

Sanctions, Aid and Sanctioning Aid

Evaluating the impacts of 'smart' sanctions
in Fiji's NGO community

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Justification for Research

Efficacy of 'smart' sanctions

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Impacts of political conditionality on civil society

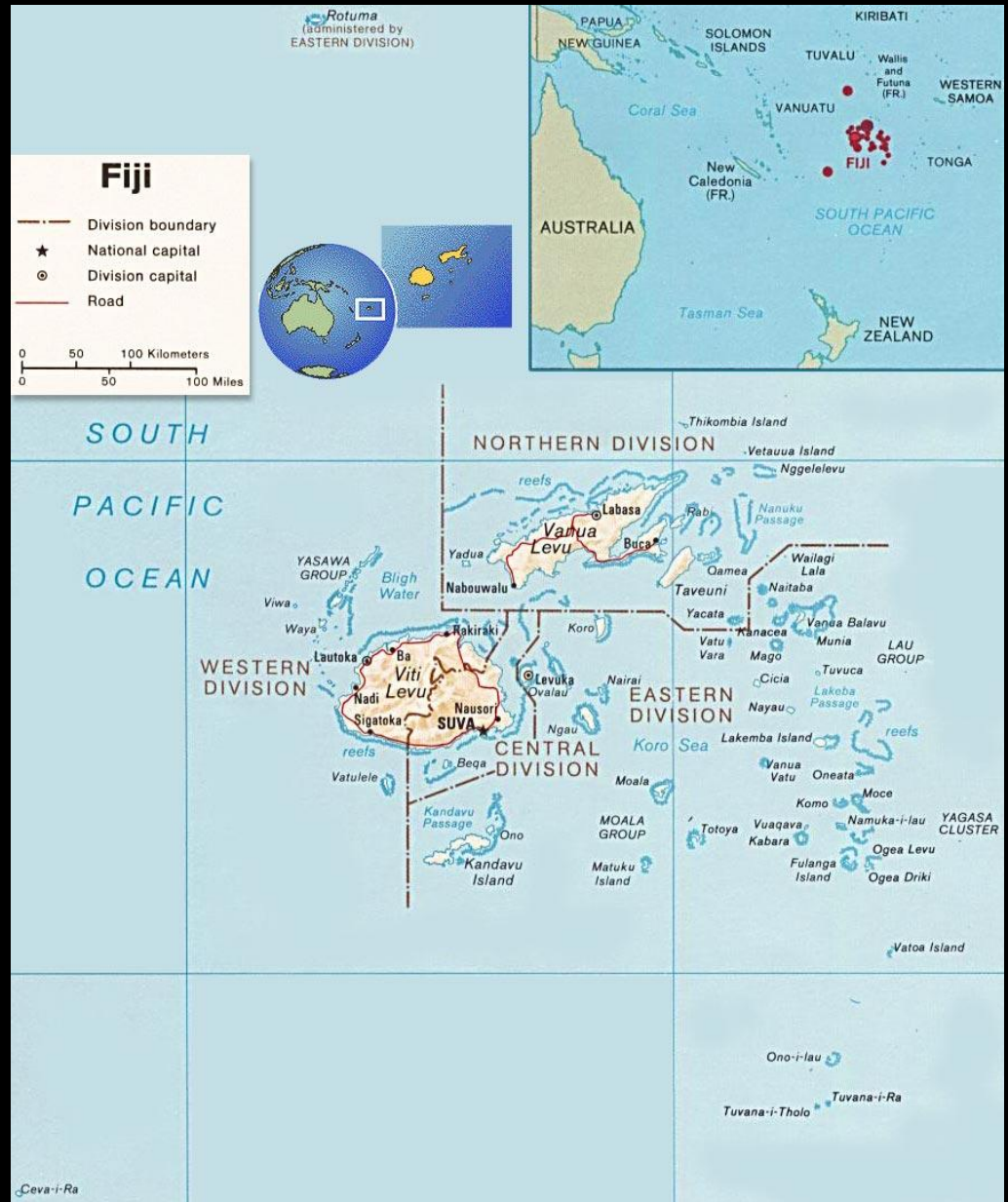
Africa, Asia, Middle East, Latin America

Pacific?

FIJI

Bilateral

‘Smart’



'Smart' Sanctions

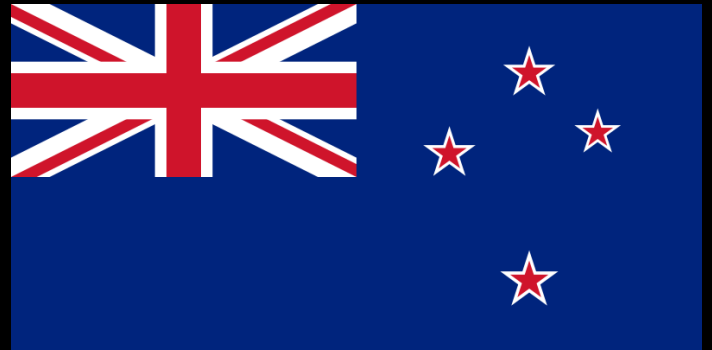
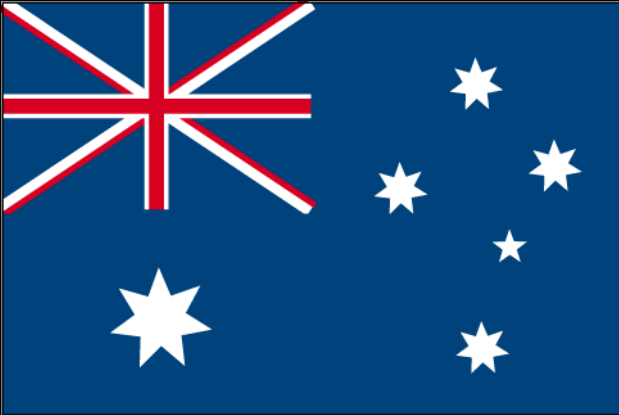


Selective & Targeted

Financial assets

Particular products
(oil, timber, diamonds)

Travel/Visas



19 Fijian NGOs

4 Donor agencies

4 Key Informants

PRELIMINARY RESULTS

Travel Restrictions

Banning the wrong people?

“For those who have travel bans it becomes a problem. Irrespective of independent NGO operation, we still get into difficult areas especially when you have relationships.

Fiji is a small country... you are probably related to every third person on the street, you know?” (NGO16)

Relationships

For better or worse?

Strengthened:

“When coups happen, it’s very good for us.” (NGO3)

Weakened:

“We don’t particularly want to be perceived to be too close to them [Australia/NZ] because we’re trying to engage with the government.” (NGO1)

Changes to NZAID

Worse than sanctions?

“...it has lead to where you can't get anything out of them, even for interesting projects, projects they should be really interested in.

The immediate reaction you get is that it's not the right time. So I've just given up. For the last 6 months I haven't even approached them for anything.” (NGO1)

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(Thank you!)