





Methodological orientation test, methodological approaches and first results 25^{th,}, 26th and 27th of October 2022 National University of Vanuatu, Port Vila

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Research project Scientific organisation (3 WPs)



WP2: Sharing knowledge, experiences and training

2 Th. WPs + 1 Kn. WP : 9 Research questions



Research project Fields of application



4 PICT NC (AC) SI (TC) Van (TC) Fiji (TC) PNG (TC)

Spatial comp.

Rural Urban-PU Coastal area

Social comp.

Children Families Commiunities...





Project implementation secondments



Mobilities to and from VANUATU	2022	2023	2024	2025
Senior researchers				
and				Q
early carrier researchers				O
hosted in Vanuatu	20	39	1	
Outgoing mobilities for				g
MOET and VARTC				U
teams	21	17	11	



Title: Program, importance of transversalities and spatialization



Wednesday 26th of October -Thursday 27th of Friday 28th of October- mornin October morning (National University of Vanuatu) **Complimentary presentations:** (National University of Vanuatu) Field trip start at UNV "Understanding lifestyle Ideas and methods for building a behaviours in the Pacific using collective, shared and relevant human-centred artificial definition and issues of FF intelligence from activity sensors in the Pacific and nutrition digital tools" Methods, timeline for research with Schools communities students Wednesday 26th of October-Friday 28th of Octoberafternoon afternoon (National University of Vanuatu) (National University of PhD Poster Session Vanuatu) Methodologies for understanding **Additional PhD support** knowledge transmissions in agriculture, food habits & lifestyle **Closure ceremony**

Tuesday 25th of October – afternoon (National University of Vanuatu)

Transversalities between WPs: methodological issues and pathways

Dinner







Theme: Workshop Alimentation & Agriculture

PRE-PROGRAM:

21 of November 2022: 17H, opening ceremony the at the Charles Perkins Centre 22, 23, 24 of November 2022: Workshop







Project implementation

Major scientific events 2023, 2024, 2025







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Project implimentation Enrichments & scientific links



Scientific links (Gateways/Bridges)



2020 **Nutrition, health and food security in French Pacific communities**. Raubenheimer D (**USYD**), Galy O (UNC), Bouard S (IAC), Caillaud C (USYD), Fasi J (SINU), Iese V (USP), Metsan P (NUV). **24 000 €**

2020 *Small scale agriculture, Lifestyle, and health in Papua New Guinea Families*. P Michon (*PNG*: Divine World University, Institute of Medical Research, University of Goroka), partners: Fiji and NC ; 66 000 €

2022 **Understanding lifestyle behaviours in the Pacific using humancentred artificial intelligence from activity sensors and nutrition digital tools**. K Yacef (**USYD**), C Caillaud (USYD),O Galy (UNC), P Michon (NUV); **60 000 €**

2022: Caillaud USYD

2022: AUF







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Family farming produces in farmers plots and diets: toward a meaning and relevant typology of each country studied (Fiji,Vanuatu, Solomon, New-Caledonia)?

Séverine Bouard (IAC)

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Create a link between Family farming practices and produces with diets, through our case studies





Articulating questionnaires/surveys

Segurin 217 for dimensions in common system



Member or household scale for FFQ, 24Recall

Frequences de consommation

Fréquence	Valeat
Environ une à trois fois par jour	14
Mors dure tos par jour	7
Six tois par jour ou plus	45
Jamais ou rarement	1
Environ quatre à cinq fois par jour	32
Presque toujours	0.75
Parlos	0.25
Toxicours	1
Jamais	0
Pas bits souvent	0.5
Mores d'un bel par your	7
Environ un à deux bols par jour	22.
Je ne bois pas de lait	0

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Household scale and plot scale

From farm to fork: Challenge to connect the list of produces, and production to produces consumed, eaten (different scales, categories, classification)



Main themes of Falah surveys

- Population
 - Demography
 - Activities
- Productions
 - Crops
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 - Fishing
 - Hunting
- Functions of activities
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 - Gifts & customs (kastom)
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Population: the embeddedness of statistical units





A great diversity of species !!!





Diversity of produces

A great diversity of produces and species: few example from New Caledonia



Over 75 % of Kanak households in VKKP, combine more than 4 groups of plants (tubers, bananas, fruits, fruits et légumes de plein champ, other productions, etc.)







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How to create an accurate liste of food plants?



The list for New-Caledonia

- Just with the most common we had listed up to 80 plants



- Rare plants and species, those from the wild

C_product	N_productions vegetale	C_group_prod vege	N_group_prod veget
1	Igname	1	Tubercule
2	Manioc	1	Tubercule
3	Patate douce	1	Tubercule
4	Taro d'eau	1	Tubercule
5	Taro de montagne	1	Tubercule
6	Autre tubercule (à préci	1	Tubercule
7	Banane dessert	2	Banane dessert
8	Banane poingo	3	Banane poingo
9	Blé	4	Céréales
10	Maïs	4	Céréales
11	Sorgho	4	Céréales
12	Autre céréale (à préciser	4	Céréales
13	Maïs fourrage/ensilage	5	Fourrage
14	Sorgho fourrager	5	Fourrage
15	Graminées	5	Fourrage
16	Légumineuses	5	Fourrage
17	Autre fourrage (à précis	5	Fourrage
18	Avocat	6	Arbre fruitiers
19	Carambole	6	Arbre fruitiers
20	Citron et lime	6	Arbre fruitiers
21	Cœur de bœuf	6	Arbre fruitiers
22	Combava	6	Arbre fruitiers
23	Corossol	6	Arbre fruitiers
25	Fruit à pain	6	Arbre fruitiers
26	Goyave	6	Arbre fruitiers
27	Jacques	6	Arbre fruitiers
30	Letchi	6	Arbre fruitiers
31	Mandarine	6	Arbre fruitiers
32	Mangue	6	Arbre fruitiers
33	Murier	6	Arbre fruitiers
34	Orange	6	Arbre fruitiers
35	Pamplemousse	6	Arbre fruitiers
36	Papaye	6	Arbre fruitiers
37	Pêche	6	Arbre fruitiers
38	Pomme canelle	6	Arbre fruitiers
39	Pomme citerne	6	Arbre fruitiers
40	Pomme kanak	6	Arbre fruitiers
41	Pomme rose	6	Arbre fruitiers
42	Jamelon	6	Arbre fruitiers
43	Cerise	6	Arbre fruitiers
44	Kaki	6	Arbre fruitiers
45	Tamarin	6	Arbre fruitiers
46	Autre fruits (à préciser)	6	Arbre fruitiers
47	Ambrevade	7	Fruits & Légumes plein champ
48	Ananas	7	Fruits & Légumes plein champ
49	Aubergine	7	Fruits & Légumes plein champ
50	Brède	7	Fruits & Légumes plein champ
51	Carotte	7	Fruits & Légumes plein champ
52	Céleri	7	Fruits & Légumes plein champ
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- Population
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- Incomes
- And to link with WP3: diet and nutrition questions (Dietary intake 24h recall or FFQ for each members)





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- \rightarrow To understand food habits with FFQ
- → To Improve the analysis, with 24h-recall, with micro & macro-nutrients

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- Dietary intake 24h recall or FFQ for each member of the households
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- And then, different food classifications:

The FAO HDDI « Household dietary diversity index », 12 categories

HDDI	
	cereals,
	roots and tubers
	vegetables and fruits
	meat from ruminants
	poultry meat and eggs
	fish and sea foods
	legumes, nuts and seeds
	milk and milk products
	oils and fat
	sugar / honey
	condiments,
	beverages



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The Food Frequency adapted to communities, 10 categories, adapted to local context : Gwynn 2012 (Aboriginal diets), others approaches (women, etc.)

Food Frequency Gwynn et al.	Cereals [unit/week]
	Vegetables and legumes [unit/week]
	Fruits [unit/week]
	Dairy [unit/week]
	Fats, oils [unit/week]
	Meat, fish, poultry and eggs [unit/week]
	Extras [unit/week]
	Others [unit/week]
	Water [unit/week]
	SSB [unit/week]



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The Food Frequency and food classificiation proposed by the



Food Frequency CPS	Energy group [unit/day]	
	Protective group [unit/day]	
	Body building group [unit/day]	
	Limited foods [unit/day]	
	Limited beverages [unit/day]	
	Water [unit/day]	

SPC



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What kind of analysis:

Crossing the data through multivariate analysis

Relationships between traditional food consumption and family production in adults

Multinominal analysis consumption of tubers (yellow color), fish (blue color), and limited drinks: sugar-sweetened beverages (SSB) (orange color) and limited foods (red color) explained by agricultural variables (surface production, tuber production, weighted fish, off-farm gains), socioeconomic variables, sex, and age

Example of the study of Lifou (Galy, et al. 2012)





Relationships between traditional food consumption and family production in children population

2000 4000 B000 Surface (milicerson



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What kind of analysis:

- Crossing the data through multivariate analysis
- Scoring perspectives, to synthesis the family farming activity to test correlation with food habits
 - an index of diversity of production (IDP) based on food groups

The production from the primary sector (agriculture, fisheries and livestock) is separated into 5 food groups: Vegetables, Tubers, Fruits, Meat (and eggs) and Fish, with access or not to the food group through production/harvesting scored as 0 (for no) or 1 (for yes)

 $IDP = \sum$ of these values.

- an index of diversity of production based on the value of production

The second approach also separates production into five food groups, but takes into account the total value (market and non-market) of production..

A total value of production is thus estimated for the household, as well as the share of each production in the total value.

It is from these shares that Simpson's diversity index is calculated. $IDP = 1 - \sum_{i=1}^{n} S_i^2$



Conclusion



- Exploring the correlation between family farming is complex
- In the Pacific, populations often cultivate a lot of diversity but within the same group of food plants (tubers), households often produce the same things, so the determinants of diets are not necessarily in the field, it can be linked to the social capital/asset (Gaillard, bouard et al., Forthcoming), human capital/asset, income (diversification through markets and shops, as in Wallis & Futuna (Bouard et al. 2021)
- The need for a very complete list of plants → the excel sheet with the diversity of plant
 <u>Plant list FALA</u>H
- What place for a complementary approaches/concept as « Food environments »? (Bogard & al., 2021)



- Difference between rural and urban SI households
- Complementary approach with national statistical data
- Place of markets



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A FALAH Delivrable due in February 2023: Bibliography on food plants and typology of diets

➔ A report in 6 sections

- 1. Bibliography and list on main food plants for each country based on previous studies in New Caledonia, researches led in Vanuatu,
- 2. Diets and Family farming in New Caledonia: perspectives from VKPP and Lifou
- 3. Diets and Family farming in Vanuatu
- 4. Diets and Family farming in Fiji
- 5. Diets and Family farming in Salomon Islands
- 6. Synthesis and first typology, research perspectives



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Create a link between Family farming practices and produces with diets

Extrait de la Base de Données sur ACCESS :

- La base est articulée autour de la table ménage
- Chaque table correspond à une thématique
- 46 tables actives et 100 tables paramètres (nomenclatures)





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Comparaisons des environnements alimentaires de Wallis et Futuna avec les îles Salomon*

*Données HIES 2013



Source : Bogard, J.R.; Andrew, N.L.; Farrell, P.; Herrero, M.; Sharp, M.K.; Tutuo, J. A Typology of Food Environments in the Pacific Region and Their Relationship to Diet Quality in Solomon Islands. *Foods* **2021**, *10*, 2592. https://doi.org/10.3390/foods10112592



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Research projet of Dr. Nadia Robert (Physiologist, IAC)

33 species are still consumed including brède, figuette, island cabbage, purslane, soda, arroche, bird's nest fern, "pomme liane caillou"/wild passionfruit...

The importance for beeing ready to catch these plants duraing interviews if they are cited by households...



Dioscorea bulbifera











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Family farming and food supply to main markets in Santo, Vanuatu Felicity Nilwo Rogers

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Sub Title: Context

Agriculture practices in Vanuatu

- Vanuatu has a high agronomic potential with large area of fertile and arable land.
- Copra, coconuts, cocoa, coffee, taro, yams, fruits, vegetables, beef, fish are of market value.
- 76% of Vanuatu population live in rural area.
- 98% of rural households are engaged in agriculture.
- Agriculture accounts for 27% to Vanuatu's GDP (2017 est.)
- 65% of the labor force work in the agriculture sector.
- 16.9% of subsistence household income is from agriculture (2007 agriculture census).

Links to FALAH research questions

WP2: 2.1 Gather and summarize knowledge on cropping practices, consumption, innovation and the dynamics of family farming

WP3: 3.1 Examine the effects of family farming on lifestyle and its impact on the health and well-being





Sub Title: Cultivated plants

Households engaged in growing selected vegetables (%)

Crops	Santo	National
Manioc/ cassava	83.0	81.4
Banana	83.8	81.7
Island cabbage	79.9	78.3
Pawpaw	72.3	69.4
Fiji taro	58.8	57.2
Yam	67.1	59.8
Kumala	60.5	59.3
Island/water taro	44.0	45.7
Corn	52.3	55.1
Peanut	24.6	18.7
Rige 1: Most cultivated crops	0.4	0.3
Source: 2016 mini consue		

Source: 2016 mini-census





Sub Title: Agronomic potential and crop



Fig. 2 The agronomic potential in Santo

Fig. 3 Sanma households growing selected vegetables per region Source: Vanuatu National Statistics Office





Sub Title: Luganville main market and crop sellers



The Luganville main market is located in the Luganville municipal boundary and hosts sellers from all around Sanma province. A schedule of market day as been set up by the Luganville market management to facilitate market access from all area councils in Sanma and avoid overcrowding of the facility.

Source: Google Earth Pro, 2017


Title: Family farming and food supply to main markets in Santo, Vanuatu



Sub Title: Luganville main market and crop sellers



Fig. 4 Number of sellers at the main market in Luganville

Fig. 5 Number of farmers and reseller at the main Luganville market per area council Source: Nilwo-Rogers, December 2021



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Fig. 7 Frequency of sales at the Luganville main market per area council Source: Nilwo-Rogers, December 2021





Further study will be carried out to quantify the proportion of cultivated crops harvested and sold in the urban and rural markets.

What is the household consumption and crops distributed or exchanged during cultural activities?

The aim will be to understand the sociocultural dynamics of food supply and distribution in increasing food security in Vanuatu.



















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Nutrition and health methodologies used in schools and communities in Solomon Islands

Josephine Maelaua SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH FACULTY OF NURSING,MEDICINE AND HEALTH SCIENCES SINU

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- **1. Background Solomon Islands**
- **2. Education services and access indicator**
- **3. Health services and access indicator**
- 4. Overview of nutrition status of Solomon Islands.
- 5. Nutrition and health methodologies used in Solomon Islands



BACKGROUND - SI

- est population 724,462
- predominantly Melanesian (about 95 per cent) small
 Polynesian, Micronesian, Chinese and European communities.
- 63 distinct languages , with numerous local dialects.
- English is the official language but Solomons' Pijin is the lingua franca for the majority of people.







Education services in SI



Ministry of education and human resources development (MEHRD)

- Mission : deliver quality education for the people of the Solomon Islands in order for them to develop as individuals and possess the knowledge, skills and attitudes needed to earn a living and to live in harmony with others and their environment.
- Vision is that all Solomon Islanders will develop as individuals and possess knowledge, skills and attitudes needed to earn a living and to live in harmony with others and their environment. We envisage a united and progressive society in which all can live in peace and harmony with fair and equitable opportunities for a better life. We envision an education and training system responsive to its clients and efficiently managed by its stakeholders and clients. We wish to deliver quality education for everyone in Solomon Islands.





Education access indicator



VANUATU

NET ENROLLMENT RATE (NER)

Number of official age students enrolled per 100 population official age.

- 3-5 years for Early Childhood Education (ECE)
- 6-12 years for primary level (this analysis include prep as the first year in primary)
- 13-15 years for Junior Secondary
- 16-19 years for Senior Secondary







MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND MEDICAL SERVICES

Vision : for health goes beyond fighting disease; we intend to contribute to the wellbeing of all our people. Happiness is more than a smile – it is people who are content, fulfilled, and have the freedom to live the life they choose





 Population are accessing health services from : 1 National refferal hospital , 13 provincial based hospitals , 35 Area health centers , 116 Rural health clinic and 187 Nurse aid post



NUTRITION STATUS



Nutritional status children

- < 5 years:
- 32% of children were stunted
- 8% of children were wasted
- 16% of children were underweight



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Source: SIDHS 2015



NUTRITION STATUS CONT'





- 47% high BMI
- 30% overweight
- 18% obese
- 30-49 years urban areas
- Combination of biological & sociocultural roles
- Honiara & Malaita
- 36% high BMI
- 26% overweight
- 10% obese
- 40-49 years urban areas
- Decrease in physical activity while their waist circumference increases.

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Summary Key Findings - Nutrition

Nutritional status children < 5 years:

- 32% of children were stunted
- 8% of children were wasted
- 16% of children were underweight

IYCF practices:

- 79% initiates breastfeeding within 1 hour after birth
- 76% < 6months were exclusive breastfeeding
- Mean duration of exclusive breastfeeding is 4.5 months
- 22% of all children met the IYCF practices

Nutritional status of adults:

- 47% of women had high BMI
- 36% of men had high BMI

Anemia:

- 39% of all children < 5 years of age
- 41% of all women 15-49 years old
- 54% of all pregnant women were anemic







- Study design : Cross sectional study ,observational study ,survey
- Method:(mixed method approach), survey, focus goups, interview, interview key informant, qualitative participatory research
- **Sampling/recruitment** : random (snowbal) ,convinience (voluntary), three-stage stratified (nationally represented)
- Location: Urban /peri-urban, small and isolated, coastal, inland , semi rural, remote
- Ethical approval : researchers' institution, Solomon islands national health research, Solomon Islands national research committee
- Data Collection tools: semi-structured, interviewer-administered questionnaire, 24 hour recall, questionaires translated to pidjin, Questionnaire (KAP),Quantitative 24 h multiple-pass recalls (24 h MP),digital kitchen scales, clay/paper for converson.Tape measure, bioelectric impedance scale ,height stick,portable digital weight scale ,
- **Data analysis :** IBM SPSS (Version 25), Tableau (Version 2020.1), RStudio (1.2.5001), and Xyris FoodWorks (Version 10.0.1), qualitative software NVIVO 12 (Version 12.6), one-way ANOVA



Protocol example for community



Reference : Vogliano .et.al (2020)

- Background (Brief): Indigenous Solomon Islanders who have traditionally relied on locally grown biodiverse foods for their primary source of nutrition are now seeing the adverse impacts of changing diets. Due to the increase prevalence of imported and ultra-processed foods, they are now faced with noncommunicable disease such as cardiovascular diseases as leading causes of mortality (WHO, 2018).
- **Study aim :**to assess nutrition transition and diet quality by comparing three geographically unique rural and urban indigenous Solomon Islands population.
- Study Objectives:
- Community level Describe if and how the food system has changed over the past three decades through qualitative focus group discussions,
- ✓ Farm level (if applicable): Determine the on-farm production diversity for each household using Simpson's diversity score.
- ✓ Household level :Assess household food security levels over the past 12 months using FAO's Food Insecurity Experience Scale
- ✓ Individual level : Calculate the energy, macronutrient, micronutrient intakes among urban, rural (coastal), and rural (inland) indigenous Solomon Islanders through multiple pass 24-hour dietary recalls.



Protocol example for community cor

Reference : Vogliano .et.al Nutrients. 2020 Dec 23;13(1):30.

• **Study Design** : observational mixed-method cross-sectional study design.



- Study Sites : 3 geographically distinct sites across the Solomon Islands, (remote, urban, costal)
- Recruitment : Snowball sampling at 3 sites to ensure randomized sampling.
- Eligible criteria: primary household cook must be of reproductive age (15-50) and all household members
- Ethical approval: researcher's institution ,SINU research committee,clearance from the Solomon Islands Ministry of Education and Human Resources and Development and the Solomon Islands National Health Research Committee, Consent from provincial Health directors , consent from village chiefs before commencement of study.
- **Data collection tools:** Participatory Focus Group Discussions (Qualitative), 24-hour Dietary Recall Method (Qualitative), Anthropometrics (Quantitative), Nutrition questionnaire (Mixed methods), Anthropometric equipment: Tape measure, bioelectric impedance scale, height stick, portable digital weight scale,
- Training : research methodologies
- Data analysis: 24 h MPRs, KAP, anthropometric measurements, and descriptive data analyzed using IBM SPSS (Version 25), Tableau (Version 2020.1), RStudio (1.2.5001), and Xyris FoodWorks (Version 10.0.1)





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Presentation Sydney University - Young people's perspective

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Presentation FALAH workshop 25/10/2022



Addressing health and climate challenges in Australia and the Pacific region through partnerships with schools and co-design with young people



Agenda

- Project overview
- The team
- The approach
- Co-design activity
- Discussion and return on experience



Overview of the project

Co-located geographically, Australia and Pacific Islands are multicultural nations with a large population of young people. Many of those are exposed to health or climate threats and are prevented from reaching their full potential.

Engaging with young people, determining lived experiences, views, attitudes and priorities must be a focus of research and education strategies.

In partnership with schools, this project aims to collaborate with adolescents and to identify research and education priorities to: 1) address health and climate challenges and 2) assess how digital technologies can be leveraged for action and impact.

Objectives and approach

Objective

Partner with schools and identify priorities for action through a process of engagement and co-design (co-production) with young people.

Approach

- Partnership with schools
- Collaboration with teachers to establish framework for engagement
- Implement activities in the classroom
- Establish a group of student leaders across the 3 countries that will work together and collaborate with the research team to produce research outputs

The Team

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The Team



Addressing health and climate challenges in Australia and the Pacific region through partnerships with schools and co-design with young people

Health

Determinants of health, NCDs, curriculum, conceptions of wellbeing, digital health information and role of digital tech.



Physical activity

Conceptions, curriculum, events/opportunities, awareness of physical activity/health, popular sports, role models



Food

Diet, nutrition knowledge, food perceptions, food access, food prep activity, consumption at school

3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEIN

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Climate change

Awareness, conceptions, curriculum, resilient education, adaptation and risk preparedness/ management processes + young people.

13 CLIMATE

17 PARTNERSHIPS

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Role and impact of **gender**, **information flows**, intergenerational **equity**, role of youth as change **agents** and **social connectors**

The University of Sydney



Exercise instructions

- Provided with 3 scenarios
- 5 minutes of individual reflection on each scenario answering the question(s)
- Write 5-10 lines or dot points per scenario
- After the 3rd scenario talk to the other members of your group about what arose
- Identify 3-4 actions or priorities across your reflections
- Choose one person to bring sticky notes to the wall
- We'll collectively group and rank them

Scenario 1

Melelani is a 16 year old girl who lives in Efate in a house with her 2 older brothers Tamatoa and Noa (aged 18 and 21), her young sister Poe (aged 13) and her parents.

She is starting the second week of Term 2 this year at her local government school which she walks to from her home in 15 minutes.

After dressing for school, she decides to eat breakfast.

What foods will she eat and where will they be sourced from?



Scenario 2

Three months later Melelani is preparing for her exams. She has been using her mobile phone to watch YouTube videos of 'exam preparation tips'. One of the accounts that she likes to follow 'EXAMSGOWELL' has a presenter who talks about the importance of eating healthy meals and doing exercise, both of which help people to sleep better and gain higher marks in exams.

Melelani shares the video with her friends during lunchtime and they talk about what they think about the diets they have now and how they exercise. They also think about what they'd like to do differently.

What aspects of diet and exercise do you think they discuss? What challenges might they face to adopt different diets and exercises?

Scenario 3

Ten years later Melelani is 26 years old and still living in Efate with her husband Charlie and her 3 year old daughter Rasiella. Their house has some good faming land around it which her and Charlie work together to produce food for themselves. They sometimes have some excess food which they trade with their neighbours.

Over the past 5 years cyclones have become more frequent and severe which means the variety of vegetables and fruits they and their neighbours can grow has reduced.

Which crops are they no longer able to grow?What have they substituted for these?How have their farming practices changed?What do these changes mean for their nutritional intake and health?
Feedback please!

- Would this type of exercise work well with young people?
- Is the transition from individual reflection to group discussion achievable?
- Is the transition from examples to actions/priorities achievable?

Thank you !





Promote and revitalise family farming to improve the health of Pacific populations and ensure food security in the context of rapid social and economic transformations and *climate change*, which effects are particularly harmful to Pacific Islands.

3.1 Examine the effects of fam. farm. on lifestyle Papouasie Nouvelle - Guinée and its impact on the health and well-being Océan Pacifique ÎLES 3.2 Explore diet and physical activity in families ALOMON Tuvalu practicing fam. farm. 3.3 Analyze inter-generational benefit on fam. VANUA farm. lifestyle Social NOUVELLE-CALEDONIE 1 **Spatial** 20° School Temporal Rural Families/Households Seasonal aspects Australie Peri Urban Communities Inter generational 150 160° 170°E 180° Urban **Public places** Semi longitudinal









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Reminder of secondment implementation and next events

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SECONDMENTS IMPLEMENTATION 1. BEFORE YOUR FIRST SECONDMENT (M-1)



Provide your personal documents to your Insitution Admin Focal Point

- ➢ GDPR consent form
- Passport copy
- > CV / diplomas to confirm your status:
 - Experienced Researcher : has PhD or > 5years experience in Research,
 - Early Staged Researcher : PhD student
- Personnal bank details (if flat rate sent directly to you)
- > Contract / employment certificate for the duration of the project (can be dealt by your Admin Focal Point)



SECONDMENTS IMPLEMENTATION 2. BEFORE THE SECONDMENT (M-1)



Complete part 1 of your Individual Research Plan (IRP) and send it to your Insitution Admin Focal Point

- Part 1: to be sent to the secondee's institution + host insitution : 1 month prior to the secondment
- Make sure the Researcher(s) you'd like to work with will be there while you're being seconded
- Your institution's AFP will send the document to the host institution and have it signed to confirm they can host you

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FALAH SECONDMENT: SCIENTIFIC REPORT

Individual Research Plan - Part 1						
Beneficiary institution / country name*: Université de la NouvelleCalédonie (UNC) WP*:					WP 3	
		GALY	$\frac{1}{2}$	Seconded to *:		
Personal Information: Name*:			1	Seconded to ?;	University of South Facilic (USF)	
	Profile* :	ER -Experienced Researcher		Month of project*:	from*:	to*:
Pro	ofile number:	8		M21-June 2022	13 of June 2022	13 of July 2022
Missions						
Description and objectives*		Actions linked to coordination tasks , to WP3 (responsi organisation of the Workshop.₪	ble o	f the WP3) and s	upport to the	Host institution Validation: Name + title*
Methodology*		Quantitative approaches to measure diet, physical activi	t and	l health in familie:	s.Ø	LAU DR. VILIAMU IESE
Research		share methodologies linked to lifestyle and health developped in New Caledonia and devleopment of implementations in Fiji			17 Mis Care	
Planned actions*	Training	Quantitative methods for diet, physical activity and health]
	Education	participation to a seminar at USP and Ph D student training			10 May 2022	



SECONDMENTS IMPLEMENTATION 2. BEFORE THE SECONDMENT (M-1)



Organise your secondment

- Book your flight ticket : send it to your institution Admin Focal Point + host institution
- (complete a Mission Order with your flight tickets dates)
- > For fund management: see with your Admin Focal Point how your institution will proceed:
 - Transfer the flat rate (pro-rata according to the intended duration) directly to the seconded staff member in advance or via different instalments.
 - ✤ OPTION CHOSEN BY UNC FOR UNC + USP + MOET + VARTC + SINU :
 - ✓ 90% after Mission Order completed (flight ticket sent to UNC AFP)
 - \checkmark 10% once back to sending institution (boarding pass sent to UNC AFP)

OR

 managed centrally by the institution according to the specific needs of the secondment (complying with the flat rate of the consortium agreement)



SECONDMENTS IMPLEMENTATION 2. BEFORE THE SECONDMENT (M-1)



Organise your secondment

- The flat rates are intended to finance all mobility-related costs of the secondee :
- airfare
- accommodation
- visa
- local transport / shuttles
- insurance
- food

- Etc.

Secondment Type	Flat rate (person.month)
From Pacific TC : SINU, USP, MOET, VARTC	
To NC : UNC, IRD, IAC	
Or	2400 euros
From NC : UNC, IRD, IAC	
To Pacific : SINU, USP, MOET, VARTC	
From NC : UNC, IAC	
	4000 euros
To Australia : USYD, UNSW, UOW, WSU	
From Pacific TC : SINU, USP, MOET, VARTC	
	4000 euros
To Europe : IRD, UT2J, CNRS, Kula e.V	



SECONDMENTS IMPLEMENTATION 3. DURING THE SECONDMENT



□ Keep evidence of secondment implementation

- > Evidence of travel: tickets and boarding pass
- > Evidence of accomodation: hotel reservation, B&B, contract for renting an appartment, etc.

> Evidence of physical presence in the host premises:

- hosting arrangment, lab sheets, time sheets, etc.
- Paperwork/scientific article produces
- Library records to show research and innovation activities
- Exchanges of emails concerning work done, etc.



SECONDMENTS IMPLEMENTATION 4. AT THE END OF THE SECONDMENT – BEFORE RETURNING HOME

- Complete your secondment record and have it signed by the host insitution
- Send it to your admin focal point for encoding on the EU platform for the continuous reporting of the project

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To fill up, be signed by your host and print during your secondment

And then return to your Admin Focal Point at the end of your secondment

	37			GREY CELLS: To be filled by the institu	ution's Admin Focal Point	
Beneficiary institution / country name*:		Université de la NouvelleCalédonie (UNC)		Secondment eligibility check:		
Personal information:	Name*:	Olivier GALY		Staff of the sending organisation :	YES	
				Full time dedication to the project:	YES	
				Profile :	ER/ ESR	
				Profile number: On EU platform	(SYGMA)	

				SECONDMENT RECORD :	
Month of	secondme	ent's dates	WP*		Name. Date and signature of the hosting institution
project:	from*:	to*:		Date and signature of the secondee	at the end of the secondment*:
M21-June 2022	13/06/2022	13/07/2022	2	13/07/2022	LAU DR. VILIAMU IESE
ADMIN RECO	RD:				
Individual res	search plan + S	cientific report	signed by staff +	hosting institution : X	
Proof of payr	ment to staff:			X	
Justification of secondment sent to sending institution :			institution :	X	
RD encoded on SYGMA :				X	
Researcher's	questionnaire	done :			





SECONDMENTS IMPLEMENTATION 5. AFTER THE SECONDMENT (M+1)

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Reporting year : 2022

Complete part 2 of your Individual Research plan (scientific report) and sent it to your Admin focal point + host insitution : 1 month after to the secondment at the latest

Additional report can be attached

FALAH SECONDMENT: SCIENTIFIC REPORTS Scientific report (to be sent 1 month after the secondment) WP: Beneficiary institution / country name: CNRS - University of Toulouse UT2J, France secondment's dates Personal information: SERRA-MALLOL Christophe Name: Month of Profile from: to: project: February 17th April 5th 17-18 Profile number: Mission Conduct a survey of local politicians in New Caledonia (municipalities, local Congress, Provinces, CESE) to understand their perception of current and future issues of family farming, and prepare the collection materials for the Vanuatu and Salomon survey among family farming members. Participate in FALAH project meetings with project coordinators and associated webinars. Description and objectives Participate in FALAH related project meetings (SPAR, Pacific Food Lab...). Train and support Master and PhD students in research methodology, in particular using qualitative research tools. Participate in writing scientific papers. Qualitative methodology : individual and collective face-to-face interviews with local politicians. Methodology From 3rd March to 4th April (New Caledonia) Research From 18th Feb to 4th April (New Caledonia) **Effective** actions Training Scientific seminar about qualitative methodologies : 30th March (UNC, New-Caledonia) Education

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SECONDMENTS IMPLEMENTATION Recap



1. BEFORE YOUR FIRST SECONDMENT (M-1)

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2. BEFORE THE SECONDMENT (M-1)

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- Organise your secondment

3. DURING THE SECONDMENT

□ <u>Keep evidence of secondment implementation</u>

4. AT THE END OF THE SECONDMENT – BEFORE RETURNING HOME

- **Complete your secondment record and have it signed by the host insitution**
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5. AFTER THE SECONDMENT (M+1)

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FALAH next events



Event	Location	Dates				
Workshop Alimentation & Agriculture	Sydney, Australia (USYD, WSU)	21st – 24th of November 2022				
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2nd seminar & 2 workshops on WP2 and 3	New Caledonia	March 2023				



FALAH next events



Event	Location	Dates
Mid Term Meeting	Europe (Montpellier, to be confirmed)	May 2023



Necessary participants:

a) The REA staff (PO) and potentially an External Monitor (Expert) accompanying REA staff

b) The beneficiaries and the partners of the project, as well as the seconded researchers (secondees)

Purpose of the Mid-term meeting:

- To assess the general progress of the project versus its original planning and objectives

- To identify project implementation issues and identify feasible solutions
- To meet researchers seconded in the project



FALAH next events - overview



Event	Location	Dates
Seminar with 2 WS on WP2 & 3 + methodological orientation test (only with tasks and WP leaders and collaborators)	Vanuatu, Port Vila	March 2022> November 2022 🗸
Methodological & epistemological workshop and first results	Fiji	June 2022 🗸
Workshop Alimentation & Agriculture	Sydney, Australia (USYD, WSU)	November 2022
Second seminar + 2 workshops on WP2&3	Nouméa	March 2023
Mid Term Meeting	France	May 2023
First conference: presentation and dissemination of the project results	Vanuatu MOET	June 2023
Workshop enrichment & methodological intersection	Australia (UOW/UNSW)	October 2023
Third internal seminar	Solomons	May 2024
Second conference: presentation and dissemination of the project results	Fiji	October 2024
Final conference	Nouméa	June 2025







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"Family farming in the Pacific: what does it mean? How to build a collective, shared and relevant definition of FF in the Pacific?" Séverine Bouard (IAC) & Catherine Sabinot (IRD) In collaboration with Kim Jandot, etc.

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Let's start with a short quizz!





https://ahaslides.com/W9SMN



Results: Q1



Insérer les résultats de la question 1,2,3,4,5





- There is no universally accepted definition of "family farming" (Lowder and al., 2014)
- The absence of a standardised and operational definition of family farming in the censuses and the low use of this name in many regions of the world are at the origin of some confusion which implies a necessary proposal for clarification. (Bosc et al., 2018)
- For some authors, there is no confusion or debate around the term itself, except when the context in which family farming operates evolves drastically or if the family farm itself experiences some big changes. However, both conditions are here, which requires an overhaul of the concept of family farming. (Van der Ploeg, 2016).



Source: Own calculations.

Figure 1. World map with countries covered and the percent of family farms in each country <u>Benjamin E. Graeub, M. Jahi Chappell, Hannah Wittman, Samuel Ledermann, Rachel BeznerKerr, BarbaraGemmill-</u> <u>Herren</u>, 2016, **The State of Family Farms in the World, World Development, 85, 1-15**



Few illustrations of the importance of FF





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Figure 3. Share of family farmers by regional averages.

<u>Benjamin E.Graeub^aM. JahiChappell^{bc}HannahWittman^dSamuelLedermann^eRachel BeznerKerr^fBarbaraGemmill-Herren</u>, 2016, **The State of Family Farms in the** World, World Development, 85, 1-15



But smallholders family farmers doesn't mean weak contribution to world's food!





Source: Vincent Ricciardi et al. (2018). How much of the world's food do smallholders produce? *Global Food Security*. OurWorldinData.org – Research and data to make progress against the world's largest problems.

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But family farmers doesn't mean weak contribution to world's food!



A recent study (Sarah Lowder, Sanchez, and Bertini, 2019) also estimates the share produced on family farms.

- Definition of a family farm is broad: operated by an individual or group of individuals, where most labor is supplied by the family.
 - \rightarrow they can be of any size many family farms are large.
 - \rightarrow Family farms produce around 80% of the world's food.
- Smallholders and Family farmers should not be used interchangeably because they can be very different
- Increasing the productivity of smallholder farming is a crucial step in countries transitioning from poverty to middle-incomes, for example in Vanuatu
- No romanticization of a future where most still spend their time working the fields for small returns

\rightarrow Risk of being trapped in poverty

→ This is for all these reasons, that they are at the heart of the Falah project!





- High level of productivity despite less access to productive resources (inputs and support)
 →In Fiji, 84% of yams, cassava, corn and beans on only 47% of the land (FAO, 2014)
- But in the Pacific:
 - \rightarrow few data
 - \rightarrow (very) smallholders
 - \rightarrow Narrow, even very narrow market and the place on non-market practices
 - \rightarrow Variable place of cash crops
 - \rightarrow Diversity between the islands...
 - → and strong connexions with the Ocean (lagoon gardens, place of fishing activities, etc.)
- → Difficulties to embrace all rural activities: opportunities with livelihoods approach
 → What place for fishing activities?



Evolution of the use of the term "family farming" in the FAO's "The State of the World" publications

FAO: 2 definitions

Family farming is "a means of organizing agricultural, forestry, fisheries, pastoral and aquaculture production which is managed and operated by a family and predominantly reliant on family capital and labour, including both women's and men's. The family and the farm are linked, co-evolve and combine economic, environmental, social and cultural functions." »

"A family farm is an agricultural holding which is managed and operated by a household and where farm labour is largely supplied by that household."



Evolution of the use of the term "family farming" in the FAO's "The State of the World" publications





FAO regularly publishes reports in the collection "*The State of the World*" to provide a comprehensive overview of the most pressing global issues and challenges affecting the world today.

Five types of publications :

- "The State of World Fisheries and Aquaculture" (SOFIA)
- "The State of the World's Forests" (SOFO)
- "The State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World" (SOFI)
- "The State of Food and Agriculture" (SOFA)
- "The State of Agricultural Commodity Markets" (SOCO).





Number of times the term "family farming" is mentioned



- Keyword search
- "family farming","family farm", "family farms", "farm family", "farm families", "family farmer", "farmer families" and "family farmers".
- English vs Français



"The State of World Fisheries and Aquaculture" (SOFIA)





Published every two years. 14 reports.Not use before 2014.The term appears only twice.Differences between english and french

2014 Year of family farming decreed by the United Nations (UN)

> "These efforts are also very much aligned with the 2014 International Year of Family Farming, during which we will continue to highlight the importance of aquaculture – especially smallscale fish farming – and support its development." (SOFIA 2014)



"The State of the World's Forests" (SOFO)





- Published every two years. 14 reports.
- Not use before 2014.
- « "Forest dwellers are part of the group of family farmers »
- 4 times in 2016; 3 times in 2018.



"The State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World" (SOFI)



Number of times the term "Family farming" appears in "The State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World" (SOFI)



- Published annually. 20 reports.
- Not constant over time
 Family Farming as a seasonal concept ?
- Not use before 2003



"The State of Food and Agriculture"



Published annually. 71 reports.

- "farmers (who) are largely on a subsistence basis"
- English and French terms in 1957
 - * "farm families" > "ménages ruraux exploitants" or "exploitants agricoles".
 - * "farm family" > "ménages d'agriculteurs"
 - * "nonfarm families" > "ménages non agricoles"
 * "family farm ownership » > "propriété familiale" or
 "petite propriété familiale"
 - * "family farm" > "exploitations familiales".
- Place of fishing in family farming visible only in 2014: l'agriculture familiale regroupe *"entre autres, les petits et moyens exploitants, les populations autochtones, les communautés traditionnelles, les pêcheurs, les bergers, les habitants des forêts et les cueilleurs"*.

Number of times the term "family farming" is mentioned in SOFA





"The State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World" (SOFI)



What does family farming significate for people who live on several family activities?

- > How is the term "family farming" perceived by the people of the Pacific?
- > Does this perception correspond to the official definition of the term, proposed by the FAO?





> 5 main questions to ask to various actors in 2 or more states/islands

- 1. General question: if I say "family farming", **what do you mean**?
- 2. Type of activities: for you, what does family farming include in terms of activities?
- 3. Subsistence activities: Does this include all activities that provide food?
- 4. Other activities: What are the other activities than the cultivation of the field that allow you to feed yourself? what should we add to our list of important activities to eat?
- 5. Hunting/fishing: for example, is hunting or fishing considered family farming in your opinion?

Who would like to carry out the short questionnaire surveys in his/her island and contribute to the paper?


Interview 's guide

- Do you have any comment on the proposal?
- Do you have any comment on the bibliography analysis ?
- Would like to carry out the short questionnaire surveys in your island and contribute to the paper?
- Would you like to modify the questions before
 O. Galy submits the questionnary to the ethics committee?

Let's debate now or and/or write to

Catherine Sabinot - <u>Catherine.sabinot@ird.fr</u> Kim Jandot - <u>Kim.Jandot@hotmail.fr</u> Séverine Bouard - <u>bouard@iac.nc</u> Fishers & Fishing in Family Farming:

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Is it concrete ? Is it anchored in local realities as well as in regional institutions?







Family Farming and Fisheries in Solomon Islands

Cultural and socio-economic context

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Outline



- 1. Background—SIs
- 2. Family farming in Solomon Islands
- 3. Farming and fisheries for Solomon Is
- 4. Management measures
- 5. Research ideas—forward thinking
- 6. Challenges & conclusion





- An archipelago of 992 islands (347 inhabited)
- Landmass ~28,000 sq km
- EEZ is 1.63 million sq km
- Reef area is 5,750 sq km
- Population~694,619 (2020), 722,392 (2022)
- Annual growth rate ~3.8% (one of the highest)
- 40% <15 yrs,58% b/w 15-64 yrs., 2% over 65 yrs.



1. Background–Solomon Is



- SIs is growing with a very young population
- ~85% of the population lives in coastal rural villages who rely on subsistence farming & fishing
- Fish consumption per capita is~33kg/yr.





Subsistence farming and fishing in Solomon Islands



2. Farmily farming—Solomon Is



- Food and nutrition security in SIs—subsistence gardens
- Farming methods slush and burning
- Evolving of farming methods: Organic farming



Coastal farming, Choiseul Is: Photo Jim Damusaru.



Organic farming in Guadalcanal.



2.Family farming—Solomon Is



- Food in daily life: staple crops + fish
- Food customs at ceremonial occasions



Common island kitchen set up: Photo Jim Damusaru



AUF (1)



2.Family farming—Solomon Is

 Policy and institutional constraints for smallholders and rural growth



Family farming and fisheries in Solomon Islands

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3. Farming & fisheries for SIs



- Source of protein
- Source of income
- \circ employment
- traditional shell money
- totems, sacred species & paintings
- Traditional medicine
- Cultural values
- Contribute to SIs'GDP.





3.1 Inshore/coastal fisheries



- Artisanal annual production ~ \$USD7M (Kile, 2000)
- Artisanal annual production ~\$USD9.63M (Gillet & Lightfoot, 2002)
- Arena et al. (2015) valued inshore subsistence fisheries at SBD442 million per year (\$USD 52M)

Key Export Value Species

Sea cucumber, Trochus shell, Seaweed, Shark fins, Reef fish(fillet), Aquarium fish & Spiny lobsters



3.2 Target species



Finfishes

- Women—coastal finfish spp
- Children—coastal finfish spp
- Men—deep reef-fish spp & tuna

Invertebrates

- Echinoderms
- Mollusks
- Crustaceans
- Cephalopods
- Cnidarians



3.3 Methods of fishing

- Gleaning
- Spear-fishing
- Gill-netting
- Hand-lining
- Traditional methods ('Kura' & 'Ara')
- Traps
- Use of dynamite (Issue)





A community member fishing with hook and line: Source: KAKEN Project, November 2021







- Focus: seaweed farming & tilapia farming.

Early 90's export of farmed tiger prawns

• Peanut fish (*Sticopus horrens*) (MFMR).





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3.5 Offshore fisheries—export value

- Dominated by tuna fishing; purseseine, longline and pole and line
- Tuna is a regional resource in Western and Central Pacific Ocean
- The annual catch of the four main tuna species (albacore, bigeye, skipjack & yellowfin) from the Pacific region averages around 2.5 million tonnes, with about 6% of this coming from Solomon Islands waters.



Annual catch estimates in Solomon Islands waters for 2013–2017 for (from top to bottom) albacore, big eye, skipjack and yellowfin tuna, for the three gear types operating in the Solomon Islands (source: SPC quoted in MFMR, 2019).





TUNA SPECIES CATCH-2000-2011





Tuna species catch was dominated by skipjack. MFMR, 2019



Tuna is exported as:



- Frozen
- Canned
- Smoked
- Fishmeal
- Chilled
- Loin







- Depletion of important commercial species is very evident
- Generally effort is higher as compared to the "good old days"
- Due to high fishing pressure
 - shift from subsistence to cash base
 - increase population



Tuna is locally bottled at DoFS/SINU





Tuna Bottling at DoFS for students and fishing communities 2022. Department of Fisheries Studies



4. Management measures—Inshore fisheries



- Ban for export
- Size limits
- Gear restrictions
- Reduce fishing pressure Aquaculture Options

- iFADs

- Management Plans for key commercial species
- Encourage Marine Protected Areas and Managed Areas through CBRM/CBFM and EAFM approaches.
- NGO partners Monitoring in project sites





- Solomon Islands managing Tuna together with other countries as part of Regional Cooperation through: PNA (Parties to the Nauru Agreement), FFA, W
- Tuna management plan.
- Vessel Day Scheme (VDS)
- New Policy: To land tuna catches onshore
- Encourage onshore based investments (MFMR, 2019)



Organic aquaculture and fence farming at DoFS/SINU: Photos: Jim Damusaru References: Jung et al, 2019 & Damusaru et al, 2022 (unpublished paper)

Family farming and fisheries in Solomon Islands

CTRAV A R T



5.1 Data collection & processing

- Socioeconomic studies— Qualitative
 - Household, schools census surveys
- Physical (substrate/water/plants)
 - Habitats, satellite imagery, mapping changes
 - Temperature, pH, nitrates, phosphates
 - Plants & animals growth performances
- Challenges
 - Translating results to actions
 - Cost, lag time in processing and producing results





Census surveys Source: KAKEN Project, November 2018



6.0 Challenges



- Growing population—pressures on resources
- Politics (village, provincial, state, national)
- Levels of governance
- Political will to act or devolve authority to manage resources
- Lower priority for coastal fisheries (intergrated aquaculture)
- Legal framework





- Cultural/traditional values and practices
- Non-collaborations amongst practioners
- Limited resources/opportunities at community/school levels
- What exactly are the effects of climate change?
- Pests and diseases outbreaks.





- Farming in SIs is threaten by growing pests & diseases due to CC (MAL, 2022)
- Synergic sustainable farming systems—Intergrated sustainable aquaculture practices
- Family farming and fisheries management; gathering data and manage the people to address issues affecting food security in Solomon Islands.



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Fising leaf blong vilage pipol

Painting: Iduramoa Junior. Fishing life of village people, West Guadalcanal artisanal fishing communities. Source: KAKEN Project, November 2018.











Methodological orientation test, methodological approaches and first results

25^{th,}, 26th and 27th of October 2022 National University of Vanuatu, Port Vila

Day 2 Stream: Ideas and methods for building a collective, shared and relevant definition and issues of Family Farming in the Pacific

Methodology for a scoping review of donor aid to support family faming and food security in the Pacific region

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- Structure of Presentation— Methodological issues around:
- 1. Scoping review
- 2. Donor Aid
- 3. Family farming
- 4. Pacific Islands







PLOS SUSTAINABILITY AND TRANSFORMATION

Food Security in PICTs: A Scoping Review

- What is a **scoping review**?
- Type of literature review but not critiquing quality of publications (not a systemic literature review)
- Scoping review finds literature and allows for construction of general themes (ie. gender/land ownership/climate change/export/local kaikai)
- Look at all available published literature online — academic and 'grey' literature from agencies whose main job is not publication (governments, NGOs etc)
- Key word searches
- Very large number of results



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Lit review from 2022 article on Relationship between **food security** and **small holder farming** in the PICTs (22 Pacific states and territories). (La sécurité alimentaire et petite exploitation agricole) - led by Nichole Georgeou (WSU)



Fig 3. Study selection process. Source: Created by authors.





- Scoping review of Donor Aid to support family farming in Pacific Islands
- Lots of academic material on aid
- Lots of government publications on aid
- Largely *from* governments

 (Aus, NZ, China, US, Japan, Taiwan, EU)
 so much more Grey literature
- Probably multiple languages—English, French, Japanese, Chinese
- donor aid to family farming (emphasis has been on export agriculture)
- Concentrate on Melanesia? (FALAH case studies)







- **Donor Aid** largely from governments (Aus, NZ, China, US, Japan, Taiwan + multilateral agencies FAO)
- Agricultural promotion/family farming so is this a distinction between :
- agriculture for export and agriculture for domestic consumption
- Lots of information on agriculture for export (so do we include this?)
- Argument: "Contributes to small farmer food security sale of cocoa/vanilla/ = \$\$\$\$ = food = food security"
- Less on support for family farming
- Rationale: "Programs to support farmers produce for local market"
- Do we make a distinction?
- Do we include aquaculture?
- Maybe: All aid programs aimed at small farmers and agricultural/aquacultural production
- So either for local market or for export











Family farming

• "What is family farming?"

"family and/or community farming of fresh, locally produced food that is either "integral subsistence systems" or "mixed subsistence cash cropping",

• NOT — the plantation mode of farming (comme ici)

- Small holder
- Normally families F/M/enfants (households — les ménages)
- Consumption AND sale at market

(l'apport alimentaire ET vente au marché = nutrition + \$\$\$)







- Pacific Islands scope
- Just Melanesia?
- Or do we want a general Pacific picture?
- Most aid goes to
- (PNG ?)
- Solomon Islands
- Vanuatu
- Fiji
- New Caledonia (France) technically not "aid"




Methodology for a scoping review of donor aid to support family faming and food security in the Pacific region



Towards a possible scoping review

Terms:

- All FALAH Pacific case studies
- Food security
- Aid/Donor aid
- Agriculture
- Types of produce
- Aquaculture
- Lit from donors (Aus, NZ/EU/China/Taiwan, ADB, World Bank)
- Family farming/small farmer
- Domestic/export market
- English/French/Japanese/Chinese

The following combination of subject headings and keywords were used: "Pacific Island." OR "Kiribati" OR "Tuvalu" OR "Micronesia" OR "Papua New Guinea" OR "Nauru" OR "Palau" OR "Solomon Island." OR "Marshall Island." OR "Samoa" OR "American Samoa" OR "Cook Island." OR "Fiji" OR "New Caledonia" OR "Tokelau" OR "French Polynesia" OR "Niue" OR "Tonga" OR "Guam" OR "Vanuatu" OR "Pitcairn Island" OR "Mallis and Future" OR "Northern Mariana Island." OR "Foderated States of

OR "Wallis and Futuna" OR "Northern Mariana Island." OR "Federated States of Micronesia"

OR "Polynesia" OR "Melanesia"

AND

"food secur." OR "food insecurit." OR "food suppl." OR "food inequalit." OR "food market ." OR "food availability." OR "food access." OR "food utilisation" OR "food utilization" OR "asset creation"

AND

"small holder agriculture" OR "agriculture." OR "fresh food" OR "farm produc." OR "fresh produc." OR "leafy green." OR "vegetable." OR "legume." OR "bean." OR "gourd." OR "nut." OR "local" OR "farm." OR "local farmer." OR "farmer market." OR "community supported agriculture" OR "sustainable agriculture" OR "fruit.".

Lit review key terms from 2022 article on Relationship between **food security** and **small holder farming** in the PICTs (22 Pacific states and territories).

(La sécurité alimentaire et petite exploitation agricole)

- led by Nichole Georgeou (WSU): English only



Methodology for a scoping review of donor aid to support family faming and food security in the **Western Pacific region**



• Georgeou et. Al 2022 Scoping review of family farming and food security in PICTs (had some aid donor publications)

• Way forward:

Nichole and team at WSU — lots of experience

- Colleagues at UNC (French) Practice workshop in Australia
- Outcome: Combined English French (bilingual) research on donor aid support for family farming and asset creation in Melanesia
- Gaps in Japanese and Chinese language
- Research assistants with language skills
- Any Questions?
- Merci beaucoup/Tanku Tumas/Thank you









Protocol Strengths weaknesses and resilience for family farming, lifestyle and health in Pacific islands

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General context

PICTs:

- Rapid socio-economic transitions
- Climate change and future consequences
- Sanitary risks

 \rightarrow HIGH **VULNERABILITIES**









These **vulnerabilities** are progressively transformed in pandemics including : *obesity *undernutrition *climate change

*sanitary risks







(Swimburn et al. 2019)

A **Syndemic**, or synergy of epidemics, co-occur in time and place, interact with each other to produce complex sequelae, and share common underlying societal drivers







*So different models of sustainability society are necessary to understand

*It is a priority for scientists to think about a problem and/or a solution with different expertise

*Thinking both the **global and the specific is necessary** because singularity of each environment is the way to solve specific problem

*AND in the same time, **common frameworks** to do research and knowledge transfer is a key point to learn about populations in specific socioeconomic environment in different countries.





To reach this objective, working with family farmers, custom, governments, researchers, inter and non-governmental institutions from different perspectives will help to learn from each other and offer locally fitted sustainable interventions.

SO, the aim is to survey stakeholders about FF, lifestyle and health to contribute towards identifying socially and politically sustainable routes to well being with improved cultural, health, environmental and economic outcomes and identify priority areas for FALAH research program.





Protocol



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22,23,24 Nov 2022 SYDNEY Workshop

March 2023

addressed to family farmers, Survey community leaders, and policy makers

Enter the Survey Access Code

Start the survey by following the steps below.

1.) Go to this web address:

https://redcap.unc.nc/surveys/

2.) Then enter this code:

RTMEEA7MY





Survey addressed to experts on Pacific region

🗼 Enter the Survey Access Code

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Publications rules & co-authoring



1- Open access for all the publications

2-Acknowledgments:

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3-What is an author?

https://www.icmje.org/recommendations/browse/roles-and-responsibilities/defining-the-role-of-authorsand-contributors.html

The ICMJE recommends that authorship be based on the following 4 criteria:

-Substantial contributions to the conception or design of the work; or the acquisition, analysis, or interpretation of data for the work; AND

-Drafting the work or revising it critically for important intellectual content; AND

-Final approval of the version to be published; AND

-Agreement to be accountable for all aspects of the work in ensuring that questions related to the accuracy or integrity of any part of the work are appropriately investigated and resolved.

- Survey addressed to family farmers (families and households), community leaders
- (customary authorities, associations, clusters, spiritual,...)
- and policy makers (districts, cities, provinces, governments, ...):
- Q1-Your Country: NC, Fiji, Vanuatu, Solomon Islands, Papua New Guinea, etc.
- Q1bis- You are: A male, A female, Not specified
- Q2-In this survey, you consider to represent:
- -family farmer group (families and households),
- -community leader group (customary, spirituality, associations, clusters,...),
- -policy maker group (districts, cities, provinces, governments, ONG, inter-governemental institution,...)
- PART 1: Family farming
- Q3.1- According to you, what are the big challenges of your society that you are facing regarding family farming?
- Q3.2-According to you, what are the causes?
- Q3.3-What are the possible ways to manage the situation for positive change?
- Q3.4-What means do you think are most missing/needed to understand the situation and manage the situation?

PART 2 : LIFESTYLE Definition: Lifestyle of a person can be understood as the combination of daily physical activity, diet and sleep behaviors that are influenced by social, spatial and temporal components in which the person lives Q4.1-According to you, what are the big challenges of your society that you are facing regarding lifestyle? Q4.2- According to you, what are the causes? Q4.3-What do you think about the possible ways to manage the situation for positive change?

Q4.4 -What means do you think are most missing/needed to understand the situation and manage the situation?





Survey addressed to experts on Pacific region (academics, scientists, engineers, ...) :

Q1-Your Country:

Q1bis- You are: A male, A female, Not specified

Q2- You are: researcher, phd student, post doc, engineer, academic,...

PART 1: FAMILY FARMING

Q3.1- According to you, what are the biggest challenges facing society with regard to family farming? *If you are involved in different pacific countries, please be precise it for each country.*

Q3.2- According to you, what are the <u>causes?</u>

If you are involved in different pacific countries, please be precise for each country. Q3.3- What do you think about the possible ways that could be implemented to <u>manage the situation for positive change</u>?

If you are involved in different pacific countries, please be precise for each country.

Q3.4- What means do you think are most missing/needed to understand the situation and manage the situation?

If you are involved in different pacific countries, please be precise for each country

PART 2 : LIFESTYLE

Q4.1- According to you, what are the biggest challenges facing society with regard to lifestyle?

If you are involved in different pacific countries, please be precise for each country.

Q4.2- According to you, what are the causes?

If you are involved in different pacific countries, please be precise for each country.

Q4.3- What do you think about the possible ways that could be implemented to <u>manage the situation for positive change</u>? *If you are involved in different pacific countries, please be precise for each country.*

Q4.4 - What means do you think are most missing/needed to understand the situation and manage the situation? *If you are involved in different pacific countries, please be precise for each country.*











Hello fellow Fala colleagues, I am happy to represent SINU FALA team on this family farming research field work in the Solomon islands









Title: Family farming research field work in the Solomon islands; a case study on rural Makira community & urban Honiara schools/communities Joshua, Leeroy (Sinu fala team rep)

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- ACTIVITIES
 - i. Identifications of study sites

Urban schools/communities
Peri-urban schools/communities
Rural schools/communities

ii. Design questionnaire

- □ capture farmers/farm production approaches to food security in terms of
 - i. Production systems(subsistence, commercial or mix mode)
 - ii. Type of vegetables cultivated- influence diet pattern/nutrition







iii. Field data collections

□ farmers/farm postharvest practices at farm gate & along supply chain till reach market centres

Given Farm produce food loss







Sample sites:

1. Urban schools are:

- St Nicolas college secondary school
- Kukum SDA primary school



Urban Day school without farm on site







1. Peri-urban schools

- Betikama Adventist College
- Burnscreek community primary school





Boarding School with farming area







3. Rural schools

- St Joseph Tenaru Catholic secondary
- Ruavatu community high school



























"Methods, timeline for research with schools, communities, students"

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WP4

WP 3, WP4 and research questions



WP2	 2.1 Gather and summarize knowledge on cropping practices, consumption, innovation and the dynamics of family farming 2.2 Improve understanding of how family farming functions through ecological, economic, sociological and spatial dimensions and how it adapts to the environment
WP3	 3.1 Examine the effects of family farming on lifestyle and its impact on the health and well-being 3.2 Explore diet and physical activity in families practicing family farming 3.3 Analyze inter-generational benefit on family farming lifestyle

4.1 Compare traditional family farming practices, its adaptation to the environment and identify best practices to disseminate

4.2 Examine the role of school in promoting food education, physical activity, and changing dietary habits

4.3 Share new knowledge to develop sustainable intervention strategies that can help people from other regions

4.4 Accumulate, cross and share traditional and scientific knowledge on small-scale farming and eating habits to establish production and consumption strategies adapted to the socio-cultural context.



FALAH framework Components







Ethics

The Ethics Consultative Comittee of New Caledoina validated FALAH project in November 2020



Avis 2020-11 002 rendu par le Comité Consultatif d'Éthique de Nouvelle-Calédonie pour les Sciences de la Vie et de la Santé (CCE NC SVS) en vue de la mise en place du projet :

FALAH - Promouvoir et redynamiser l'agriculture familiale en Océanie afin d'améliorer l'alimentation des families

Présenté par Olivier Galy

Lors de l'assemblée plénière du CCE NC SVS du 23 novembre 2020

Le Comité Consultatif d'Éthique de la Nouvelle-Calédonie pour les Sciences de la Vie et de la Santé s'est réuni ce 23 novembre 2020, en formation régulière dans les conditions prévues par l'article 59 de la délibération modifiée 228 du 13 décembre 2006, pour donner son avis sur le projet FALAH dans le cadre de la délibération modifiée 228 du 13-12-2006, art. 52, 2nd alinéa, – ce comité a pour mission d'émettre un avis et de rédiger des recommandations sur les questions éthiques soulevées par les nouvelles technologies, la recherche et les progrès de la connaissance dans les domaines de la biologie, de la médecine et de la santé +, et, art. 56 + le comité.....peut être saisi par....un établissement public ou privé, une fondation ou une association. Établissements, fondations ou associations doivent avoir pour objet principal la recherche, le développement technologique médical ou le progrès de la connaissance dans les domaines de la biologie, de la médecine et de la santé....*.

Projet

Par correspondance en date du 21 octobre 2020, Olivier Galy confirme saisir le CCE NC SVS du projet suivant : FALAH - Promouvoir et redynamiser l'agriculture familiale en Océanie afin d'améliorer l'alimentation des familles.

Le projet FALAH, qui sera réalisé par l'Université de Nouvelle-Calédonie, a pour ambition de trouver des solutions innovantes pour l'alimentation.

Décision

Le projet est conforme aux critères éthiques et les réserves émises en séance plénière ont fait l'objet d'un correctif qui donne satisfaction. Il n'y a donc pas d'opposition à sa validation par le CCE NC SVS.

L'avis donné au projet est favorable.

Le présent avis, communiqué à Olivier Galy, et au Gouvernement de la Nouvelle-Calédonie sera par ailleurs expressément mentionné au Journal Officiel de la Nouvelle-Calédonie, et intégralement cité sur le site internet de la DASS NC. Il est toutefois rappelé que les avis fournis par notre Comité ne sont pas ceux d'un Comité de Protection des Personnes (CPP) dont le CCE NC SVS n'a pas les attributions.

Pour le Comité Consultatif d'Éthique de Nouvelle-Calédonie pour les Sciences de la Vie et de la Santé,

> Nouméa, le 17 février 2021 Le Président, Docteur Frédéric TOUZAIN





Tools, methods & metrics For WP2 & WP3





	Each	n participant is alloca	ted an ID number -	Data in th	ne platform are de identified		
Theme	Level of observation	Variables	Tools	Methods	Units	Time of observation	
Forsily	Members of the household	Farming-related activities of each member	Questionnaire/interview	mixed	N/A		
		Land use/cultivated area	Questionnaire	Quantitative	sq meters or acre]	
	Household	Agricultural equipment, fishing gear	Itural equipment, fishing gear Questionnaire Quantitative local c		local currency & USD	1- Data collected at	
farming and		Crop, Livestock production, fisheries, hunting	Questionnaire	Quantitative	kg	- 2- time scale: one day	
iveinoous		Destination (auto- consumption, gift, sell)	Questionnaire	Quantitative	local currency & USD, kg	per year	
		Crop production, livestock, hunting and fishing costs	Questionnaire	Quantitative	local currency & USD, kg		
		Monetary incomes	Questionnaire	Quantitative	local currency & USD		
Nutrition		Diet & nutrition	24hr dietary intake survey (Digital)	Mixed	Categories, % of diet, mg, g, calories		
	Members of the household	Diet & nutrition	Food Frequency Questionnaire	quantitative	portions, unit/week	home in the family ;	
		Assessment of processed food consumed	NOVA classification	Mixed	% in each NOVA category	2- time scale is of one day (can be repeated over the year)	
	Household	Number and time of meals	Questionnaire	Quantitatif	number of occurrence		
	Community	Food environement (shops selling food)	Questionnaire/existing database	Quantitatif	NOVA classification for food available in shops		
Physical activity	Members of the household	Physical activity (Type of activities, mode of transportation etc) and sleep	Questionnaires, Wrist Accelerometry, heart rate sensors and GPS	Mixed	Nature of activities, duration (min), frequency, time (min/day), Heart rate variability (day), Distance (m or km/day) and area of daily activities (m2/day)", sleep duration (hr) and quality	1- Data collected at community level, 2- Time scale if one year"	
	Household	Physical activity equipment	Questionnaire / interview	Qualitative	Number and nature of equipment	1	
	Community	Land use	Questionnaire / interview	Mixed	Equipment / natural and built environement with regards to physical activity	-	
Descriptive variables & Health outcome variables		Descriptive variables: Age, gender, education, occupation	Questionnaire/interview	mixed	year, N/A		
	Members of the	Health questionnaire	Questionnaire	Qualitative	N/A	1- Data collected at home in the family 2-time scale: day of measure	
	household	Body composition	Bioimpedancemetry/scale	Quantitative	Kg, Body Fat %, Total Body Water %, Muscle Mass, Physique Rating, Bone Mineral Mass, Basal Metabolic Rate, Metabolic Age, Body Mass Index, Visceral Fat		
		Body height	Height gauge/ruler	Quantitative	cm	1	
		Well being	Well being index	Quantitative	index]	
		Waist	Measuring tape	Quantitative	cm		

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Tools, methods and metrics Tools and Data management



Examples of issues to avoid : similar questions but with :

- Differents units betwen countries (kilograms vs percentages).
- Differents variables names.
- Differents ways to construct the database (all tubers vs each tuber type).

So comparisons possiblities betwen the 2 countries are limited !





Tools, methods and metrics Tools and Data management



Another example of issues to avoid : anthropometrics data

- Outliers data for height (cm) and weight (kgs).
- Errors in data entry.
- In some cases, not the same units during the data entry.





Tools, methods and metrics Tools and Data management

- To avoid these kind of issues, permit database construction and standardization, we will use the Redcap software for Data collection.
- Permit offline data collection on phones/tablets and improve data sharing.
- Adaptation (at the margin) of questionnaires for the different countries.
- We will provide a training on this tool for everybody in March 2023.

Tablets

Digital questionnaires / survey

- Descriptive & Health outcome variables
- ✓ Family farming and livelihoods
- ✓ Physical activity
- ✓ Etc.



RESEARCHER INTERFACE

- 1. Research Database Access (Log in)
- 2. eCohorte Database
- 3. Participant inclusion (UUID)
- 4. Participant recorded
- 5. Participant consent
- 6. Participant follow-up
- 7. Online dashboard
- 8. Attachment file
- 9. Online data export and analysis







	VANUATU (3 JUNE -3 July 2023)		SOLOMON ISLANDS (SEPT 2023)		FIJI (to be determined)		NC (2022, 2023)		PNG (to be det.)	
HIGH SCHOOLS	RURAL (Lycée Luganville Santo, Lycée Norsup Malekula)	URBAN (Lycée Antoine de Bougainville, Port Vila; Lycée Montmartre, Port Vila)	RURAL (Betikana, Temaru)	URBAN (Honiara)	RURAL (Nausuri)	URBAN (To be determined)	RURAL (Collège de Koumac, Collège de Lifou)	URBAN (Collège de Magenta; collège de Champagnat, Nouméa)	RU RAL	UR BA N
Adolescents 11 - 16 years	N=200	N=200	N=200	N=200	N=200	N=200	N=200	N=200		
Teams on site	UNC, IAC, IRD, UNV, MOET, VARTC, USYD	UNC, IAC, IRD, UNV, MOET, VARTC, USYD	UNC, SINU, and other teams depending on secondements	UNC, SINU, and other teams depending on secondements	USP, UNC, and other teams depending on secondements	USP, UNC, and other teams depending on secondements	UNC, IRD, IAC	UNC, IRD, IAC		
Parents & grand- parents	10+10	10+10	10+10	10+10	10+10	10+10	10+10	10+10		
ADOLESCENTS -2 individual questionnaires + 1 FAMILIES :										

qualitative interview on food, lifestyle and health
Body composition measures
Physical fitness tests
-50 adolescents will wear randomly a bracelet to measure physical activity during 7 days.
-TALANOA with adolescents in schools -1 Family farming questionnaire+1 qualitative interview with a scientist
-1 individual questionnaire/interview on food, lifestyle and health
-body composition measure
- physical fitness test
-50 parents will wear randomly a bracelet to measure physical activity during 7 days.

COMMUNITIES/ PUBLIC PLACES:

-Surveys on the markets

- Mapping of food and physical environments
- Traditional knowledge, practices and resilience in campus students
 Etc.









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Research articles here





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"Towards new methods for integrating Pacific Island community knowledge and practices on nature and family farming into scientific studies"

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Title: "Towards new methods for integrating Pacific Island community knowledge and practices on nature and family farming into scientific studies"

Sub Title: WHY? 1) To acknowledge the value of family farming

My own experience

- Cyclone UMA, 1987 Effects on Efate landscape
 - Family farming is less vulnerable than modern production

 Cyclone PAM, 2015, Effectiveness of « traditionnal » shelters against winds of 300 km/h








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Sub Title: WHY? 1) To acknowledge the value of family farming

• Small scale fishing in Vanuatu, 1983-1991

Public bodies assumption : family fishing has no economic value as mainly devoted to self consumption

Reality : family fishing save 5% of the trade balance of Vanuatu

• Methods to achieve this result

a) Transforming the sea food production into proteins intake

b) Pricing the seafood proteins intake by using the price of tinned fish proteins







Sub Title: WHY? 2) Integrating local knowledge into decision-making

- Main assumption : decision-making in agriculture, including public policies, should be based on scientific results
- Consequences:
 - a) Pacific Island community knowledge and practices on nature and family farming become objects of scientific study
 - b) science can be used to strengthen these knowledge and practices and to highlight their rationality

Pacific Island community knowledge and practices on nature and family farming ?







Sub Title: science for strengthening practices and highlighting their rationality

The example of LMMAs Locally-Managed Marine areas

LMMAs aim to revive traditional taboos by prohibiting all fishing for several months or years at a village scale

Main assumption of promoters of LMMAs: LMMA is efficient because fishing and management are carried out at the same geographical level by the same stakeholders.

Science outputs

- LMMAs are ineffective in terms of stock replenishment if carried out at the village level. The biological fonctionnal unit may be quite wider than the social functionnal unit. Effective LMMAs require:

- 1. a strong governance at the village level
- 2. Coodinations between villages







Sub Title: WHY? 3) Improving the efficiency of decision-making

• Assumption : integrating local knowledge and rationality of local practices into decision making improves the social acceptance of decision-making





Sub Title: WHAT KNOWLEDGE AND PRACTICES ?

a) Topic (dealing with)

b) Value of (according to the goal)How can we assess the value of practices or knowledge?

c) Empirical knowledge and practices

on what evidence ? for what purpose? Rationality of action

d) Inherited knowledge and practices,

What is the rationality of local practices according to local stakeholders ? Valuable input of Science to understand and revive this rationality ?









Need to collect data

- Interviews
- Observation of practices

Need to

1) analyse data

2) rank data



3) keep some data (according their value) and discard the others





Sub Title: Key point 1: Rationality

- Assumption a): Any decision-making is guided by rationality
- Assumption b): Family farming can be seen as built with several layers of rationality, corresponding each with a distinct group of stakeholders







Sub Title: Key point 2: Rationality and awareness of heterogeneous ways for thinking the world











Sub Title: Key point 2: Rationality and awareness of heterogeneous ways for thinking the world

How scientists and economists see local communities

For scientists, human populations are part of the ecosystem

For economists, nature should be internalized into the market economy

For both, nature provide ecosystem services to local communities •How remote local communities see their world

For local people, nature is part of their territory

And does not provide any ecological services because

the concepts of biodiversity and ecosystem are totally allien to their way of thinking the world



Sub Title: Key point 3 Value of knowledge and practices

Point 1 : The total amount of Pacific Island community knowledge and practices on nature and family farming is too big for collecting and storing.

Point 2 : crucial need for selecting kwowledge and practices.







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Sub Title: Towards Future, protected areas for education

A way to bridge local knowledge on nature and scientific knowledge on biodiversity









Sub Title: Towards Future, gardening in schools

A way to revive local knowledge (gardeners story telling)

and to bring scientific knowledge about plants, soil, ecosystem







Sub Title: Towards Future, poultry in school

A way to change the mind and move towards ecological intensification











The SPAR protocol: "Indigenous Knowledge, Practices and Resilience in the Pacific" (SPAR-Pacific) Pacific Islands University Research Network Grant



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The Knowledge, Indigenous Practices and Resilience in the Pacific Islands (SPAR-Pacific) project focuses specifically on family perceptions and practices among New Caledonian and Vanuatu students and their families in 2022 in the Post COVID-19 Pandemic context.

Objective 1: Measure the existence and activation of traditional knowledge and practices among New Caledonian and Ni-Vanuatu students.

Objective 2: To appreciate the associated perceptions and intangible aspects of youth.

Objective 3: Understand the modes of development, expression, and transmission after the COVID-19 pandemic in relation to the socio-economic and natural environment of young people





Indigenous knowledge and practices constitute "a set of knowledge shared by a human group, which is transmitted and transformed, in connection with the ecology of this group. This knowledge covers :

languages,	literatures,	arts,	crafts,	rituals,
games,	gastronomy,	medicine,		management of
natural resources	(fauna, flora,	soil, water),		architecture,
artifacts,		orientation in space,	etc.	

They are both a way of seeing the world and a way of living it. »



on Indigenous Issues



Context and research questions





2.1 Gather and summarize knowledge on cropping practices, consumption, innovation and the dynamics of family farming

2.2 Improve understanding of how family farming functions through ecological, economic, sociological and spatial dimensions and how it adapts to the environment

WP3

WP2

3.1 Examine the effects of family farming on lifestyle and its impact on the health and well-being3.2 Explore diet and physical activity in families practicing family farming3.3 Analyze inter-generational benefit on family farming lifestyle

4.1 Compare traditional family farming practices, its adaptation to the environment and identify best practices to disseminate

4.2 Examine the role of school in promoting food education, physical activity, and changing dietary habits

4.3 Share new knowledge to develop sustainable intervention strategies that can help people from other regions

4.4 Accumulate, cross and share traditional and scientific knowledge on small-scale farming and eating habits to establish production and consumption strategies adapted to the socio-cultural context.

WP4



Context and research questions







Protocol



Commune de Nouméa

NSPE

Localisation de la zone d'étude





Test the questionnaire



Take the place of a student and do the survey

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSddzMDbEVxi-7ailtpUmmIYIy3-qhf1rk-csSa-oOs2rsI_hg/viewform





2- Launch the study in February 2023

UNC: rural and urban campus

3- Identify complementary funds for 2023-2024



Preliminary results





N=482 participants



N=380













N=16













Preliminary results



Concernant la préparation des aliments, utilisez-vous les produits issus des activités familiales 482 réponses



Figure 9 : graphique a, préparations des aliments issus des activités



Concernant la conservation des aliments, diriez-vous que vous utilisez des méthodes traditionnelles (fumage, séchage, stockage, etc.) po... ou du jardin, cueillette, élevage, chasse, pêche) 482 réponses









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Use of cultural practices to enhance student's performance in Mathematics Implementation and assessment of an experiment on sand drawing METSAN, Pierre

3rd Year PhD Student

With the supervision of Pr. Catherine RIS, And the Collaboration of Pr. Jean-Marie FOTSING (Leader FALAH Project) LARJE, UNIVERSITY OF NEW CALEDONIA Keywords : Mathematics, Students, Cultural Practices, Assessment, Vanuatu.

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CONTEXT OF THE STUDY Fala Links and Findings



- Research Questions (FALAH link) => WP4: 4.3 Share new knowledge to develop sustainable intervention strategies that can help people from other regions.
- Elaboration of a culturally and locally based curriculum (VNCS, 2010:34)
- Address low performance of Ni Vanuatu secondary school students (MOET, 2021).
- Why Sand drawing ?
- Use mathematical character of Ni-Vanuatu sand drawing and pedagogical implications (Ascher 1988, 1991, Da Silva 2022,)



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OBJECTIVES AND HYPOTHESIS Sub Title:



- Undertake a pedagogical experiment on sand drawing and assess its effectiveness on students performance in mathematics.
- Regular practice of sand drawing with the experimental group of students during 5 months enhances their mathematics performance compared to the test group of students.
- Practice of sand drawing in classroom over time can increase secondary school students' academic skills in mathematics.









Holistic/Te Huinga model

Sand Drawing Experimental Design





Culturally Responsive Teaching Models, (Averill et al, 2009)



Randomised Control Trial Methodology, (Duflo, 2009)





Experiment Results

- Hypothesis H0: Equality of Means : POST-PRE = 0
- Hypothesis H1: POST-PRE ≥ 0

Hypothesis Tests	Difference of Mean	Results	Interpretation	
Test A: H0	GTEM PRE - GTEST PRE	H0 (90%)	Similarity of Control and Experimental group prior the intervention.	
Test B: H0	GTEM POST - GTEM PRE	H0 (95%)		
Test C: H1	GTEST POST - GTEST PRE	H1 (45%)	Slight positive Impact of the pedagogical use of sand sa	
Test D: H1	GTEST POST - GTEM POST	H1 (45%)		







- A slight impact was statistically perceptible.
- Teachers noted students' increasing interest in practicing sand drawings, as well as discussing their mathematical characteristics.
- Sand drawing experiment seems to have raised students' engagement and motivation in practicing mathematics.
- Expand semi-directive interviews with teachers on the integration of cultural practices activities.
- Develop and experiment lesson plan on other cultural practices.
- To what extent the use of cultural practices can contribute to better adapt the national curriculum to the local context









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Do local knowledge and the exchange of knowledge drive the reduction of vulnerability to climate change?

Cases studies with food farmers of New Caledonia and Vanuatu







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- precise knowledge of fauna and flora, ways to predict climatic conditions
- way to resist to different crises and to ensure one's subsistence through pluriactivity



1.Definition of the concepts What do I mean by vulnerability?



(S. Weissenberger & al., 2016)

Study the fragility, the sensitivity of a system as a whole => taking into account natural and anthropic factors as part of the same system : *Concept of « systemic vulnerabilities »*

In this approach, 4 componients of vulnerability :

- (1) Hazards (natural phenomena sometimes influenced by human actions)
- (2) Issues (persons, good exposed to hazards)
- (3) Management (public policies for prevention, protection and crisis management, equipment, individual responses)
- (4) Perception of risk (awareness and memory of it, uses and attachment to exposed places, knowledge of safeguard measures, etc.)

(Warrick, 2008,2009)

« Factors and processes influencing exposure to climates stresses and the ability to cope with these are rooted in the conditions of every day life »

→ Factors of stresses that influence vulnerability to climate hazards are not necessarily related to climate (social organization, land organization, economic relationships, etc.)



2. Presentation of the research subject *What is my research question?*



 How does the diversity of knowledge, expertise and resources mobilized by the inhabitants of New Caledonia and Vanuatu to cope with atmospheric climate hazards and their consequences influence the way of being vulnerable to climate change?

• Can this knowledge be a resource on which public policies can rely to promote adaptation to climate change?

➔ Focus on inhabitants that grow food products among other activities



2. Presentation of the research subject What are the main hypotheses of my research?



 Atmospheric climate hazards such as bad weather and droughts affect local knowledge and practices in general implemented by food farmers

• These inhabitants have abilities but also fragilities to face extreme atmospheric events which among others are part of their local knowledge, their practices and their environment

 External inputs (knowledge, material aid, advice, technical advice, school system, etc.) have an influence on the strengths and weaknesses of these food farmers dealing with intense atmospheric events



2. Presentation of the research subject *How do I conduct my research?*



- Work based on an anthropological approach
 - → Collection and analyze of qualitative data
 - → Fieldwork method

- Surveys are conduct with different categories of actors : food farmers and their relatives, technical agent of the communities, institutional actors, members of association, cultural centers (ADCK, VKS), etc.

- 8 at 9 months of field work in specific location in New Caledonia and Vanuatu
- → Specific choices to precise the object of study, the location of the study in both territories
- Relevance to work with farmers of yam and water taros (family and professional farmers)
 Revelance to study the knowledge, choices, and circulation of varieties



3. Some first results





1) By the technical agents and politicians:

➔ A shift and a reduction of the term "local knowledge" to "traditional knowledge" support vs reluctance => collecting process of local knowledge in the project





2) In students awareness campaign on natural risk management

→ ambivalence in the way they are considered => sometimes valued or disvalued

→ All type of local knowledge are not considered in the same way



3. Some first results

What does "climate change" mean to the people we met and what do they say about it?



- A general discourse based on information of the media
- → Phenomena and events that doesn't concern New Caledonia
 → 4 main phenomena mentioned : ice melt, fires, costal erosion, rising sea level

➔ Inhabitants had difficulties considering climate change outside the coastal context => an fragility to cope with climate change

- A more precise discourse built on localized observations:
- an alteration of the natural cycle of the environment (seasons, extreme events): what is not usual or known
- An imbalance \rightarrow phenomena perceived negatively
- New phenomena (non observed in their experience or that of their elders)

→ This transformations associated to climate change → loss of reference point (ecological indicators)



3. Some first results

What are the first issues for the professional farmers related to atmospheric weather hazards?



1) Issues and concerns to cope with extreme events are specific to each farmer

Issues and concerns depend on various factors such as :

- cultivation method used
- access to water for cultivation
- Location of the farm, its configuration, the available cultivable land
- Species planted
- Importance of farming in farmer's livelihood
- size of the enterprise and its financial capacity

2) Small farmers => difficulty to benefit from certain aids or technics offered by institutions (aids for agricultural disasters/techniques to face pests) \rightarrow interventions of the communities, organizations should be diversified to answer the various profiles and capacities of farmers

3) The technical contributions or regulatory frameworks of institutions are sometimes disconnected from the realities of the field (farmers' issues and plantation logics)









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FALAH Scientific Activities at USP

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Title: FALAH Scientific Activities at USP



Research relevant to FALAH

- Continued research in crop-livestock integration livestock (lamb) with taro systems
- Yam propagation through vine cutting
- Processing and storage of surplus food
- Development of food products
- Livestock Feed Research and Continued research into alternative feed additives

Research Sites in Fiji





Pacific Centre for Environment and Sustainable Development (WP2 and 3)

- Intervention Co-creation to Improve Community-based Food Production and Household Nutrition in Small Island Developing States (ICoFaN) -UKRI
- Co-creating evaluation frameworks for community food production initiatives and reducing community health risks (Co-CFaH) - SRT
- NIHR Global Health Research Group on Community Food, Nutrition and Planetary Health in Island States (Global CFaH) - NIHR



Pacific Centre for Environment and Sustainable Development

Valorization of Pest Marine Seaweeds and Invertebrates for the Production of Agri-Fertilisers (WP2)

- Dr. Antoine D.R. N'Yeurt, Dr. Lau Viliamu lese,
 - Ms. Catherine Soreh & Ms. Sarah Griffin





Additional research – PaCE-SD

- Agro-climatic research to promote the use of crop models to assess climatic risks and inform agriculture adaptations in the Pacific Islands – with A/Prof.
 Samsul Huda from Western Sydney University
- Market functionality index and Minimum expenditure basket for Fiji and Samoa – UNWFP





Institute of Marine Resources (Cherie Morris)

- Octopus and lobster research
- Harvester stories on behavioral patterns of octopus documented at Koroinasolo, Bua.
- Still yet to document that of Votua, Nadroga whereby a certain clan's totem is octopus.
- DNA sequencing, morphological assessment, market survey
- Temporal genetic variation in the coral sea maskray (Neotrygon trigonoides) from Fiji
- Environmental DNA in Fiji Aqueous eDNA samples were collected from Votua and greater Serua. Samples will be sent to France for DNA extraction, PCR-amplification, Next Generation Sequencing and bioinformatic decoding resulting in the diversity assessment of various shark species at the sampling sites.



Additional research (WP2) – Joape Ginigini

- <u>https://pacman.obis.org/</u>
- Joape Ginigini (Project Manager)

 Institute of Applied Sciences
 (IAS)
- Pacific Islands Marine Bioinvasions Alert Network
- Deals with loss of biodiversity that leads to food insecurity



Additional research (WP2) – Pacific Studies (Frank Thomas)

• Ethnoarchaeological Investigation of Two Extraordinary Shell Middens, Vanua Levu Island (Fiji): Implications for Human-Environment Interactions. (SRT)



Shell Middens

• Most rural-dwelling Pacific Islanders today utilize the same subsistencefood resources as their ancestors did, as much as three millennia ago

• Understanding how Pacific Islanders in the past utilized and managed these resources, especially in the face of comparable climate-driven threats as exist currently, is therefore relevant to developing strategies for sustainable futures in island countries like Fiji and similar contexts



• An exceptional opportunity to inform such strategies is provided by the discovery of two shell middens, 35 kilometers apart, in a little-researched part of the Fiji archipelago

- The river-bank midden of Rokodavutu represents an unusually early interaction between shellfish-eating
 peoples and the nearshore environment while the midden island the first ever discovered in Fiji of
 Culasawani represents a prolonged period of interaction between humans and nearby riverine, lagoonal
 and reef ecosystems
- Both sites are located in places where there are Fijian communities (with whom the research team has existing relationships) that interact with similar ecosystems in ways that will be comprehensively researched
- Through a process of mapping, excavation, sampling and analyses, as well as the collection of oral histories, results will paint a comparable picture of past human-environment interactions in the area. Understanding how past interactions were sustained will inform strategies for future interactions

How can sustainable future human-environment interactions in rural tropical island contexts be informed and guided by analyses of the Rokodavutu midden and the Culasawani midden island? To answer the research question, the following objectives are identified

- (1) FIELDWORK: Local residents' routine subsistence interactions with local environments will be described and key challenges identified. The two middens will be comprehensively mapped, excavated and sampled. Local residents' traditions relating to the two middens and their associations will be collected, translated and transcribed
- (2) IN-FIELD SAMPLE ANALYSIS: the structure and composition of the two middens will be analyzed to determine the principal species/environments being
 accessed through time. Potsherds, lithics, bones, shells and other material will be washed in the field and preliminary identifications made. Selected artefacts will
 be removed for further analysis, storage and display at the Fiji Museum (in-country project partner), other materials to be analyzed in-country as needed
- (3) LABORATORY ANALYSIS: midden chronologies will be determined from 20 radiocarbon dates on suitable shells (targeting Anadara sp.) sampled. Shells will also be analyzed using oxygen-isotope and trace-element analyses to determine contemporaneous paleoclimate and paleo-ocean changes
- (4) RESULTS: Paleoenvironmental reconstructions of the two midden sites and their evolution during their periods of occupation will be enabled by their mapping, chronologies, changes in species composition through time, and paleoclimatic analyses. Reconstruction of the changing pattern of human-environment interactions will lead to an understanding of changing production, demand and what traditionally constituted sustainability. Comparison of the past situations represented by the two middens and modern uses of the same environments will allow insights into how contemporary human-environment interactions might become more (and less) sustainable in the future
- (5) OUTPUTS: Results will be presented in scientific outlets, through a display at the Fiji Museum, and as a tri-lingual poster series for local/Fiji schools to optimize local stakeholder uptake

Shellfish Gathering among Contemporary Communities – collaborative research during secondments

- Focus on communities engaged in shellfish gathering for subsistence and commercial purposes to examine human foraging behavior and conservation strategies in relation to changing environments and cultural systems viewed by participants and compared to scientific measurements and the paleoenvironmental/archaeological record
- Participant observation, including Time-motion studies to determine caloric expenditure
- Interviews
- Nutritional analyses





Human predation directly reduces the abundance and biomass of mollusc populations, which can alter the mean size of the prey population.

In cases of intensive predation, extirpation (local extinction) may follow.

Indirect effects on community structure –predation of keystone species affecting organisms at all trophic levels and decrease in the ratio of natural predators to prey, thus reducing interspecific competition.

Conversely, predatiion can increase diversity and richness by creating a mosaic of different patches with different stages of succession.

The relationship between predation, recruitment, and change over time in the relative abundance of marine invertebrates in intertidal areas is complex.

Fecundity and growth rates, size at maturity, escape and avoidance mechanisms such as burying and benthic mobility, the presence of adjacent subtidal populations for replishment of stocks, and larval phases can complicate understanding of the impacts of human exploitation.

For archaeologists and ecologists, the lack of ecological information on commonly exploited taxa, the responses of these populations to human predation, and limited understanding of people's role in structuring intertidal mollusc populations reduces our ability in isolating anthropogenic influence. Greater susceptibility of insular terrestrial resources and ecosystems to disturbance because of low reproductive rates and few natural enemies.

Greater resilience of most marine resources as a result of high fecundity or ability to disperse widely at the larval stage.

Overharvesting of slow-moving invertebrates by selectively gathering the largest available molluscs can depress the size range of a resource. Overharvesting can also lead to significant disruption of the ecosystem and to the loss of genetic diversity.

Local extinctions of tridacnid clams ('giant clams') linked to overharvesting in Fiji, Tonga, New Caledonia, Guam Marianas, Cook Is, Samoa, Vanuatu, and FSM in historic and pre-European contact times.

Explanatory Frameworks for sustainability:

Low human population densities and extractive limitations in the past(technology and absence of markets).

Optimal foraging decisions (derived from behavioral ecology), supported by actualistic studies, resulting in epiphenominal conservation (secondary phenomenon, where conservation is <u>not</u> the cause, but the consequence of a decision leading to conservation).

Conservation by design and customary marine tenure systems.

Giant clam (tridacnid) 'gardens', Abemama Atoll, Kiribati



Sustainability

Sustainability attributed to multiple variables, such as;

- foraging practices (e.g., by reducing intraspecific competition),
- o environmental changes,
- anthropogenic practices (e.g., by removing species' predators, resulting in increasing longevity, with more individuals surviving longer to become larger before the onset of maturity),
- Also increasing horticultural activities leading to eutrophication (nutrient enrichment),
- o and the creation/expansion of preferential habitats

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"To eat is a necessity, but to eat intelligently is an art." - La Rochefoucauld

FALAH Project at USP

Co-creating evaluation frameworks for community food production initiatives and reducing community health risks (Co-CFaH):

- Objectives of Co-CFaH are to evaluate community and household level interventions. The nutritional value of foods that are locally produced and consumed in Fiji and Solomon Islands and improving local food production and nutrition.
- This will be informed by evidence reviews and participatory model building to map local food systems and take a cultural and gender-sensitive approach.

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- A household survey will be conducted at baseline and follow up in the intervention and comparison area, at the same time of year to account for seasonality. Data will be collected by interview using an existing, context-specific electronic questionnaire in REDCap on android tablets. Second survey will be carried out in the second year.
- This project will provide an interim assessment of how the interventions have been taken up, and the types of impacts over this short term on diet. Further follow will be essential to assess their medium to long term impact.

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Micronutrient Deficiencies and Malnutrition

The survey reports done by NFNC 2007 (micronutrient status), 2010 (Fortification) reported the differences in the rates of anemia, iron, zinc and folate deficiencies between baseline up to 2004 and after 2010 were highly significant (Avinesh Gopal, 2012, The Fiji Times).
Nutrient Bioavailability

- Researches showed micronutrient deficiencies (mainly anaemia) in Fiji from 1940, 2004 especially in women and children. Fiji government started iron fortification, iron tablet distribution programmes and organise healthy eating awareness workshops.
- Iron deficiency is most common problem worldwide especially in developing countries.

- Mineral bioavailability is the measure of the proportion of the total mineral in a food or diet that is absorbed, digested or metabolized by normal pathways (Fairwather-Tait, 1987).
- Bioavailability refer to that proportion of the total amount of mineral element present in a nutrient medium that is potentially absorbable in a metabolically actual form. The term 'Potentially absorbable' used because the actual amount absorbed may be affected by many factors (Welch and House, 1984).

Malnutrition

 Nearly 41 million overweight children globally, an increase of 11 million since 2000. Most rapid growth has been seen in middle-income countries, many of which face the combined challenge of tackling of both undernutrition and obesity along with subsequent diet-related non-communicable diseases.

"Globally, nearly 1/3 of people suffer from as a result of malnutrition: wasting, stunting, vitamin and mineral deficiency, overweight or obesity and diet-related non-communicable diseases." Dr Francesco Branca, WHO Director, Department of Nutrition for Health and Development

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- Malnutrition refers to deficiencies, excesses, or imbalances in a person's intake of energy and/or nutrients. The term malnutrition addresses 3 broad groups of conditions:
- Undernutrition, which includes wasting (low weight-for-height), stunting (low height-for-age) and underweight (low weight-for-age);
- Micronutrient-related malnutrition, which includes micronutrient deficiencies (a lack of important vitamins and minerals) or micronutrient excess; and
- **Overweight**, obesity and diet-related noncommunicable diseases (such as heart disease, stroke, diabetes and some cancers).

Vinaka – time to move

