Pacific Region Infrastructure Facility Community of Practice

MAINSTREAMING RESILIENCE BUILDING IN NATIONAL POLICIES AND STANDARDS
Fiji TC Harold tested Cyclone Winston’s Build Back Better Strategy

In Fiji no buildings reconstructed under Cyclone Winston’s Build Back Better program were significantly damaged by TC Harold. This delivered a twofold gain for Fiji:

- protecting the Fijian people during a crisis and
- significantly reduced the cost of rebuilding

The Improving National Building Codes in the Pacific TA aims to achieve a similar Build Back Better outcome for all Pacific Island countries.
Regional Diagnostic Study Of The Application Of Building Codes In The Pacific (2019)

• PURPOSE OF STUDY
  • Investigate the capacity of Pacific Island Countries to apply their National Building Codes
  • Provide guidance on future assistance initiatives related to NBC updates, administration, management and compliance enforcement that could be provided by PRIF development partners
The diagnostic study highlighted larger regional challenges in applying National Building Codes.

- Effective long-term management of infrastructure is based on robust controls on the quality of construction and where infrastructure should, or should not, be developed.

The PRIF – Improvements to National Building Codes and Standards in the Pacific TA follows on from the study recommendations and seeks to add a higher degree of coordination between initiatives across the region.

The TA scope includes a stock take on design criteria in use across the region, to inform national efforts.
The Improvement to National Building Codes and Standards in the Pacific TA’s Building Back Better approach is an opportunity to improve practices in the areas of:

- Legislation and governance
- Building regulations and building codes including the addition of sustainable practices
- Building standards
- NBC Administration, management, application and compliance
- Institutionalisation
- Awareness and promotion
Stakeholder survey of 13 PRIF member Pacific Island countries will

- Identify the main constraints that prevent the application of NBC requirements
- Identify gaps in the capacity of construction practitioners and government agencies to apply, enforce and promote the NBC
- Explore actions and activities that will improve the application of the NBC
- Provide recommendations on future NBC updates and strengthening of administration, management and compliance procedures based on lessons learned from all PICs
- Identify areas of support needed by PICs to guide future assistance programs supported by development partners
Thank you for listening