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Quick Facts

Countries	Fiji
Specific Location	Nadonumai, Qauia, Waidamudamu and Wakanisila
Financial Institutions	World Bank (WB)
Bank Risk Rating	B
Voting Date	2016-09-30
Borrower	Government of Fiji
Sectors	Infrastructure
Project Cost (USD)	$ 4.00 million

Project Description

The PDO supports the Government of Fiji's (GoF) broader objective of eradicating poverty through the provision of housing and land opportunities for all by: • facilitating for the provision of basic infrastructure services and affordable and decent housing opportunities for the low income earners and those with special needs; • providing some form of security of tenure (establishment of property rights); and • improving urban infrastructures and amenities in compliance with the Fiji Urban Policy Action Plan [2004] and Fiji Urban Growth Management Plan [2006] and Fiji National Housing Policy [2011].

The targeting will be geographic and by low income households (those earning less than FJD15,000 per annum) in identified squatter settlements. These low-income households do not own land or the lease rights to the property and are "squatting" on other people's land, either illegally or under informal arrangements, as a result, there are no formal utility services available to the settlements. The GoF has a policy of addressing this issue by facilitating formal lease holding over the land, subdividing the land and providing basic services to the communities. This project links security of tenure with access to basic utility services. The GoF has identified lack of security of tenure and affordable housing and basic utility services as a key priority because of the impact on the social and economic well-being of households living in the informal/squatter settlements. It has established a policy to systematically address this issue through the formalization of titles to leases and provision of services.

Investment Description

- World Bank (WB)

Global Partnership on Output-based Aid

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Bank Documents

- Integrated Safeguards Data Sheet (Concept Stage) - Utility Services for the Development of Housing i [Original Source]
- Project Information Document (Concept Stage) - Utility Services for the Development of Housing in Sq [Original Source]