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The ambition of SIDS to highlight their vulnerability through developing a Multidimensional Vulnerability Index (MVI) is grounded on Inherent vulnerabilities of SIDS specifically on two areas:

1. Economic Vulnerability
2. Ecological Vulnerability

The collective NGO Major Group Position Paper clearly articulated that the global Covid-19 pandemic intensifies the need for accelerating, united action. This urgency is amplified by the overwhelming toll the pandemic has taken on global health, social and environmental security, and meaningful progress on Agenda 2030 and leaving no one behind.

This should be the core criteria for economic vulnerability especially ‘leaving no one behind’, not GDP or income variations of our SIDS economic situation.

SIDS Ecological vulnerability related to Climate Change, biodiversity, our ecosystem and our oceans. Perspectives from the Pacific Civil Society as we agree with the thinking of MVI, we need to relook at our resilience of our people which is grounded on our relationship with our environment our ecology. There has to be a balance because some of our indigenous natural resources, our cultural identify our oceans can not be valued in monetary terms so indicators can only be relevant if identified by indigenous, women who are in most of our communities are guardians of traditional knowledge and the experience of people with disability in living in such vulnerable situation.

Developing these indicators and ecological and community data should be using the multi-stakeholders’ platform that Agenda 2030 had promoted in our National Countries including SIDS.



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