**LAGI 2025 Fiji Narrative**

 **Concept Narrative**The main goal of our concept is to improve the quality of life for the residents of Marou village, while respecting the village’s values and its relationship with the natural environment.
Except for the solar panels required for energy generation, the structural frame is made of locally sourced wood, which is easy to process. This not only ensures cost efficiency, but also minimizes the environmental impact caused by transportation.
The design of the pavilion emphasizes a human-centered scale. The structure is not intended to be beautiful for its own sake, but rather to respond to local needs.
The smaller hexagonal modules form a large, continuous solar panel surface, symbolizing the strength of community cohesion, which is an essential foundation of the village.
The space creates a gentle transition between the surrounding forest and the built environment.
Its interior is also designed to foster community building. The varying floor heights allow flexible use, including education, leisure, celebrations, and religious ceremonies. Instead of assigning a fixed function, we envisioned a space that enables a variety of uses.
The undulating roof form echoes the nearby forest, while the ground occasionally extends beyond the structure, reflecting the organic irregularity of nature.
In contrast, the vivid colors of the columns speak directly to the villagers. While the structure aims to blend into the landscape, the pink shades are visible from afar, inviting people to gather.
For the same reasons, the pavilion is located on the nearest lawn to the village.

**Operations and Maintenance Statement, Environmental Impact Assessment**The structural design of the pavilion requires minimal materials and technical expertise. This allows residents to easily participate both in its construction and long-term maintenance.
Community involvement, which defines the core values of the “islands,” can be embedded in the building process from the beginning. When users are not merely observers but active participants in construction, a sense of attachment to space can develop. This connection positively influences both the usage and the longevity of the pavilion.
Since the project is planned on a lawn closest to the existing village, it does not require cutting down any trees and causes no threat to the surrounding ecosystem.