

# HOPS6

6<sup>th</sup> Heads Of Planning and Statistics  
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# Nauru's Planning & Statistics Challenges

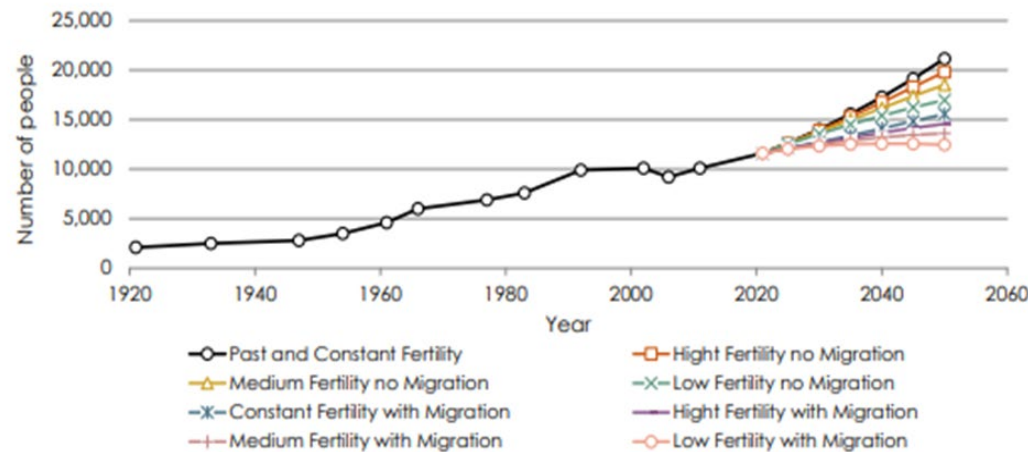


Figure 77. Past and future population trends according to eight projection variants, Nauru: 1921–2050



## People-Centered Development:

- Census projection showing population growth requiring Policy Interventions
- By 2050, Nauru will have 21,000 people –are we ready?
- High demand from limited resources
- Priority spending to support social & economic development
- Ensure public infrastructure development



# Our Planning Guidance

- Nauru Sustainable Development Strategy 2019 -2030
- Nauru Integrated Infrastructure Development Strategy
- Looking to the future - Bwio Yamun 2063

## Challenges:

- A consolidated collection framework with a decentralized system is needed to effectively set the M&E framework for planning.
- We are working on this via our NSDS KPIs, which are reviewed annually and a report published on our website.
- We have also established a committee to monitor KPI performance.

<https://naurufinance.info/planning-and-aid-division/>



# Supporting statistics

- Census 2021
- Mini census 2019
- HIES 2024
- MICS 2023
- Labour force survey 2026

## Challenges:

- Local capacity to gather and analyze data
- Capacity to incorporate data into planning and budgeting – developing capacity among senior officials to use data effectively
- Different Priorities of Leaders
- Developing advocacy skills and persuasive writing ability among our public servants is vital.

<https://stats.gov.nr/>

MAY 2021 CENSUS PRE LISING TEAM



MAY 2021 PRE LISTING INTERVIEWING



MAY 2021 PRE LISTING ENUMERATION



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# What is People-Centered Development?

An approach to international development that focuses on improving a community's:

1. **Self-reliance**
2. Social justice
3. Participatory decision making

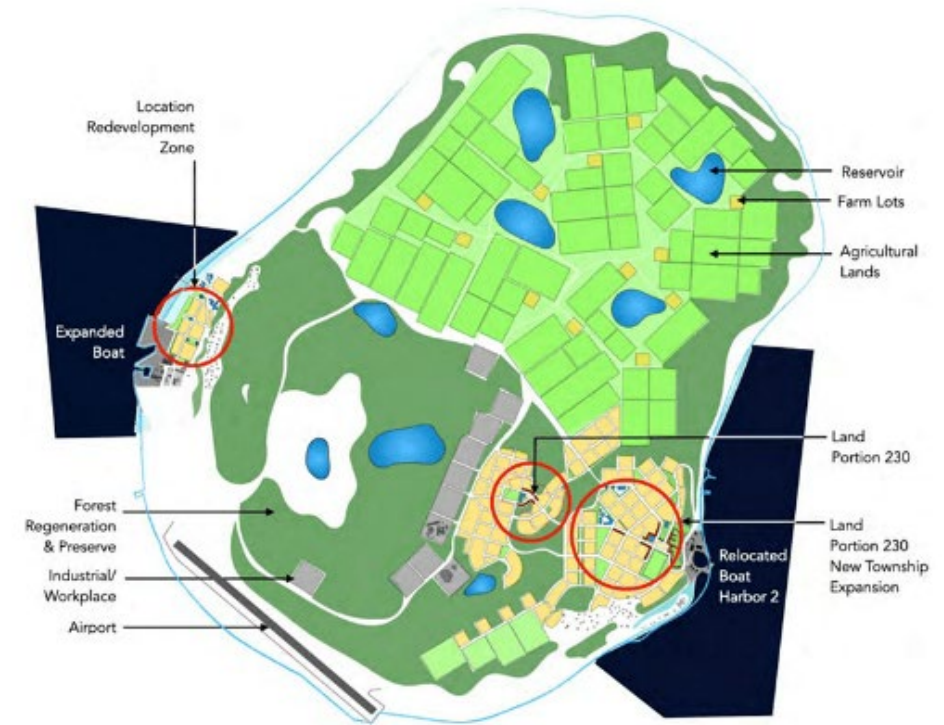


# 1. Self-reliance

- Climate Change Response – Adaptation rather than Migration
- Higher-Ground Initiative (2019)

## Challenges:

- scale – long-term, complex
- cost- significant donor support required
- data gathering- we do not collect climate change statistics, but we want to!



# 1. Self-reliance (cont'd)

Smart-homes in the meantime- local designs for local conditions

Allocated to our most vulnerable –  
“no one left behind”

## Challenges:

- up-to-date data on vulnerable citizens
- local building capacity
- cost



# 1. Self-reliance (cont'd)

## Urban infrastructure

- Health
- Water, Waste and Sanitation
- Sport Complex
- Solar Farm (renewable)

## Challenges:

- local building capacity
- Costs
- capacity to manage multiple, complex projects
- space for new facilities, land system



# 1. Self-reliance (cont'd)

## Connectivity:

- Airport Runway Resurfacing
- Port Redevelopment Project
- Eastern Micronesian Cable

## Challenges:

- delays
- costs



# 1. Self-reliance (cont'd)

## Revenue sources:

- Declining phosphate and RPC revenue
- Tourism is increasing but limited by capacity and size
- Limited local industry

## Challenges:

- alternative sources hard to identify – long lead time
- land, insurance and access to credit limit business growth
- limited foreign investment – but must be balanced with local opportunities
- potential OECD graduation may prevent Nauru accessing ODA



# 1. Self-reliance (cont'd)

## Food security:

- Dependent on Fishing
- Dependent on Food Imports
- No Local Agriculture

## Challenges:

- availability of land
- capacity to protect fish stocks
- cost of importing food
- need to balance food security with protecting our flora and fauna



## 2. Social Justice

- Nauru Elections Commission – ensuring free and fair elections
- Functioning judicial system with free legal access for vulnerable Nauruans
- Grassroots organizations – eg. WENA, Eco-Nauru, Community and Church groups

### Challenges:

- Dependence on international judges
- Nauru proactively investing in training
- Developing statistical frameworks to gather information supporting social justice e.g. crime rates, youth-related statistics
- Capacity to support mental health and vulnerable Nauruans (e.g. youth, disabled)



# 3. Participatory decision-making

- Major projects include CLO and community engagement
- Elections include community meetings for candidates to engage with citizens
- Youth Parliament – promoting future leaders
- UN NAIG project



## Challenge:

- *encouraging and training decision makers to use statistics in decision making*
- *more support needed for youth development – training our future leaders*



# Conclusion

- Our main challenge- acting on the data we have
  - We have many challenges to address, but our capacity is limited
- We need more statistics on climate change, economics, environment and related to social-justice
  - Sharing regional lessons learned will be helpful in developing this capacity
- Locally-driven solutions – the community should always be the centre of our activities and be able to access the information we develop
- Confidence to raise our voices on issues important to us - working together, we are stronger





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*(Merci Beaucoup)*

