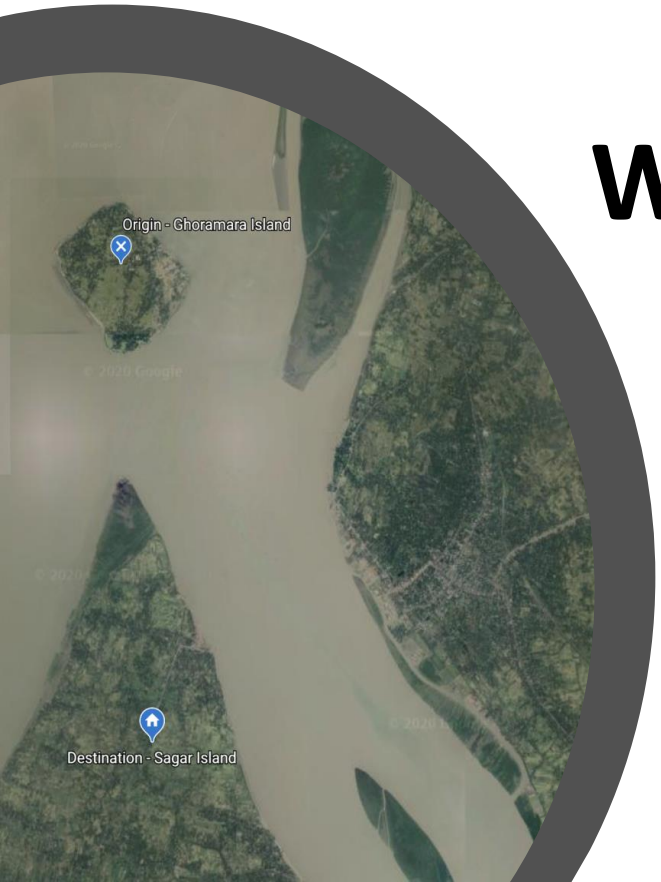
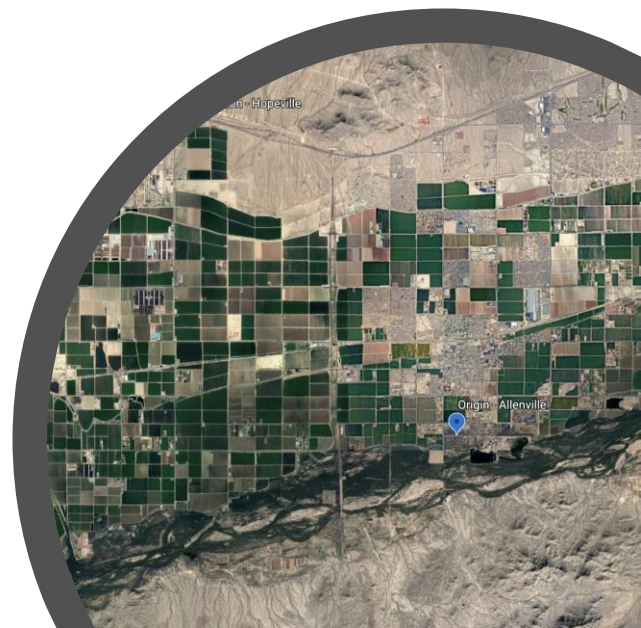


# PLANNED RELOCATION: WHAT WE KNOW, DON'T KNOW & NEED TO LEARN



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What we know...

*We know that planned relocations are already happening globally.*



Source: IDMC 2021

*We know that planned relocations are likely to happen more in the future.*

**TS.C.7.3 As climate risk intensifies, the need for planned relocations will increase to support those who are unable to move voluntarily (*medium confidence*).** Planned relocation will be **increasingly required** as climate change undermines livelihoods, safety and overall habitability, especially for coastal areas and small islands (*medium confidence*). This will have implications for traditional livelihood practices, social cohesion and knowledge systems that have inherent value as intangible culture as well as introduce **new risks** for communities by amplifying existing and generating new vulnerabilities (*high confidence*). {4.6.8, 15.3.4, 14.4, CCP2.3.5, CCB FEASIB, CCB MIGRATE}

*We also know that there are many reasons for relocation.*

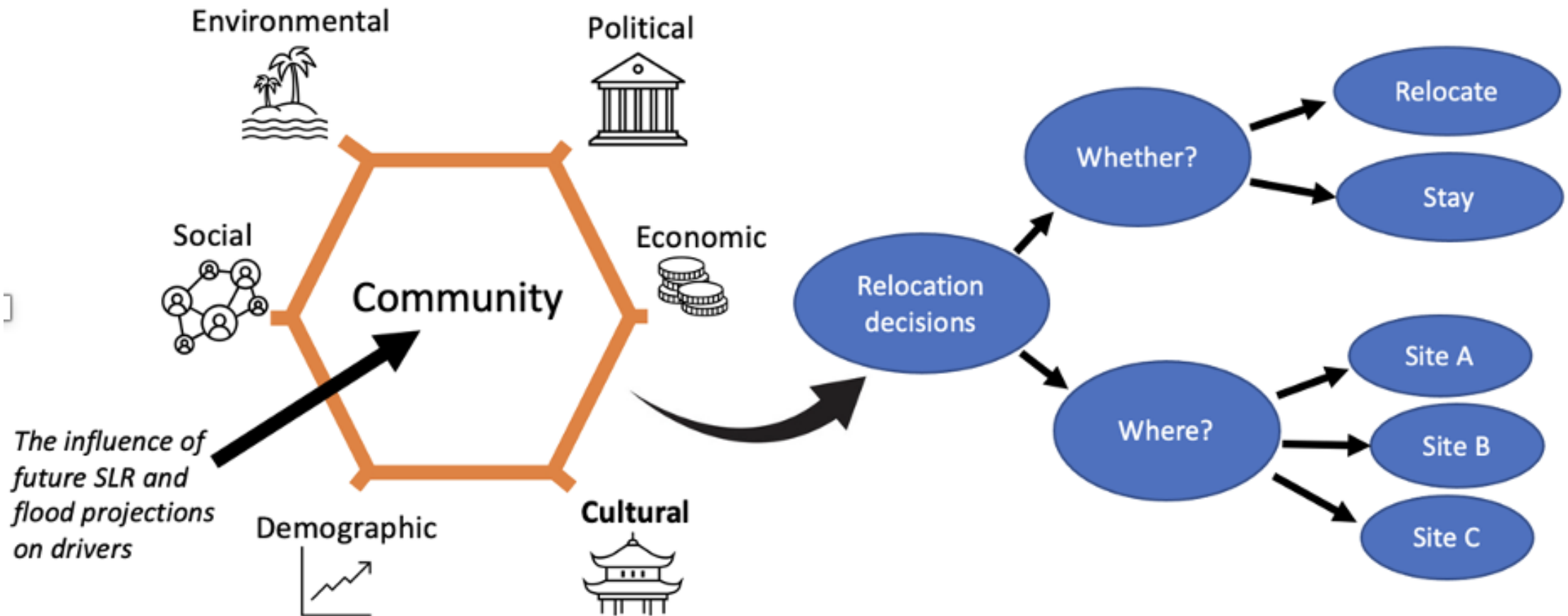
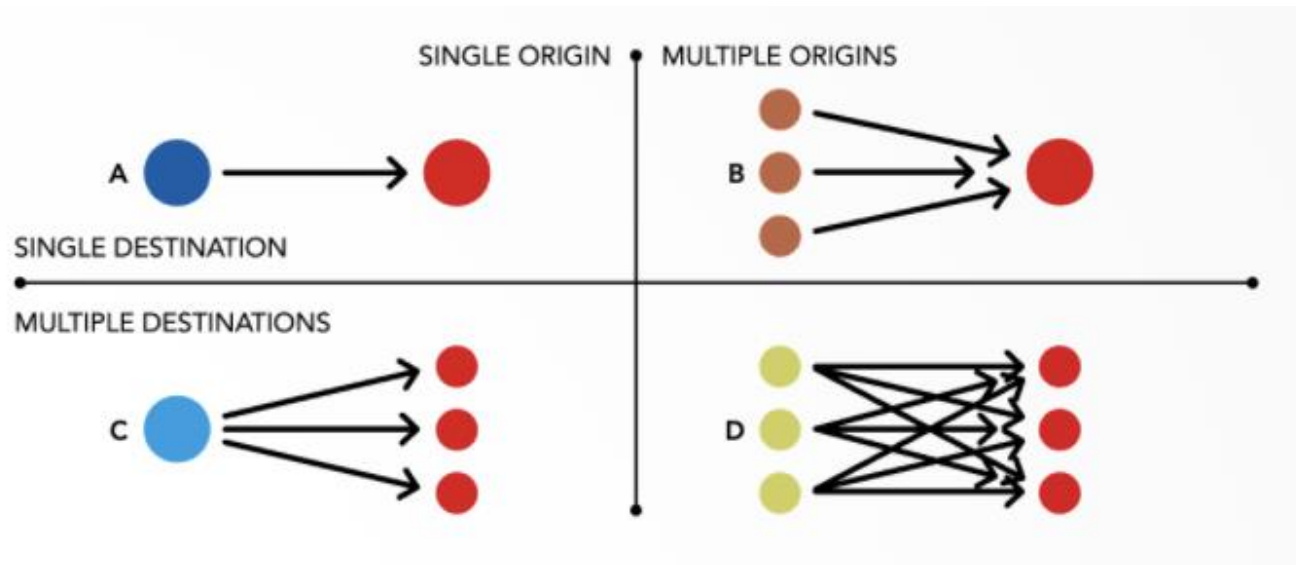


Figure adapted from Foresight 2011, Bower et al *forthcoming*

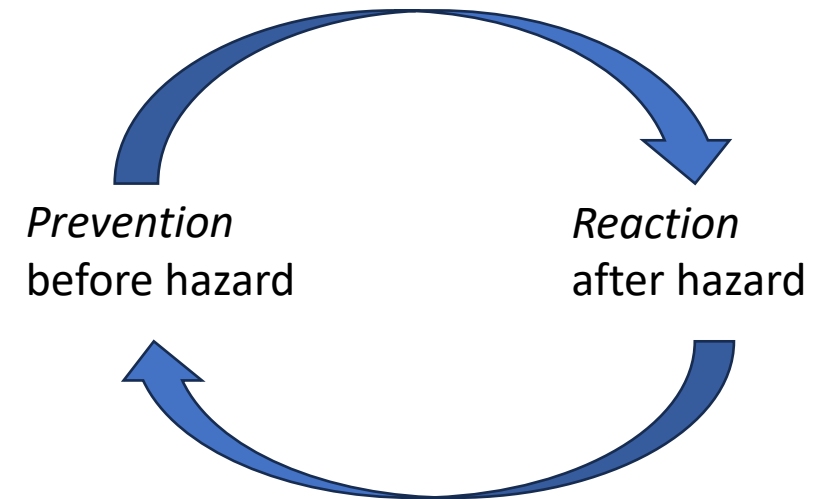
*We also know that planned relocations will – and arguably should – take different forms.*

## Spatial



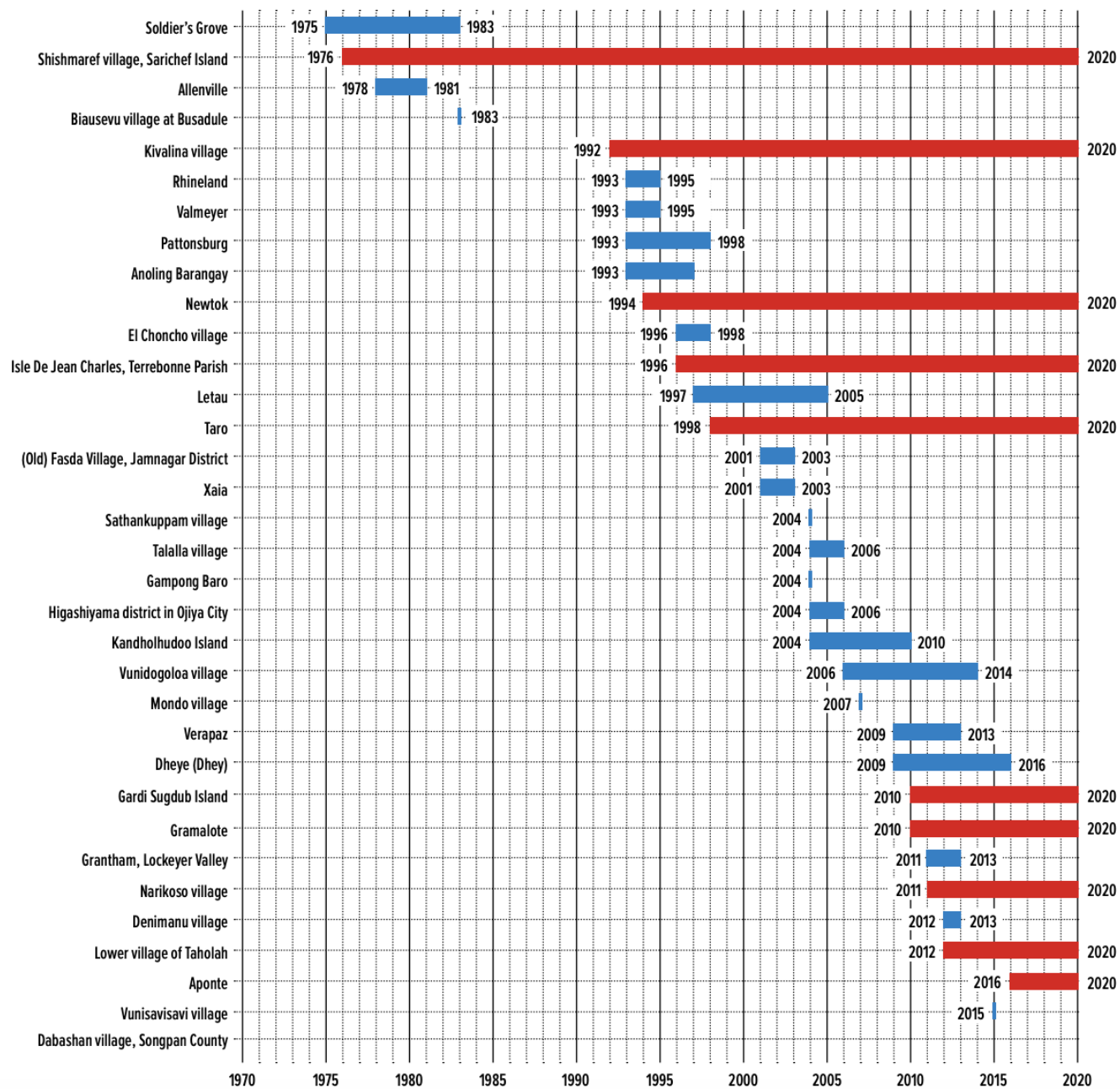
Source: PDD/ Kaldor Mapping 2021

## Temporal



*We know that planned relocation is not easy: it's time consuming and costly, with serious risks.*

Figure 7. Year of initiation and year of completion in single origin - single destination cases



What we don't know...



*We don't know what happens over time.*

Gardi Sugdub,  
Guna Yala,  
Panama



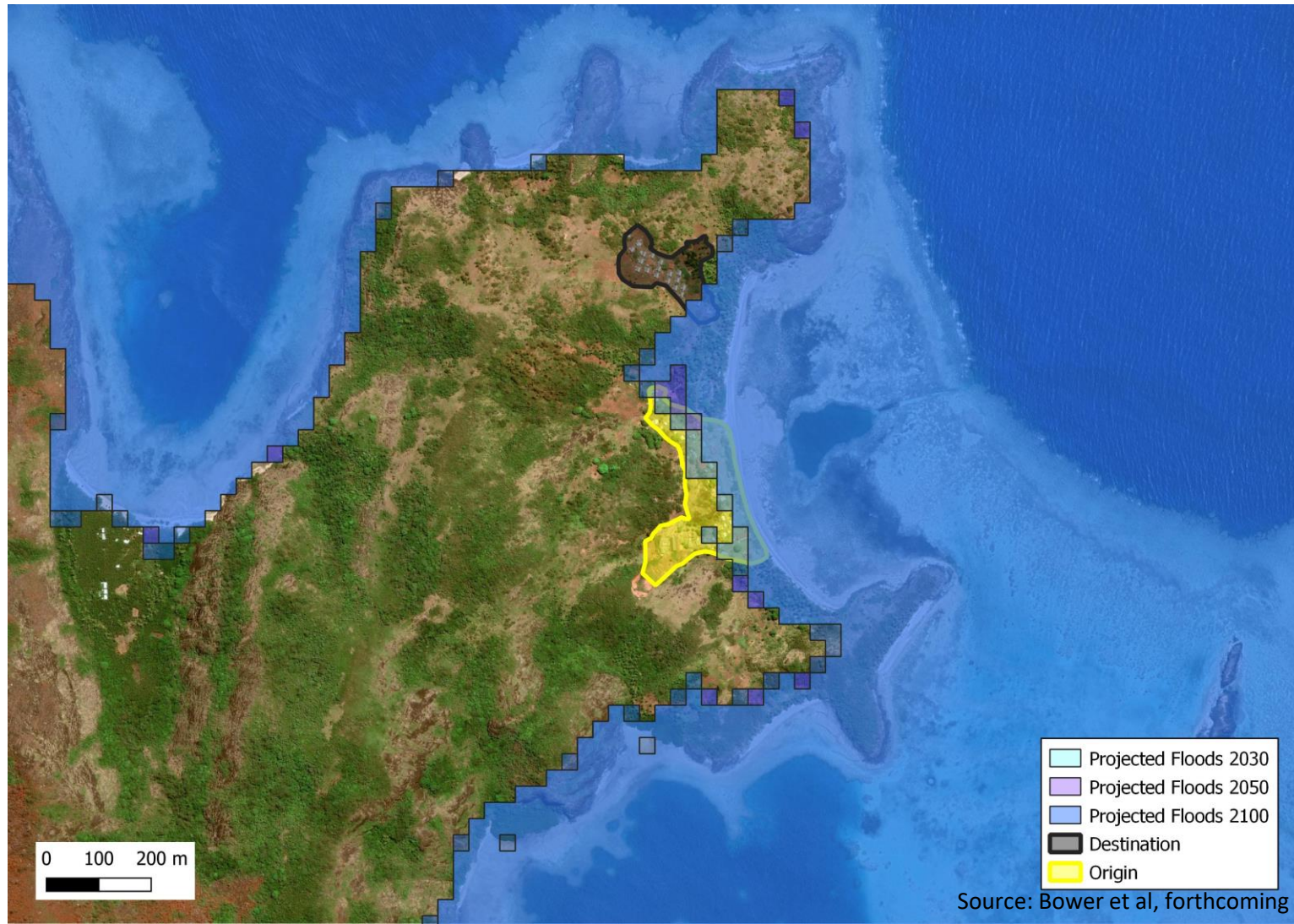
Source: Michael A. Adams

New site:  
La Barriada,  
Isper Yala



Source: Enrique Linares, Ministerio de Ambiente de Gunayala

We don't even know if planned relocation makes people safer.



*We lack a conceptual framework to measure planned relocation outcomes, let alone to assess what “success” looks like.*

*Across populations:*

- Successful *for* who?
- And according *to* who?

*Across space:*

- Origin or destination?

*Across time:*

- In 2030 or 2100?
- Amidst continuous change?

*Across domains:*

- Is the goal merely for **people to survive, or to thrive?**

*We don't have clarity on what constitutes a "community"...*

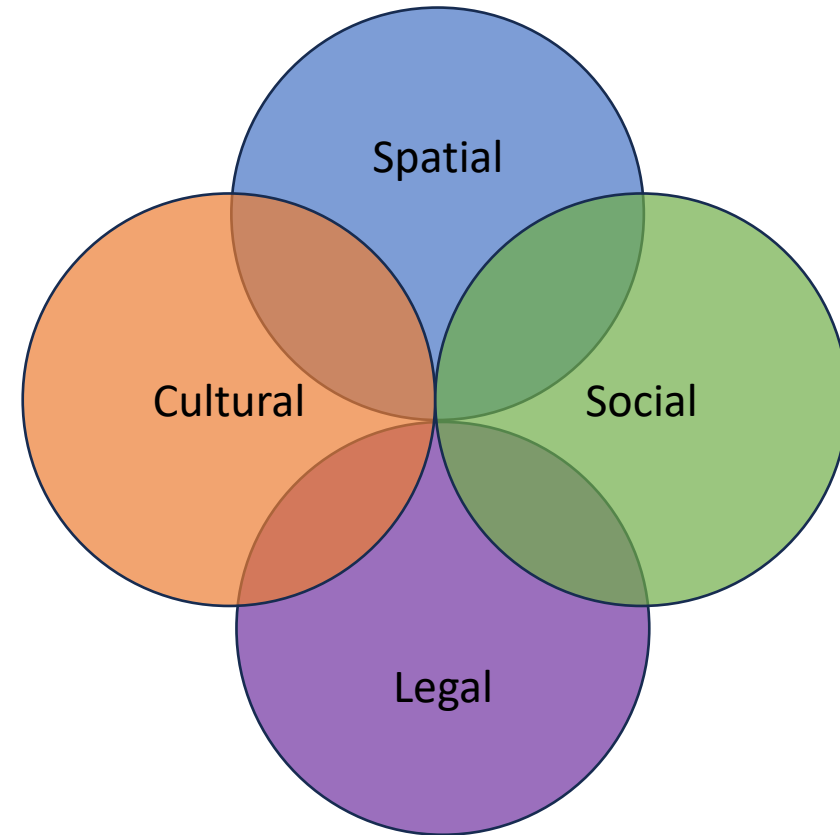
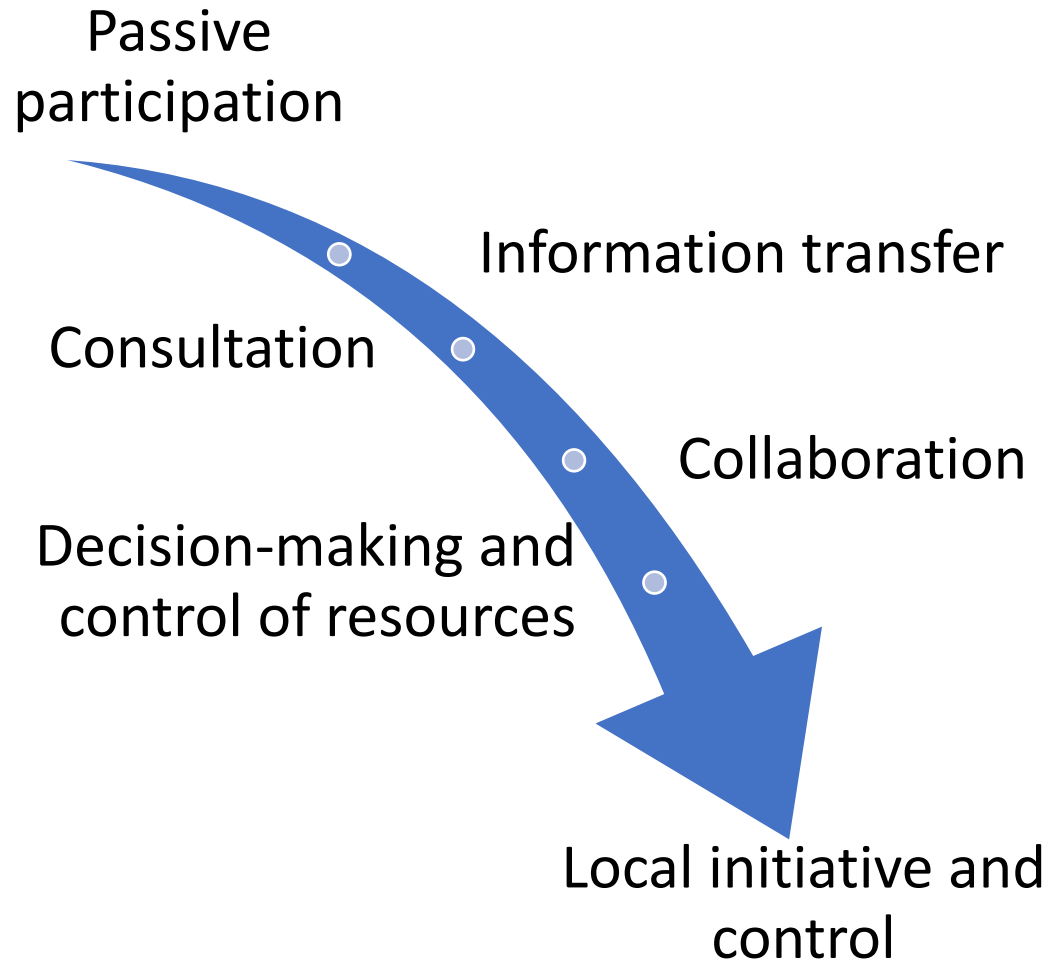


Figure from Bower, Harrington-Abrams, Priem, *forthcoming*

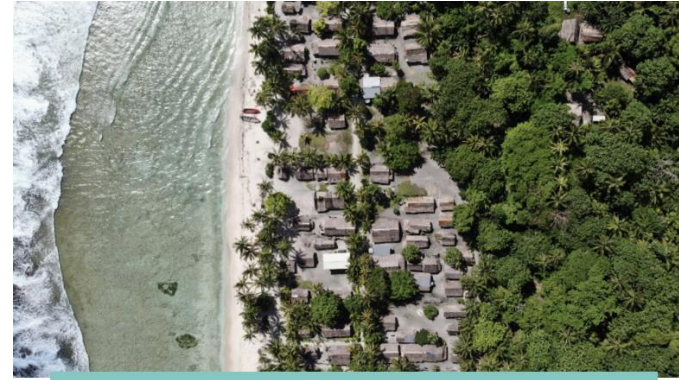
*... nor what conditions enable meaningful, inclusive participation.*



*We don't understand how to comprehensively assess the "habitability" of old or new sites, let alone how to integrate indigenous and local knowledge alongside climate science.*



*We don't know how planned relocations should be supported in policies or normative instruments.*



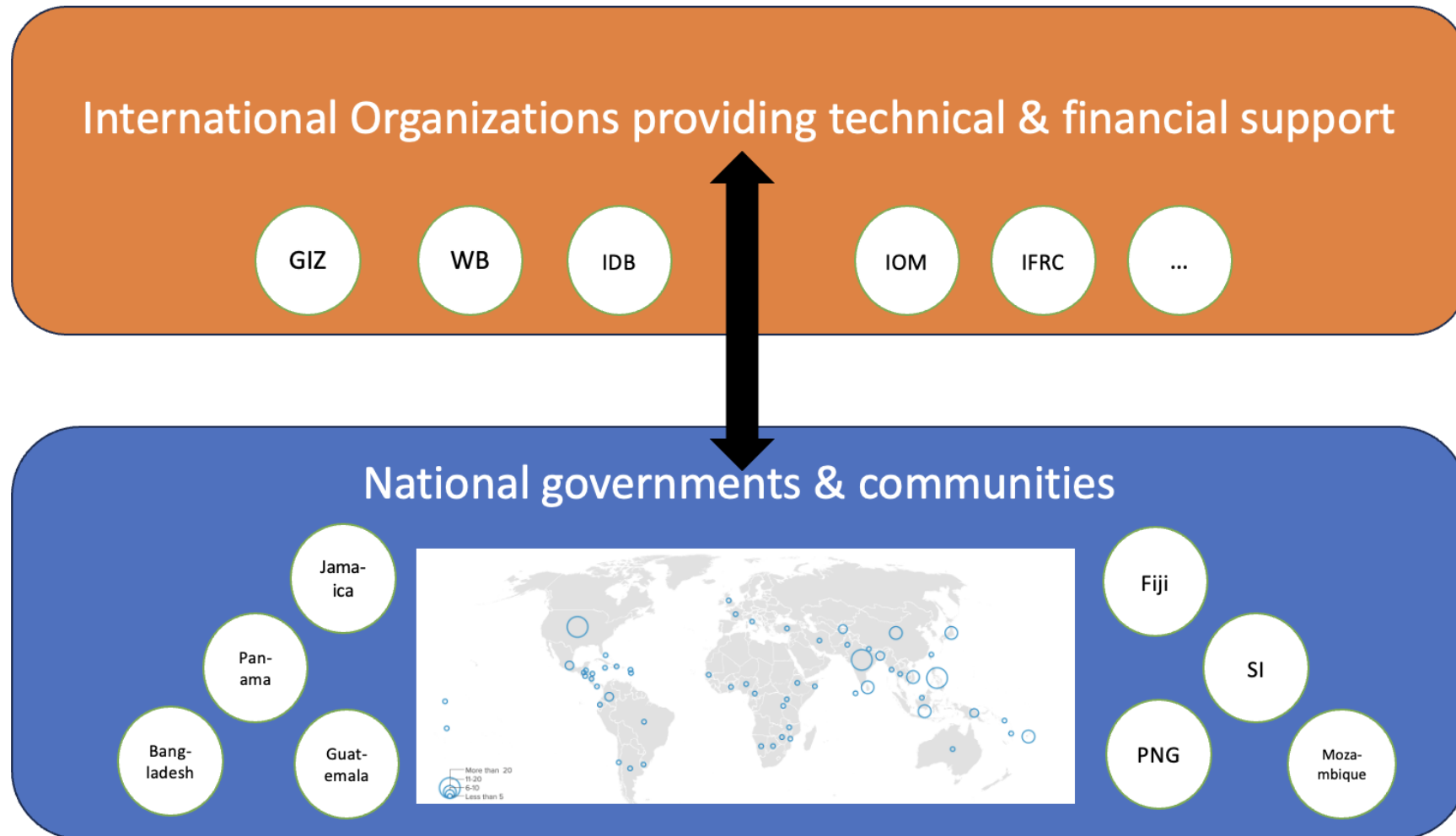
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*We also don't know how (or if?) the international community should engage with and support planned relocation.*





How we need to learn...

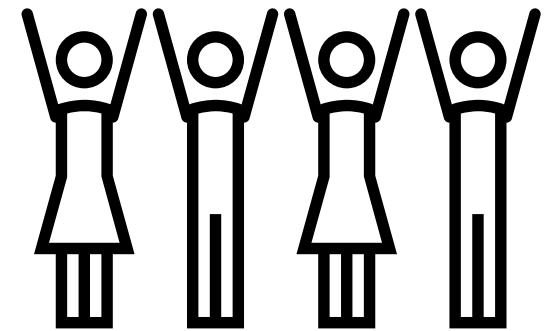
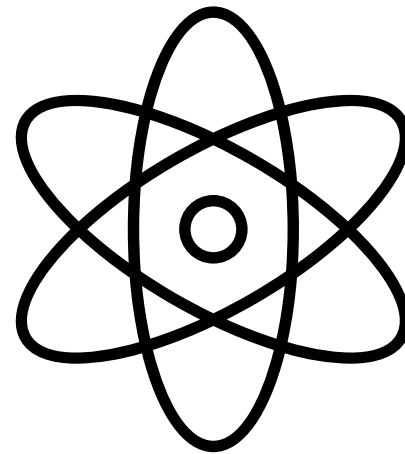
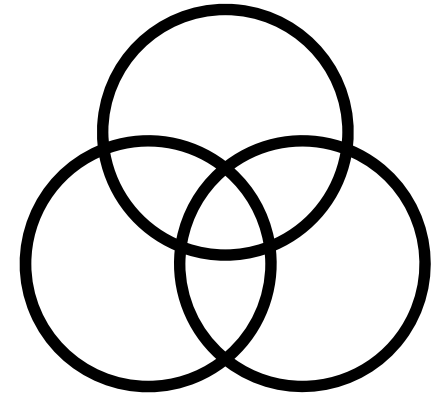
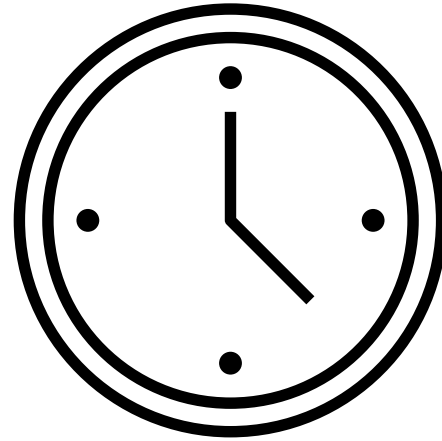
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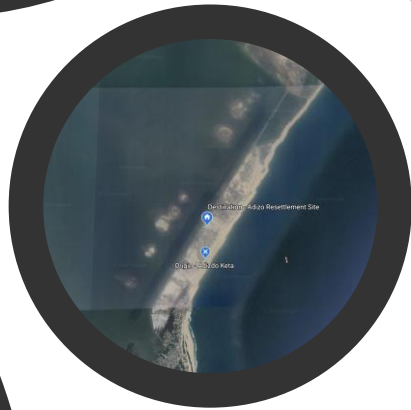
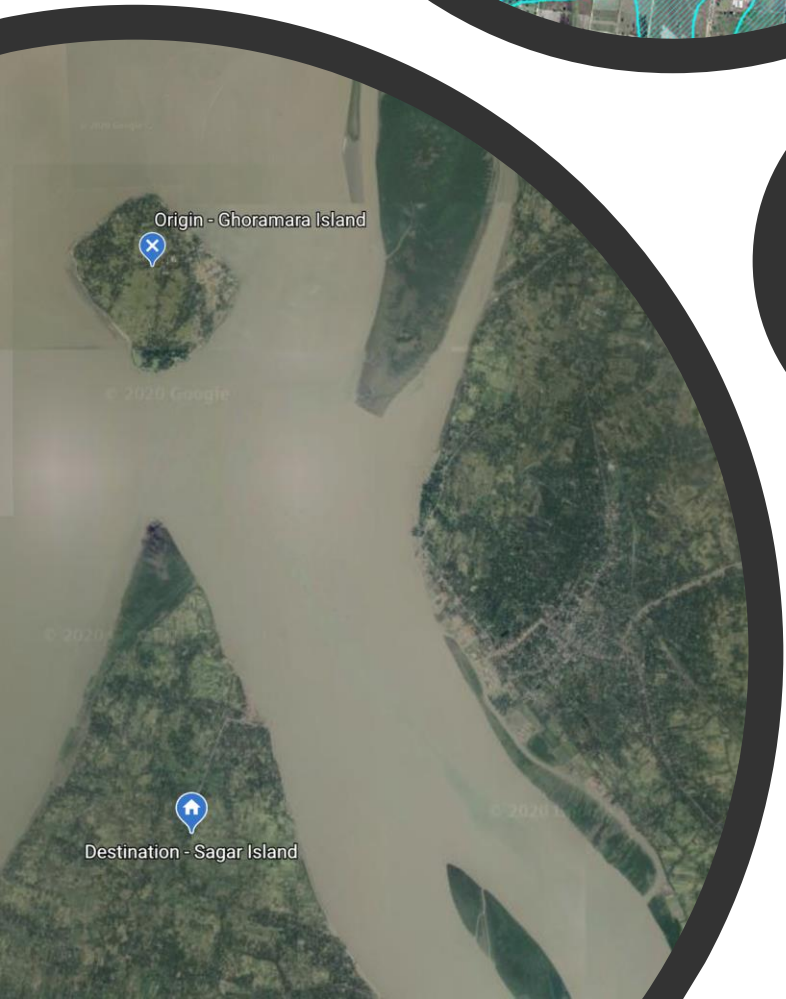
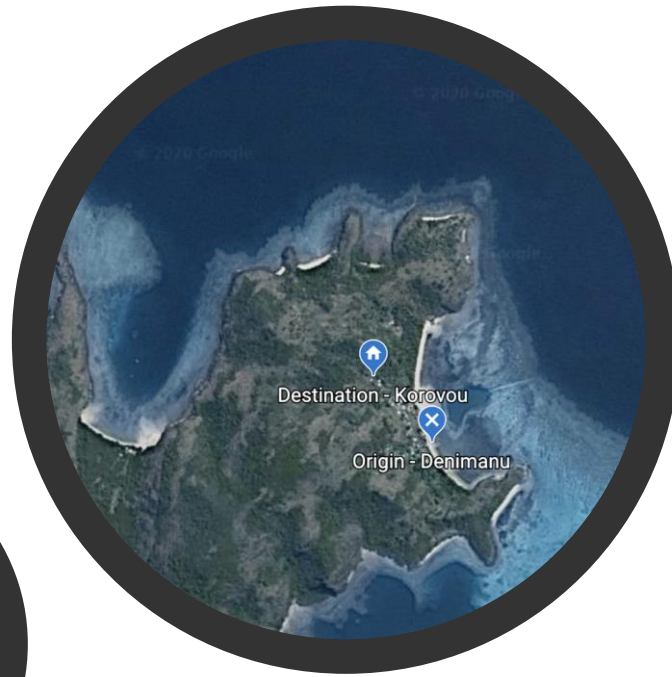
1. More longitudinal studies with multi-dimensional evaluation of outcomes

2. More comparative case studies

3. More community-based, decolonial research

4. More multidisciplinary and transdisciplinary approaches





Thanks!

