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- ❖ Long association with labour mobility (LM) from the Pacific.
 - 2006: the WB initiated a small pilot to recruit ni-Vanuatu for work in New Zealand. This pilot served as a 'proof of concept', contributing to the establishment of the RSE.
 - Numerous studies examining impacts of RSE, PSWPS (predecessor to the SWP), and SWP. These studies have demonstrated positive impacts of seasonal worker programs, facilitating their continuation and expansion.
 - 2021: [report on impacts of COVID-19](#) on employers, workers, and their households.

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- ❖ Current work is a combination of research and development projects aiming to improve equitable LM opportunities and better understand ways to enhance positive development impacts of LM
- ❖ Development projects:
 - ❖ *Skills and Employment for Tongans* project: aims to improve opportunities for secondary school progression and facilitate the transition to jobs in the domestic and overseas labor markets for Tongans → one project component relates to labor mobility
 - ❖ *Enhancing Labour Mobility from Papua New Guinea* project: aims to strengthen government systems in PNG that support workers and their households to benefit from overseas employment opportunities, with a focus on women and disadvantaged groups
- ❖ Research activities:
 - Pacific Labour Mobility Survey
 - Impact Evaluation of the PLS
 - Gendered and Social Impacts of Labour Mobility

Understanding development impacts of Pacific LM on workers, their families and communities

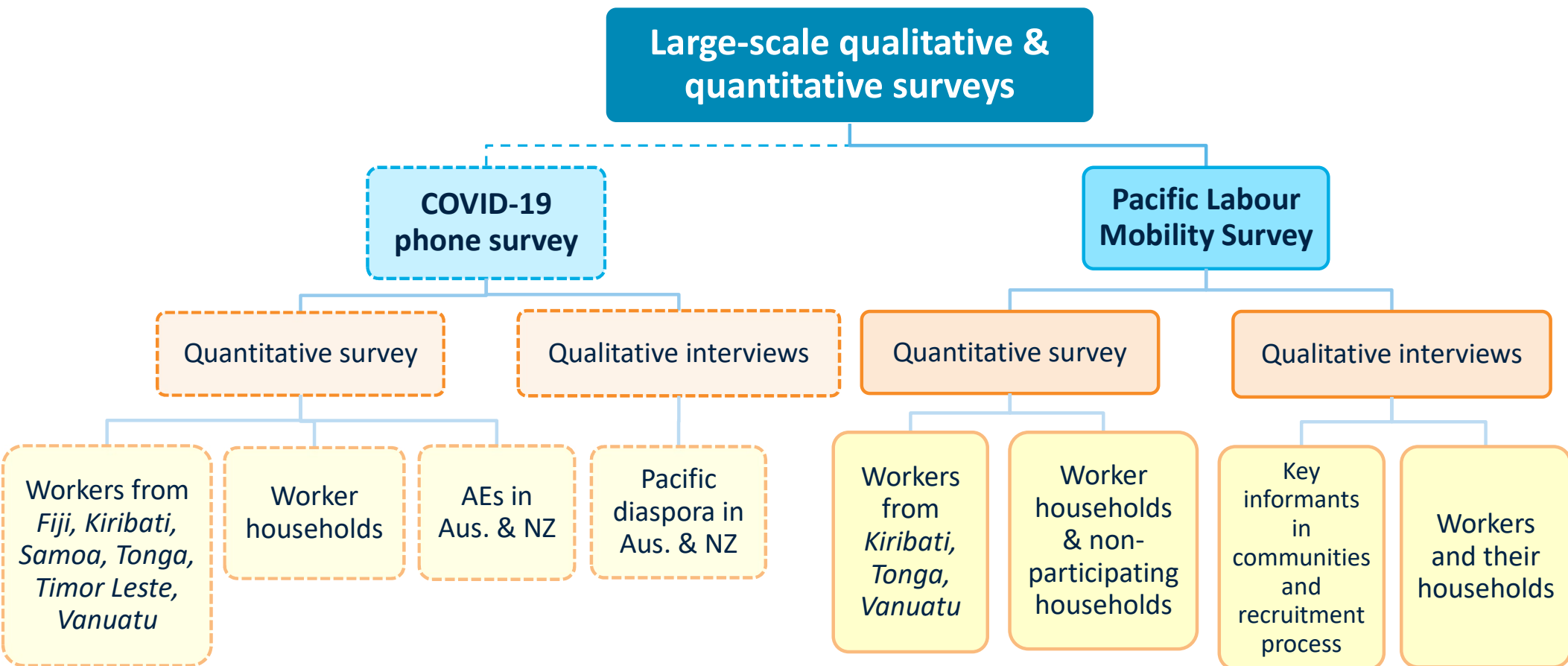
Economic impacts

- What are the impacts of temporary labour migration schemes on the economic wellbeing of migrant workers and their families?
- Looking at a wide range of indicators, such as labour activities, income and expenditure, remittances, investment in human and physical capital, housing, and perception of workers and their households on LM.

Social impacts

- What are the positive and negative impacts of temporary labour migration from PICs on migrants, their partners and families?
- What enables and what hinders women's participation in labour migration programs?

Data collection: voluntary, confidential and objective



Thank You

