



You, Me and Climate Mobility



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This book has been written and designed by Pacific youth and elders, to gently explaining climate change and climate mobility to young children.

In the United Nations Decade of Indigenous Languages, this book has also been translated into many of our endangered Indigenous Pacific languages.



We are all affected.

No matter who you are, or where you live, climate change will impact upon your life. But those with the greatest vulnerabilities are likely to bear the greatest burden, and the most vulnerable are the world's children.

UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres



Rosite lived in a big city next to her favourite park.

One day, when she was playing in the park with her friends, Rosite's mother, Ani, called her to come in early, to get ready for her World Indigenous Peoples Day celebration.



'Mama Ani, what does 'Indigenous' mean and why are we celebrating?' Rosite asked.

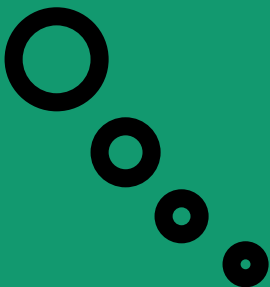
'Indigenous means a group of people who are connected to their land, nature and culture who have often lived in the same place for thousands of years.'

'We are celebrating because we are Indigenous People from the Pacific,' she replied.



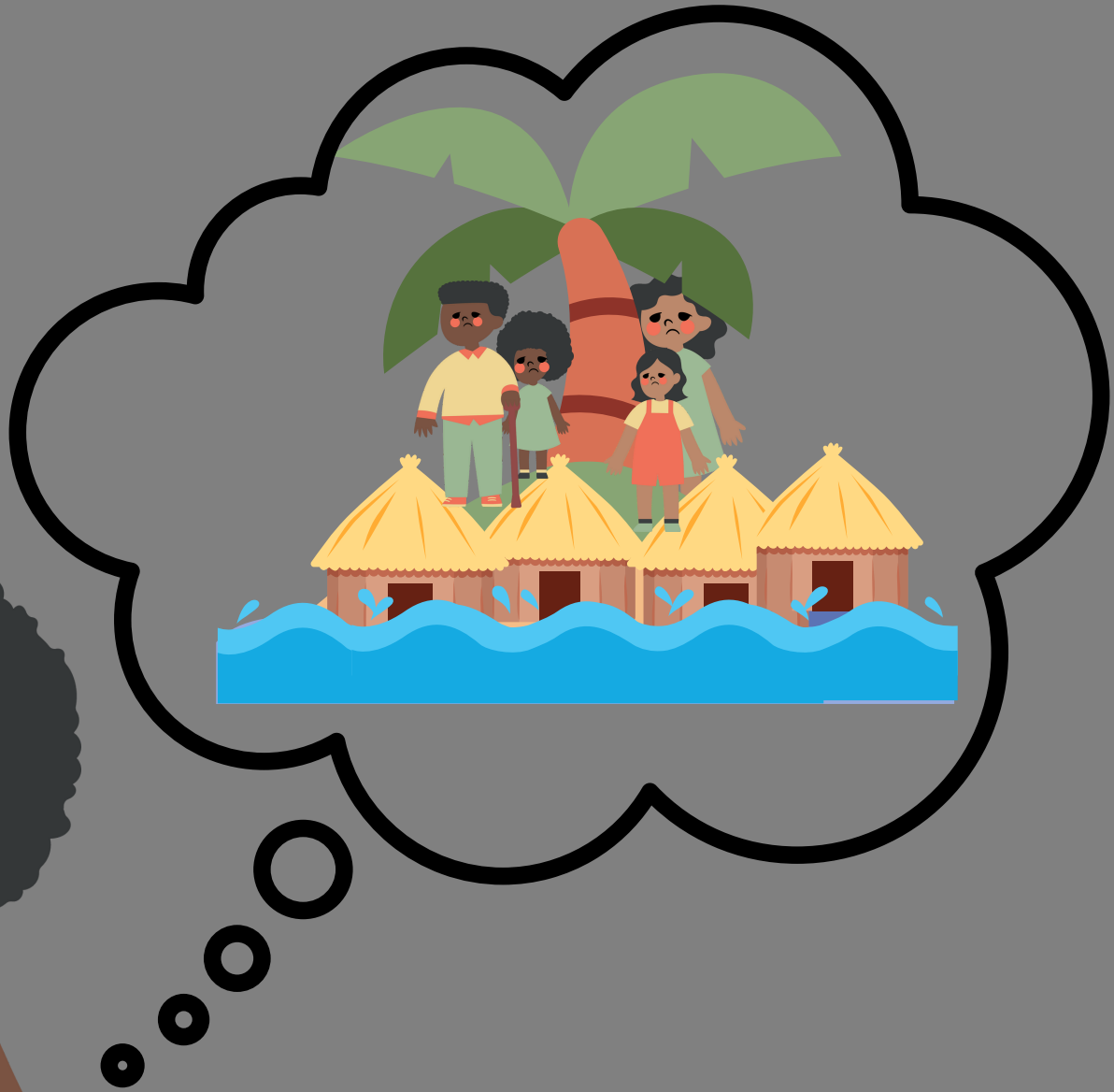
'I went on a holiday to the Pacific and stayed on an island where my family slept in a grass hut and ate lots of fruits and even went fishing, it was so much fun!' said Rosite's friend Thomas.

Rosite's other friend, Reshma asked Mama Ani, 'The Pacific sounds like fun, why did you leave your island home?'



Mama Ani sadly replied, 'Back in our islands, the sea level kept rising and flooded our home so many times, we decided we had to pack our things and move to a safe new home.'

'Why was the sea level rising?' asked Rosite.



'Well,' said Mama Ani, 'you know how in the shower, the steam makes the room all hot and steamy?'

'Yes!' the children all replied.

'Well, that's like all of the man-made gases that heat up the earth,' Mama Ani explained.



'And you know how, on a hot day, your popsicle melts?' Mama Ani asked the children.

'Yes!' they all replied.

'Well, that's what happens to the icebergs in the North and South poles,' Mama Ani said.

'Where the penguins live!' shouted Reshma.

'Yes, good job! That's why the sea level is rising and why we have to take good care of our planet.'



'How do we take care of our planet so that other Pacific islanders don't have to leave their homes?' asked Thomas.

'We can -

1. Stop cutting down the trees
2. Save power by turning off lights
3. Don't throw plastic in the ocean
4. Reduce, reuse and recycle to reduce waste
5. If Pacific Islanders have to move, we can be kind to them and make them feel welcome in their new home.

We can also ask our leaders to use wind and solar energy instead of fossil fuels like coal, oil and gas.'



Reshma thought for a moment, then asked Mama Ani, 'do you miss your island home?'

'Yes, I miss it all the time,' said Mama Ani. 'That's why we celebrate World Indigenous Peoples Day, and share our culture and our stories, like we are doing today!'

Rosite thought for a moment. 'If we look after our planet and slow down climate change, will our Pacific family be able to stay in their island homes?'

Mama Ani smiled. 'I hope so, but it will take effort by everyone. Okay, are you ready enjoy some island food and fun? Let's go!'



Greetings From The Pacific

Fiji - Bula Vinaka / Namaste

Tonga - Malo e leilei

Samoa - Talofa lava

Kiribati - Mauri

Hawaii - Aloha

Federated States of Micronesia - Kaselel

Marshall Islands - Iokwe

Palau - Alii

New Caledonia - Bonjour

New Zealand (Aotearoa) Kia Ora

Niue - Fakaalofa lahi atu

Papua New Guinea - Gude

West Papua - Jow

Vanuatu - Halo

Cook Islands - Kia Orana

Tokelau - Malo ni

Solomon Islands - Halo

Northern Mariana Islands - Hafa adai

Tuvalu - Talofa

Nauru - Ekamowir omo

Rapa Nui - 'Iorana



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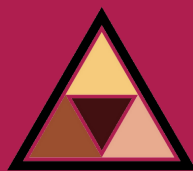
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