Fifth Pacific Forum on the Sustainable Development Goals

BUILDING BACK BETTER FROM THE COVID 19 PANDEMIC:
ADVANCING THE FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 2030 AGENDA
FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

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2021 REPORT: KEY MESSAGES

1. The Covid-19 pandemic is an asymmetric shock, reinforced by existing vulnerabilities linked to uneven progress on the SDGs. This could lead to further widening the gaps between countries.

2. Digitalization, including digital finance, is a powerful force for transforming societies and economies, but needs to be equitable.

3. Renewed regional cooperation with a focus on people and planet can create the foundation for inclusive, resilient and sustainable development, and ensure no country is left behind.
THE RISK OF A K-SHAPED RECOVERY

EXISTING VULNERABILITIES
- High informality
- Low social security coverage
- Weak health system
- Environmental stresses
- Climate change and natural hazards
- High disparities:
  - Income & wealth
  - Women and vulnerable groups
- Opportunities:
  - Education; health; digital access; financial inclusion

COVID-19 PANDEMIC CONTAINMENT MEASURES
- Income erosion
  - Loss in businesses and agriculture
  - Adverse health impacts
  - Inadequate relief

- Job loss in informal sector
  - Further disempowerment of women and vulnerable groups
  - Lack of social security
  - Lack of savings and insurance
  - Lack of attention to environmental issues and climate change
  - Food insecurity and deteriorating nutrition
  - Loss of education

- Adverse social impacts:
  - Drug abuse
  - Violence against women and children
  - Human trafficking
  - Worsening the condition of existing poor

- Accumulation of wealth and power

RISE IN INEQUALITY AND POLARISATION

NEW POOR
NEW VULNERABLE

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BUILD BACK BETTER FOR THE 2030 AGENDA AFTER COVID-19
2022 REPORT: ADVANCING THE FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 2030 AGENDA FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT
2022 REPORT OBJECTIVES

• Examine the effects of COVID-19 in Asia-Pacific
• Highlight good practices for a resilient, sustainable and inclusive recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic
• Identify policy pathways that can address inequalities within and between countries, help achieve the SDGs.
KEY ELEMENTS

• Analyse underlying factors shaping countries recovery trajectories based on available data

• Use country examples and in-depth cases studies to highlight the effects of COVID 19 on countries, with a focus on 2022 HLPF priority goals:
  ➢ SDG 4 Quality Education Inclusion
  ➢ SDG 5 Gender Equality Empowerment
  ➢ SDG 14 Life below water Investing in nature, ecosystems
  ➢ SDG 15 Life on Land and biodiversity

• Identify policies and practices that can address inequalities within and between countries, help achieve the SDGs.
Thank you