# RISK MANAGEMENT & RISK REDUCTION

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## Who are we kidding?



#### DRM AND DRR AT NATIONAL LEVEL

- Incorporating Risk Management and Risk Reduction initiatives in NSDP.
- Development of a 20 year Preventive Infrastructure Master plan – to ensure development of climate proofed infrastructures;
- Staging of a National Exercise that will test:
  - Responses, alternatives to current systems and bridging the gaps.

#### DRM AND DRR AT NATIONAL LEVEL

- Implement a national plan for protection against cyclones, including preparedness and contingency planning;
- Development and enforcement of appropriate building codes (MOW), Disaster Management Bill;
- Early Warning Systems e.g. AWS, Sat Phones (Red Cross),

## Vaka Council - Community Level

- Assist with preparedness activities:
  - Clearing and dredging streams;
  - > Trimming trees
  - Assisting with awareness programmes
  - Installing Warning systems Siren
  - Ensuring that Safety Centers are prepared
  - > Community assistance
- Formulating of Vaka Response Plans
- These activities also extends to the outer islands;
- Hold a National Day of PRAYER

## **Physical Prevention**

- Relocating of settlements on Manihiki Island
- Building of Cyclone Safety Centers in the Northern Cooks;
- Establishment of an alternative communication base by Telecom in Aroa;

# Regional Level – A Framework for Action 2005 - 2015

- Pacific Plan initiatives for Disaster Management/Reduction
- Working with SOPAC/TAF/OFDA
  - Exchange of Technical Assistance to assist with policy formulation;
  - Capacity Building and training modules
    - > IDM Introduction to Management
    - > EOC Emergency Operation Center
    - > IDA Initial Disaster Assessment
    - > TFI Training for Instructors
    - > EXMAN Exercise Management

### **GAPS AND CONCERNS**

- > Financial constraints;
- Level of Commitments at Regional, Government, Community, Private Sectors;
- Misalignment of programs and projects;
- > Community becoming complacent.

### Where can UNFCCC assist?

- Data and Information Exchange
- Improved Technology
  - > Satellite Pictures
  - GIS Systems
  - Software Programmes and Models
- Capacity building of appropriate local, national and regional institutions;



