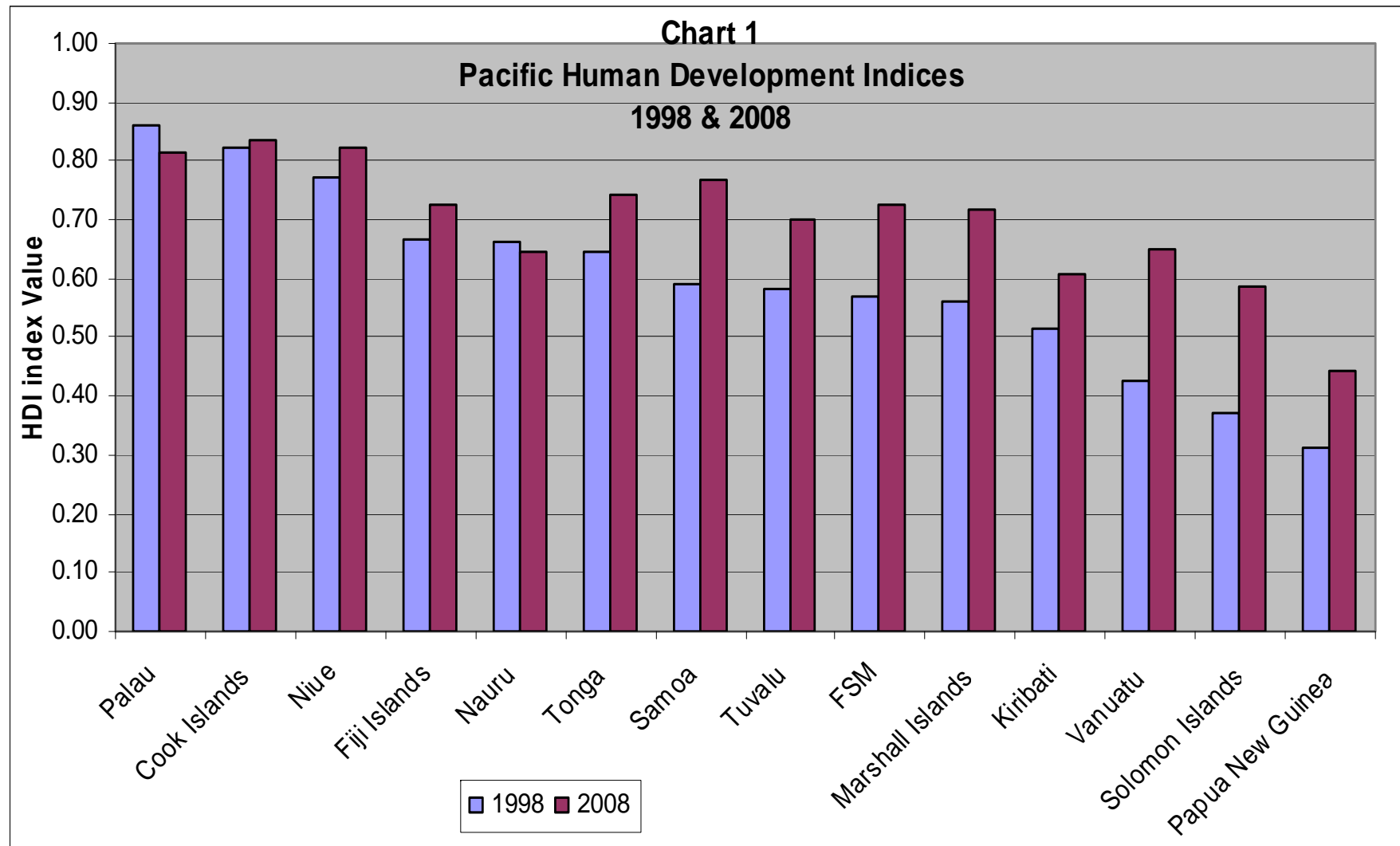
Critical Issues From the Regional Workshop

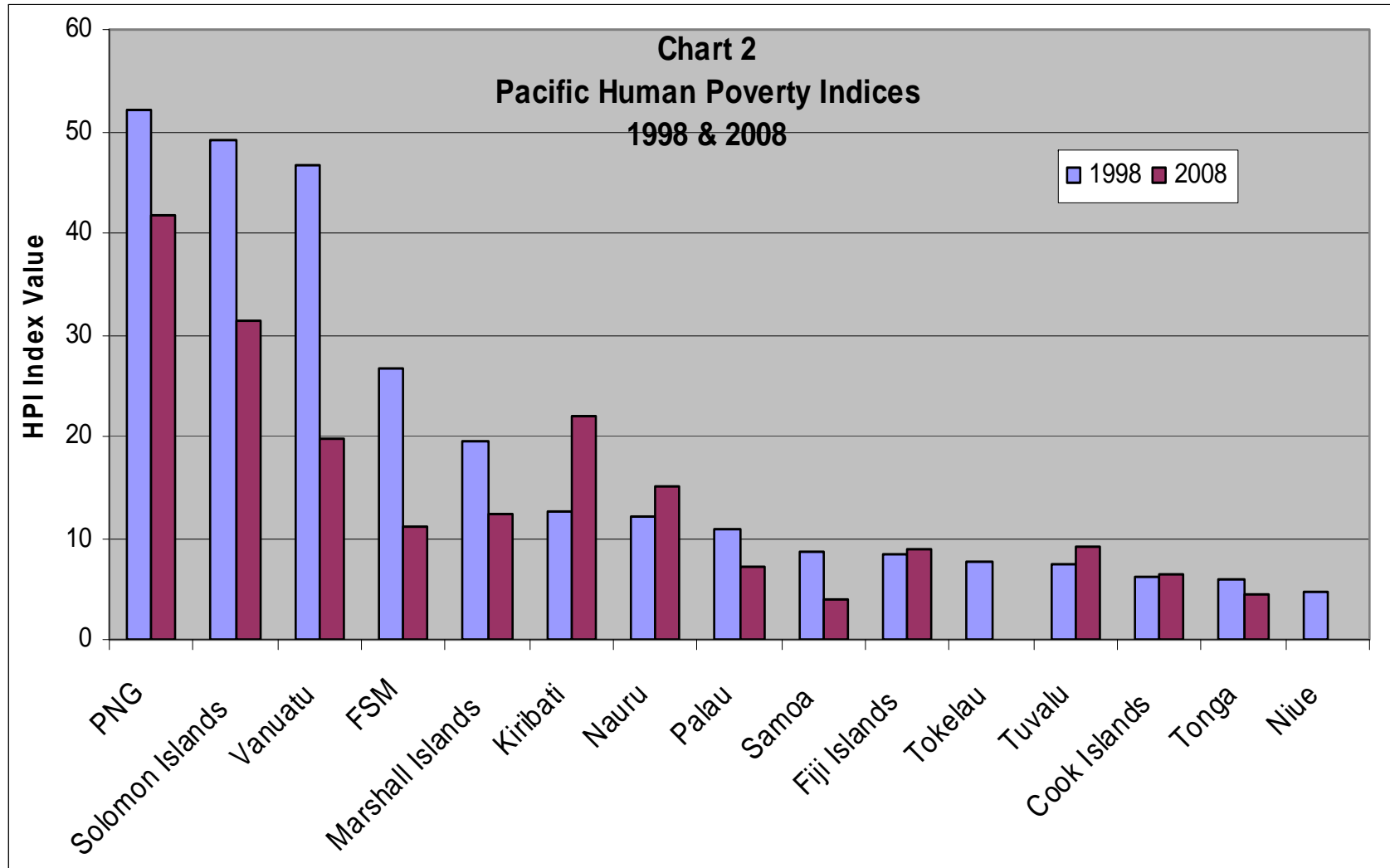
- Uneven progress towards MDG achievement
 - Polynesia reasonably OK
 - Micronesia struggling to maintain gains already made
 - Melanesia losing ground in some areas
- Need for greater localisation of MDGs:
 - Sub-regional within countries; urban & rural
 - Specific local issues:
 - NCDs where these are more critical; e.g. where malaria is not endemic
 - Educational progression/achievement; not just enrolment rates for boys and girls
 - Governance has been introduced as a “ninth” goal by Cook Islands

Critical Issues From the Regional Workshop

- **Governance Gaps:**
 - Making the right policy choices and taking decisions for action
 - Allocating adequate resources and building capacity
 - Ensuring efficient and effective implementation
- **Impacts of the GEFC**
 - Budget priorities & resource allocations under threat as national budgets are squeezed
 - Political commitment to MDGs also under threat in the face of these emerging challenges
 - Increasing vulnerabilities to increased poverty & hardship as unemployment rises, remittances decrease and household incomes fall
- **Impacts of Climate Change**
 - Could undermine all development efforts
 - Damage to assets; household and public
 - Increasing vulnerabilities of the people







Way Forward from the Regional Workshop

- Governance improvements are essential;
 - Better leadership and management for basic service delivery
 - Stronger awareness & advocacy required through parliamentarians and national MDG task forces
 - Greater political commitment to human development issues; governments must take action
 - Capacity development for policy makers and planners
 - Improving statistics and data for MDGs & other HD indicators
 - Making more effective use of data for better policy decisions

Way Forward from the Regional Workshop

- More effective and efficient use of resources for better human development returns :
 - Domestic budget resources scarce for MDGs in PICs
 - ODA essential within Paris and Pacific Principles for AE
 - Appropriate use of loans and grants; projects, SWAPs or direct budget support
- Greater role for CSOs in national advocacy and monitoring
 - Advocacy materials in local languages
 - Local level monitoring and “report cards”
 - Greater participation and empowerment of the people in demanding better services

On-going Support

- **MDG Initiative:** Vanuatu, Solomon Islands and PNG
 - Sector-wide training in MDG/policy costing tools (education, health, energy, environment, HIV/AIDS, gender, roads, water & sanitation, agriculture and rural development)
 - Strengthening links between planning for MDG achievement, costing and budgeting
 - Integration of MDGs into NSDS
- **MDGI “lite”:** Palau, FSM, RMI, Kiribati, Tuvalu, Cook Islands, Tokelau, Samoa and Niue
 - Support to national level MDG monitoring and reporting
 - Integration of MDGs into NSDS
 - Support for introduction of MDG costing tools for key sectors

On-going Support

- Poverty analysis and disaggregation of data for policy needs
- Programmes supporting specific MDGs;
 - Poverty reduction through:
 - Private sector development
 - Financial inclusion
 - Legal empowerment
 - HIV/AIDS
 - Energy and environment
 - Human development impact of labour mobility
 - Governance
- Inter-agency cooperation and coordination in MDGs and in GEFC impacts



Thank You

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