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Progress on Human Development for Pacific Island States

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Pacific countries included cover almost the full spectrum of HDI categories...



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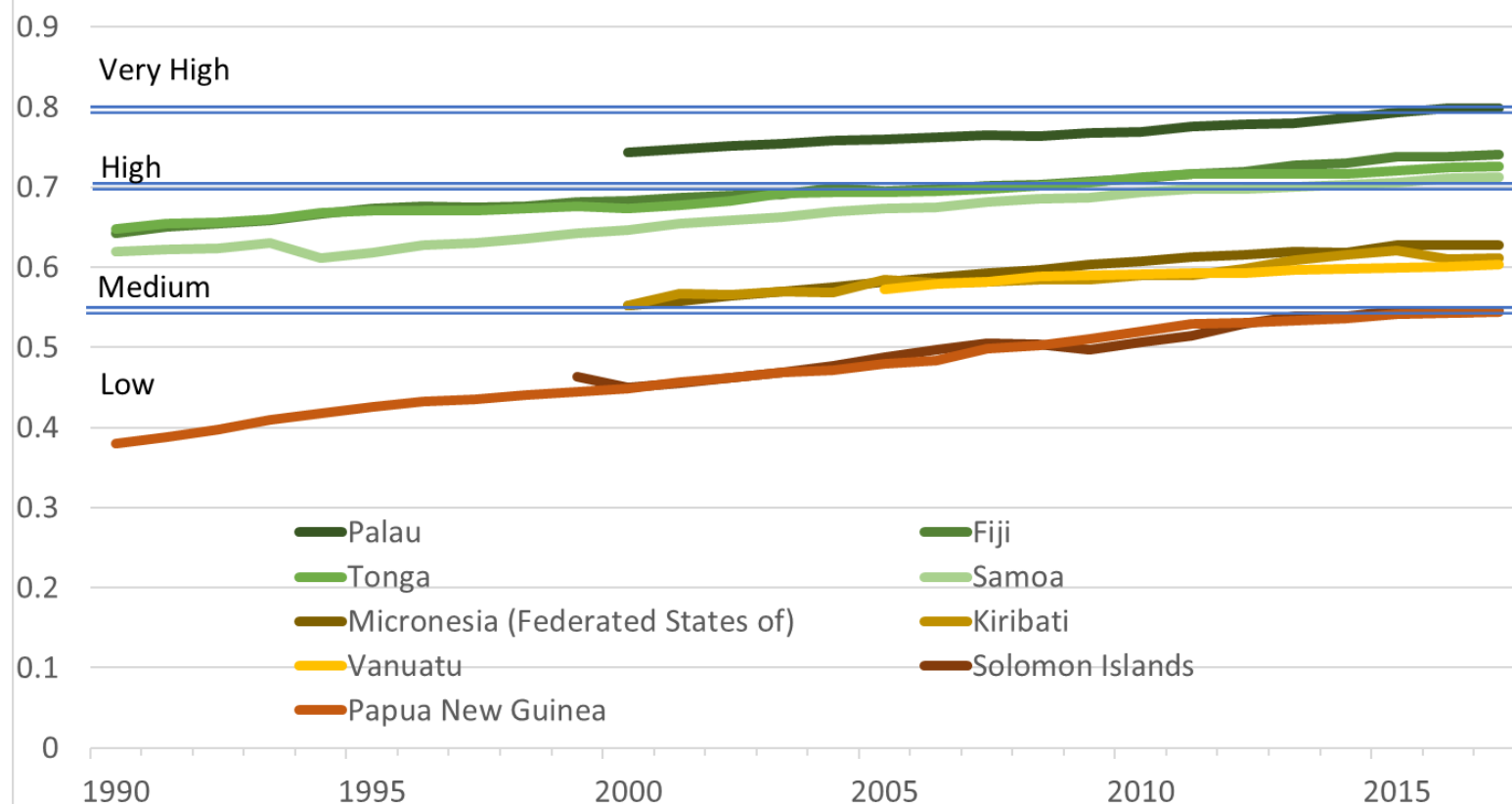
HDI Rank	Country	HDI	Life Expectancy at Birth	Expected Years of Schooling	Mean Years of Schooling	GNI Per Capita
Very High Human Development						
3	Australia	0.939	83.1	22.9	12.9	43,560
16	New Zealand	0.917	82.0	18.9	12.5	33,970
High Human Development						
60	Palau	0.798	73.4	15.6	12.3	12,831
92	Fiji	0.741	70.4	15.3	10.8	8,324
98	Tonga	0.726	73.2	14.3	11.2	5,547
104	Samoa	0.713	75.2	12.5	10.3	5,909
106	Marshall Islands	0.708	73.6	13.0	10.9	5,125
Medium Human Development						
131	Fed. Sts. Micronesia	0.627	69.3	11.7	8.0	3,843
134	Kiribati	0.612	66.5	12.9	7.9	3,042
138	Vanuatu	0.603	72.3	10.9	6.8	2,995
Low Human Development						
152	Solomon Islands	0.546	71.0	10.2	5.5	1,872
153	Papua New Guinea	0.544	65.7	10.0	4.6	3,403

...but steady progress is seen across the board



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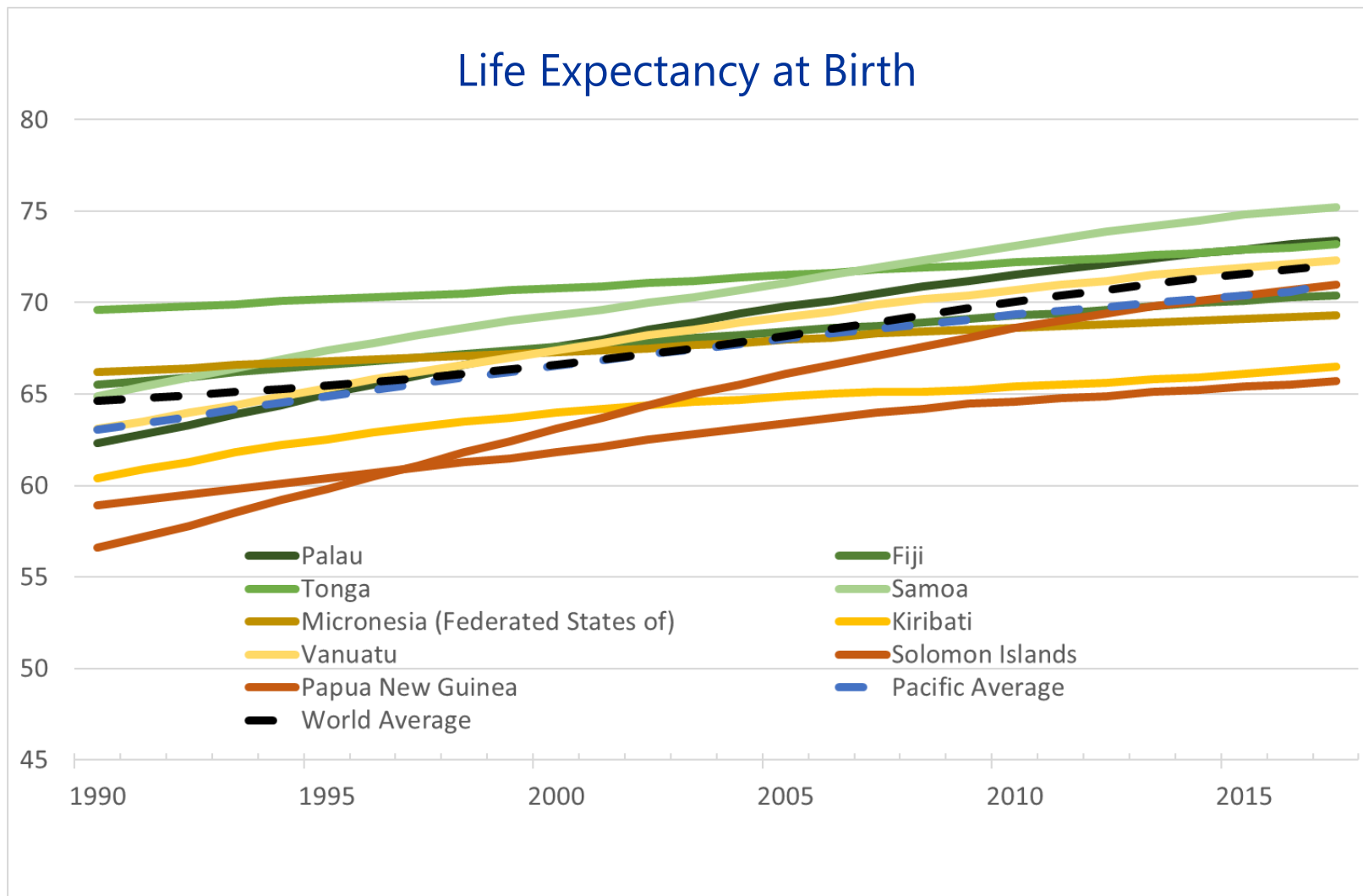
Human Development Index



People in the Pacific are living longer...



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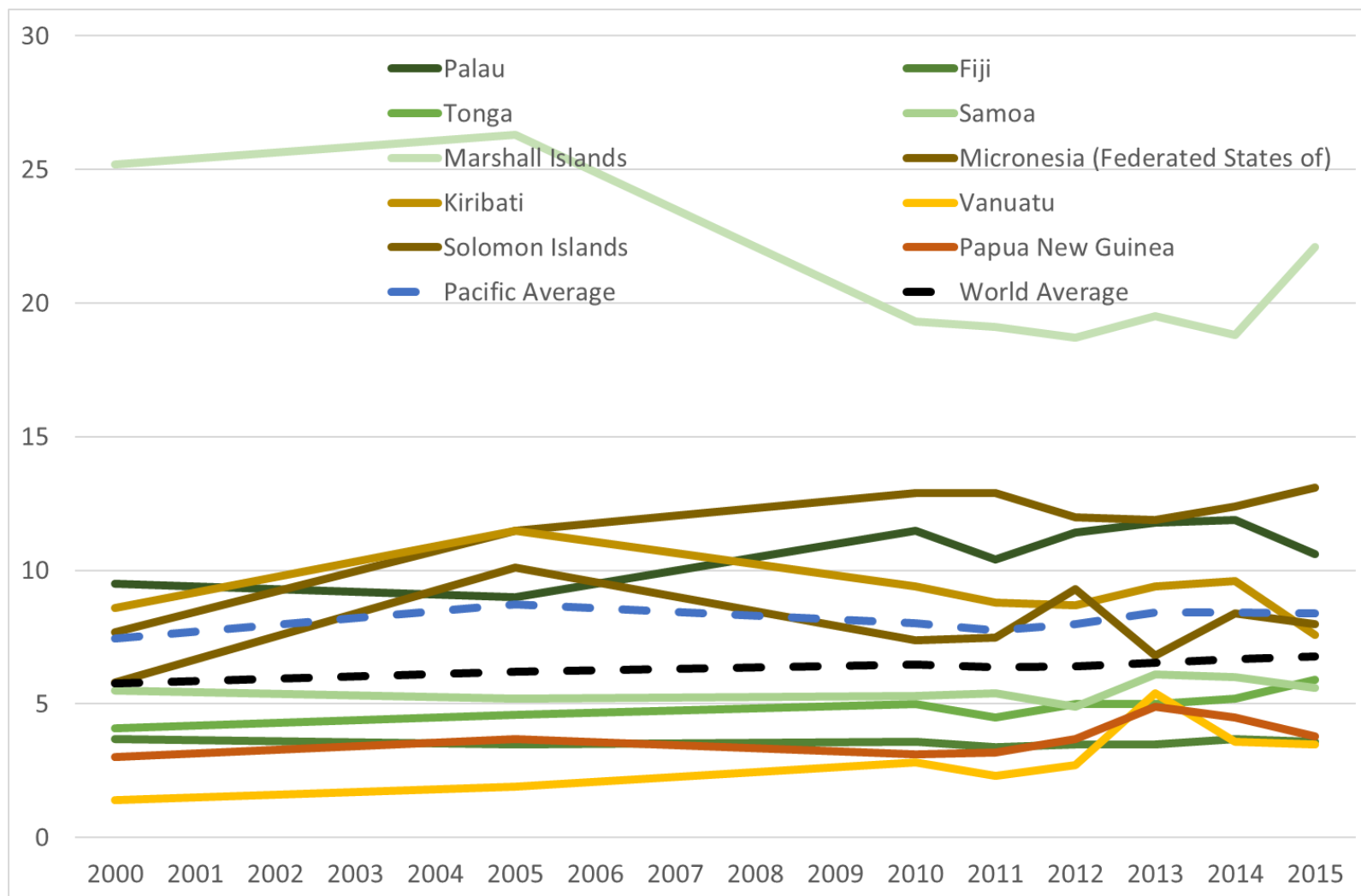


...although expenditure on health is highly variable



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Health Expenditure (% of GDP)

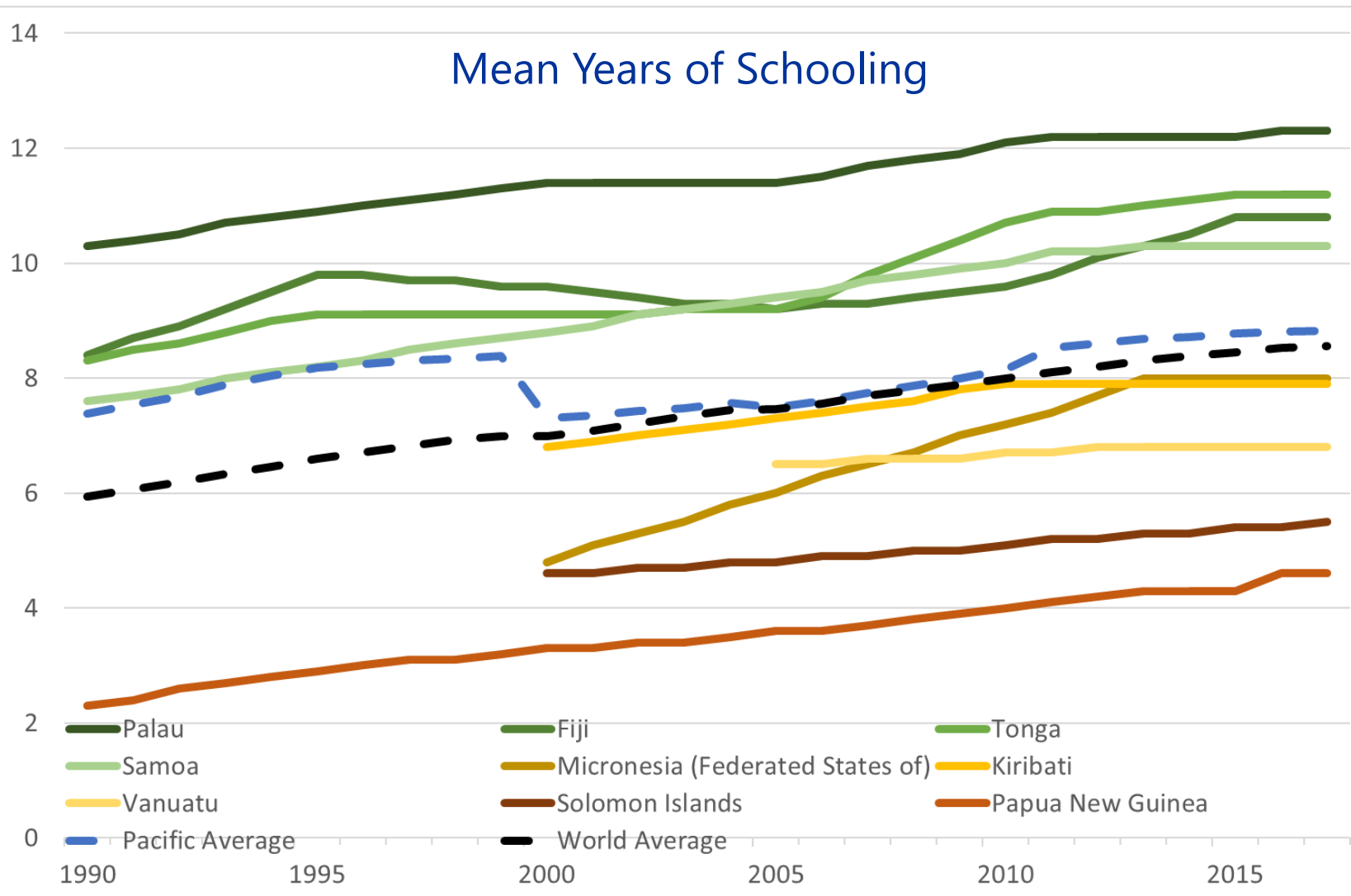


Young Pacific Islanders have received more years of education...



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Mean Years of Schooling

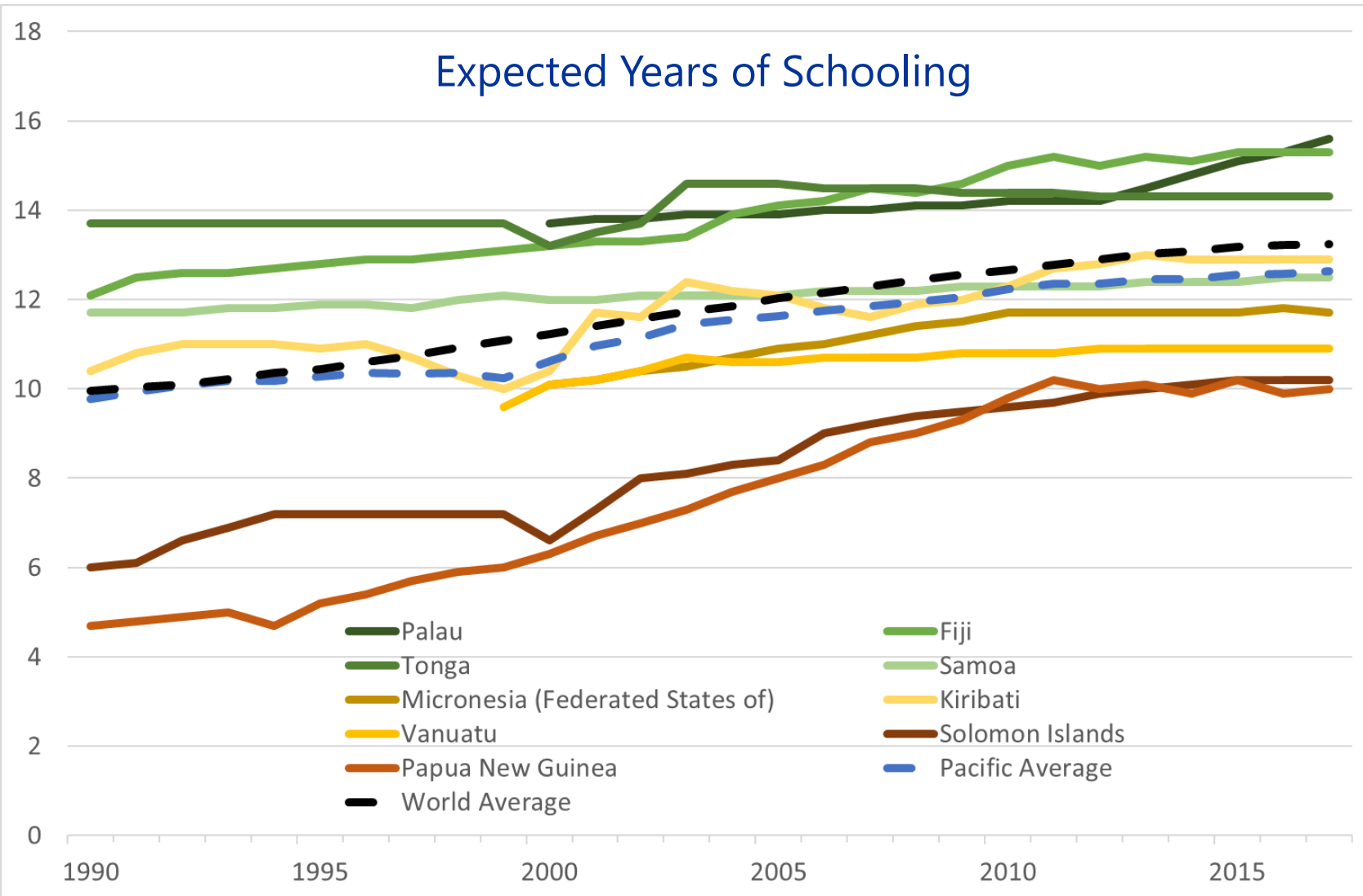


..and those entering school now can expect even more



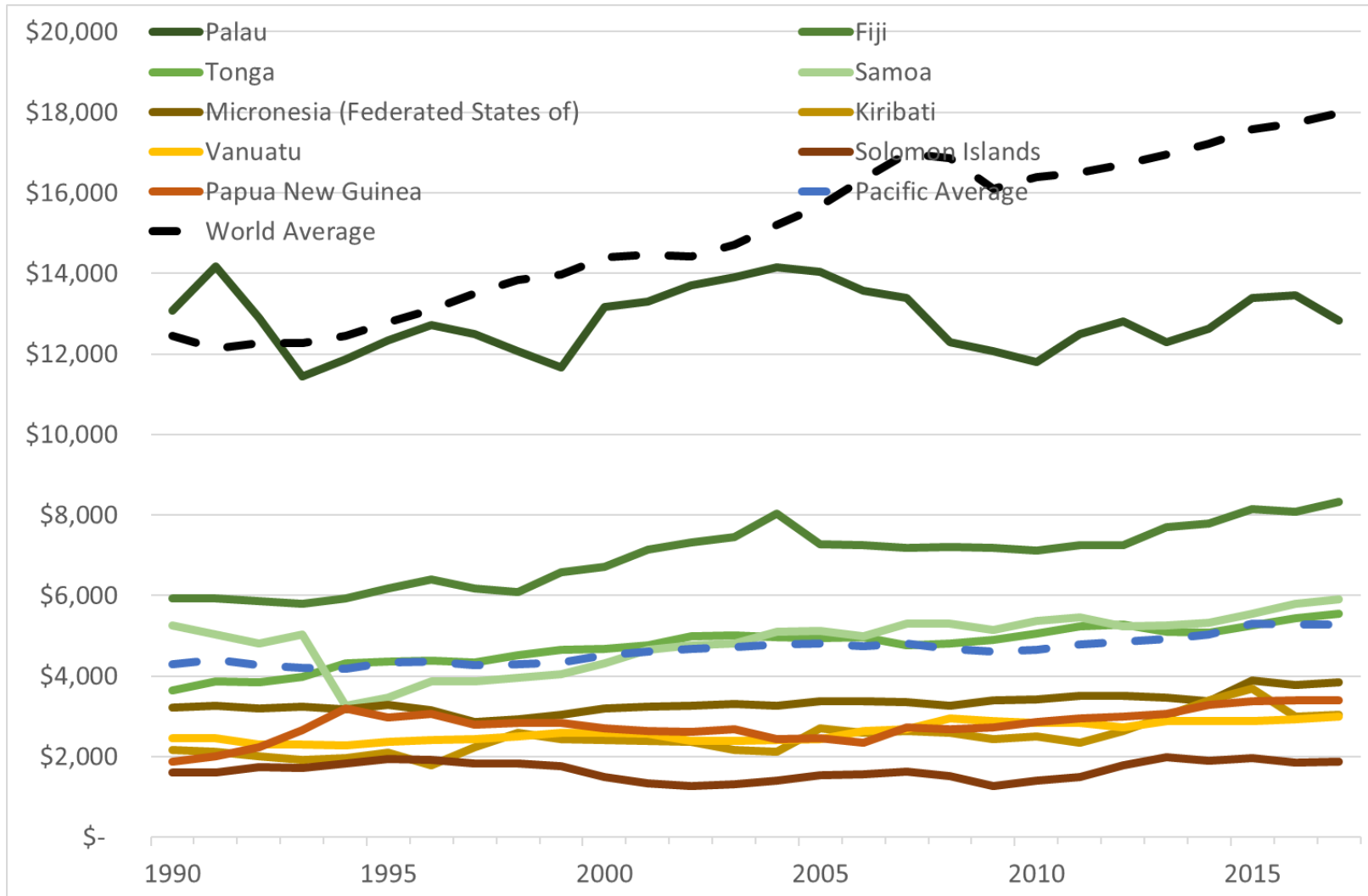
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Expected Years of Schooling



Yet consistent economic growth remains elusive...

GNI Per Capita



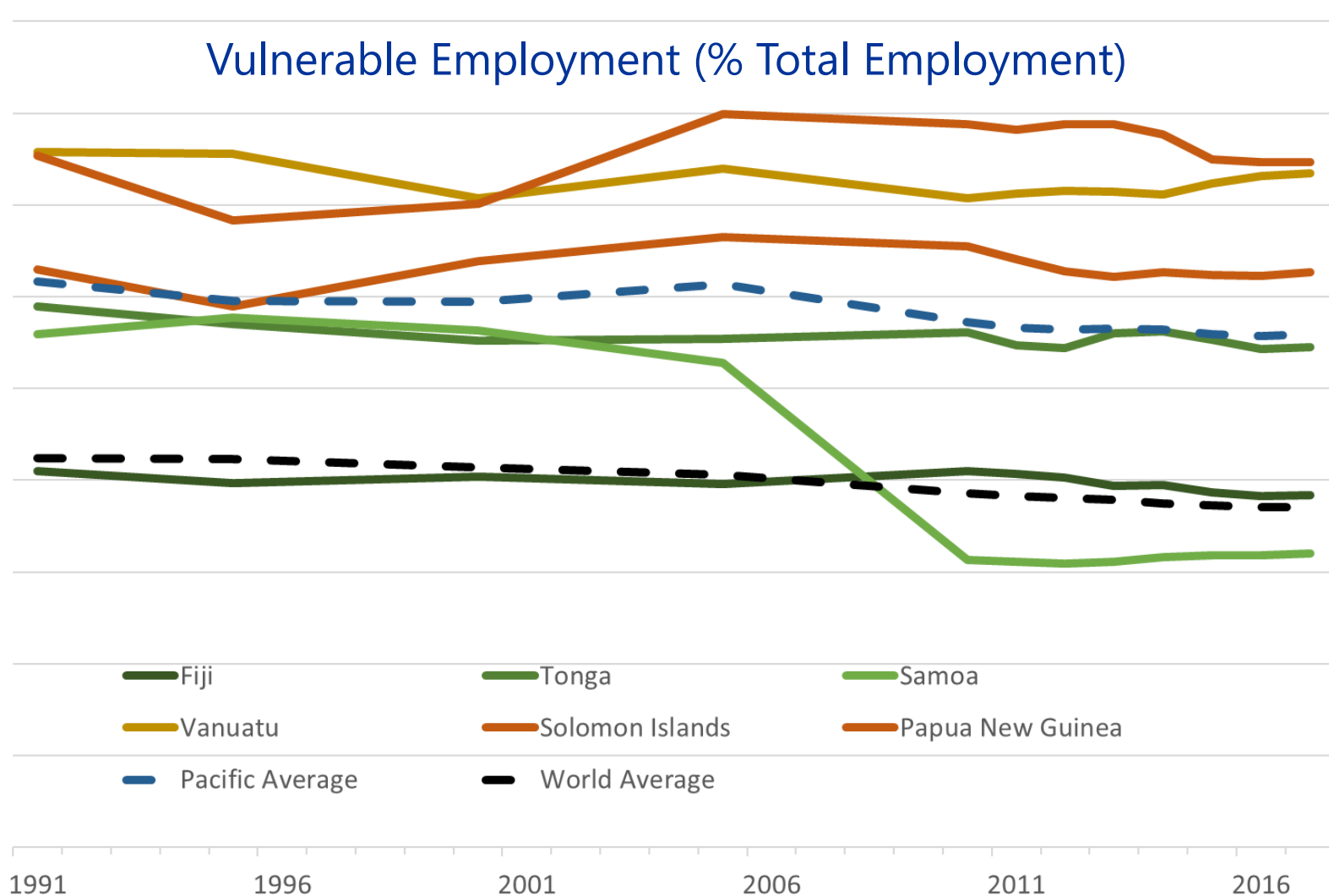
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...with a high share of those stuck in vulnerable employment



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Vulnerable Employment (% Total Employment)

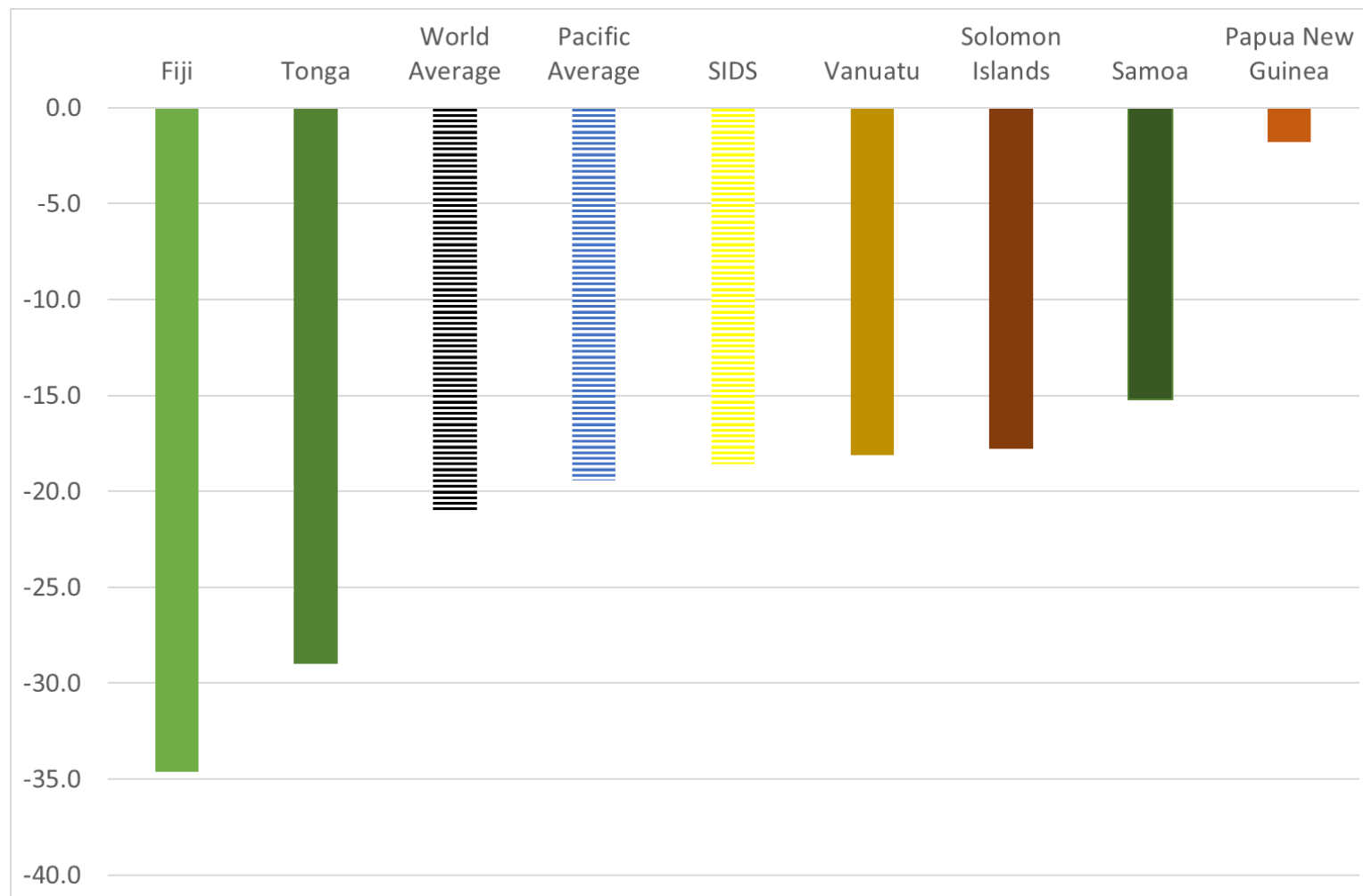


...female labour force participation is lower across the board...



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Female-Male Labour Force Participation

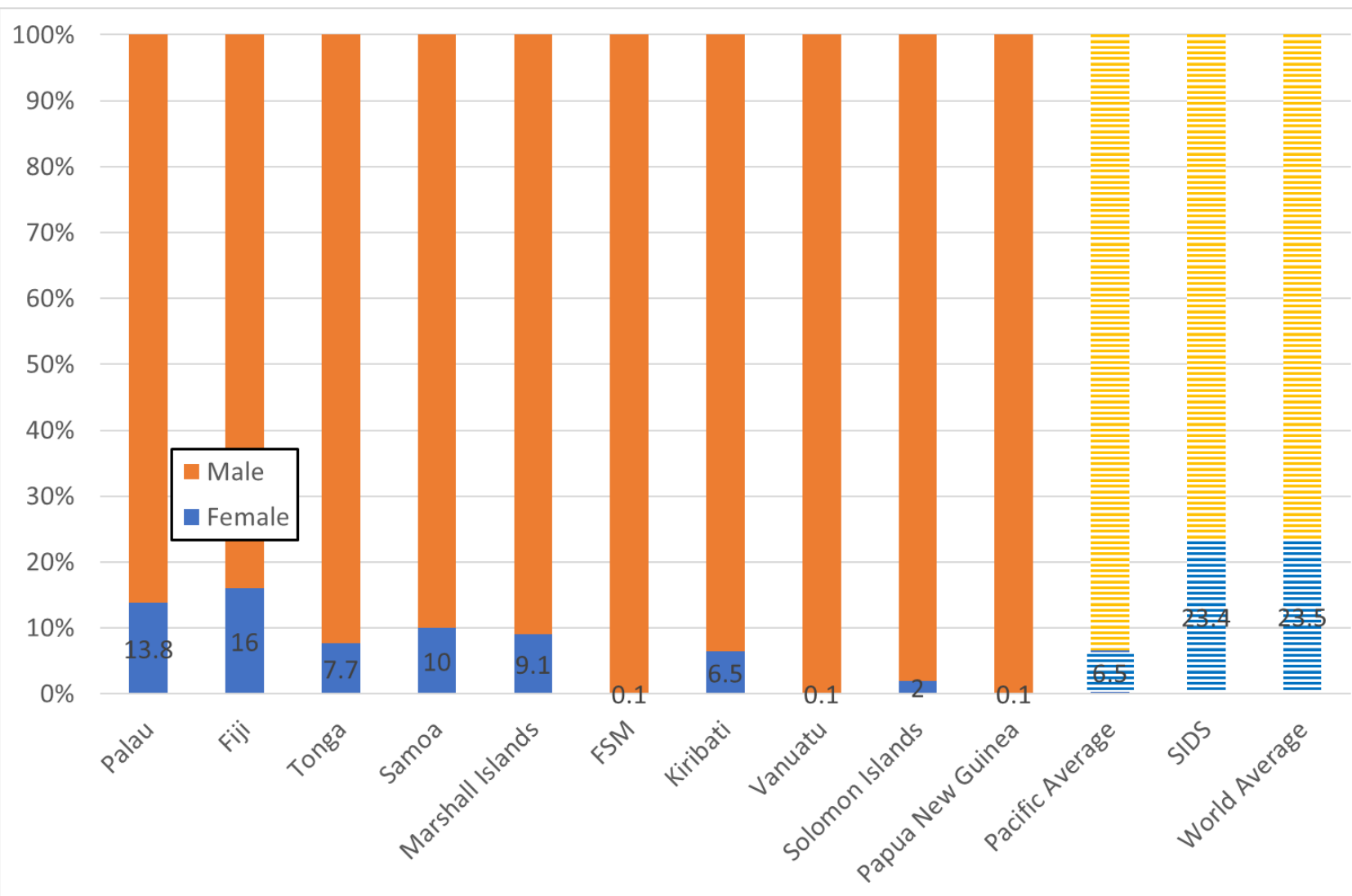


...and women make up a small share of Parliamentarians



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Female Parliamentarians



Key Take-Aways

- Smallness and remoteness set PICs apart, but HDI shows that **progress is attainable** despite challenges of geography
- Substantial challenges remain, including narrowing persistent **gender gaps** and finding economic models that deliver **sustainable, inclusive growth and opportunities**
- PICs are not homogenous: Differences in levels of development and the region's diversity requires understanding of the **different contexts in each country**
- Harnessing regional and south-south cooperation: Much scope for **learning within the region and broader SIDS**
- Realizing potential for SDG progress: Need to **leverage and match policies, investments and capacities** (demography, oceans stewardship, renewables, culture, tech)



Thank you