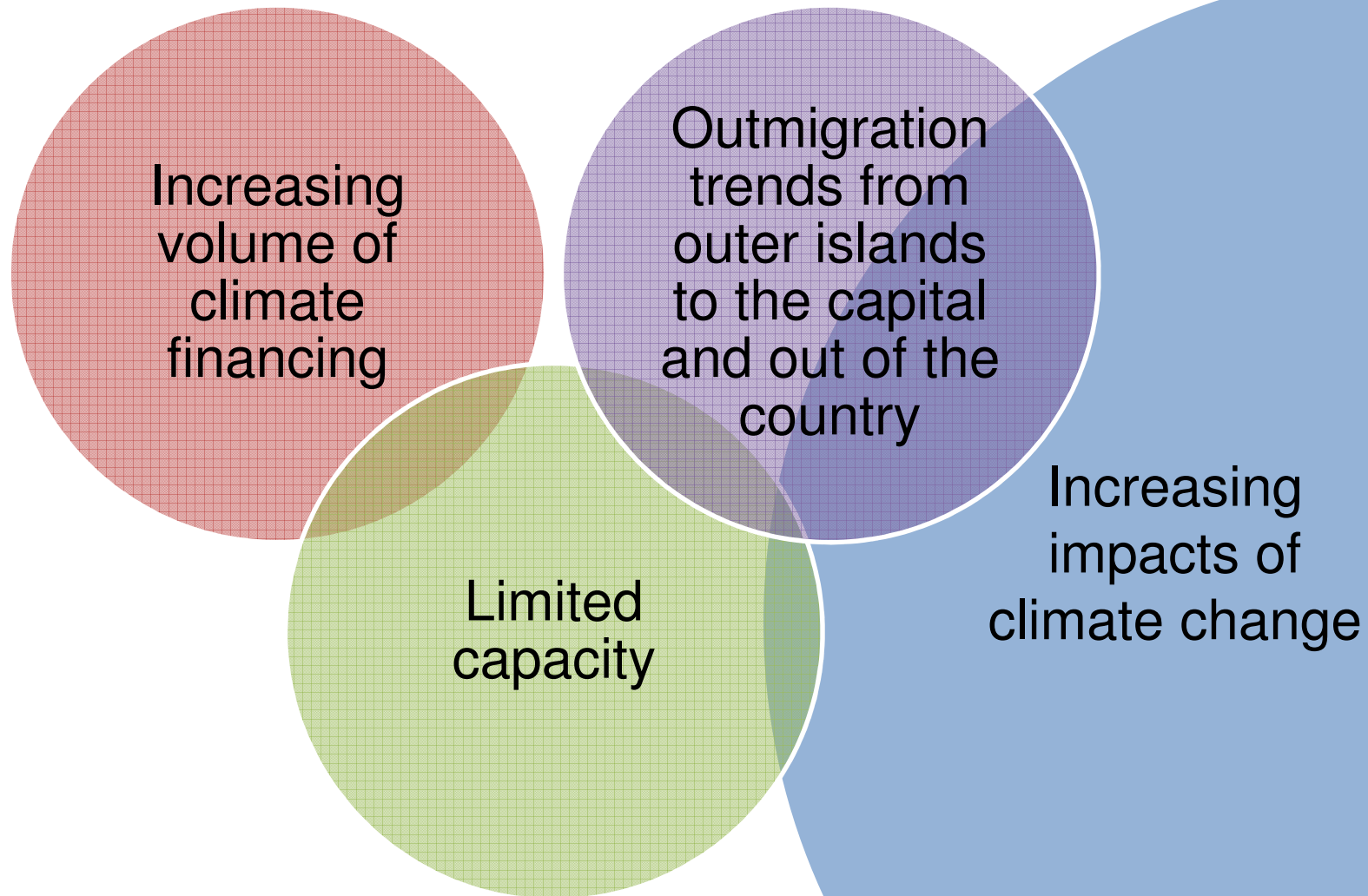# ~~Options~~ Questions for Small Island States
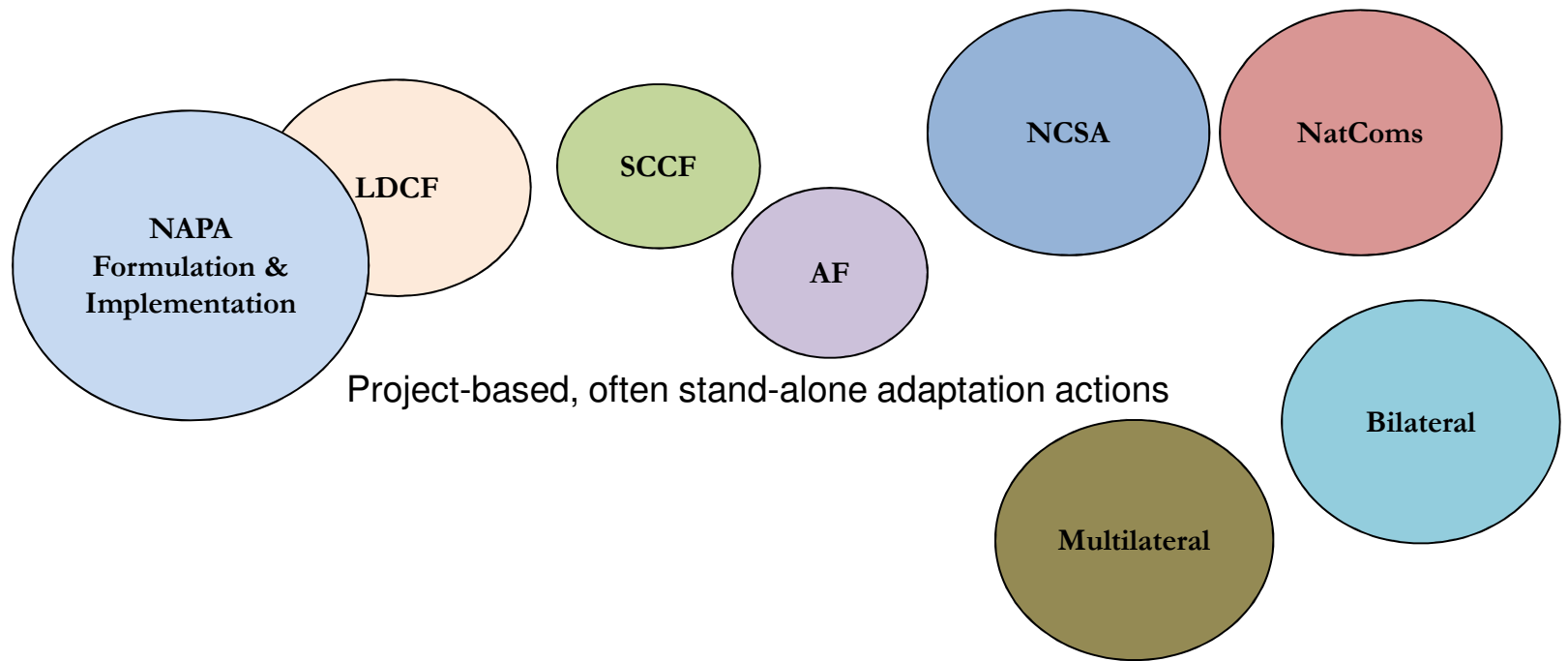
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Evolution of international support in climate change adaptation

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Project-based, often stand-alone adaptation actions

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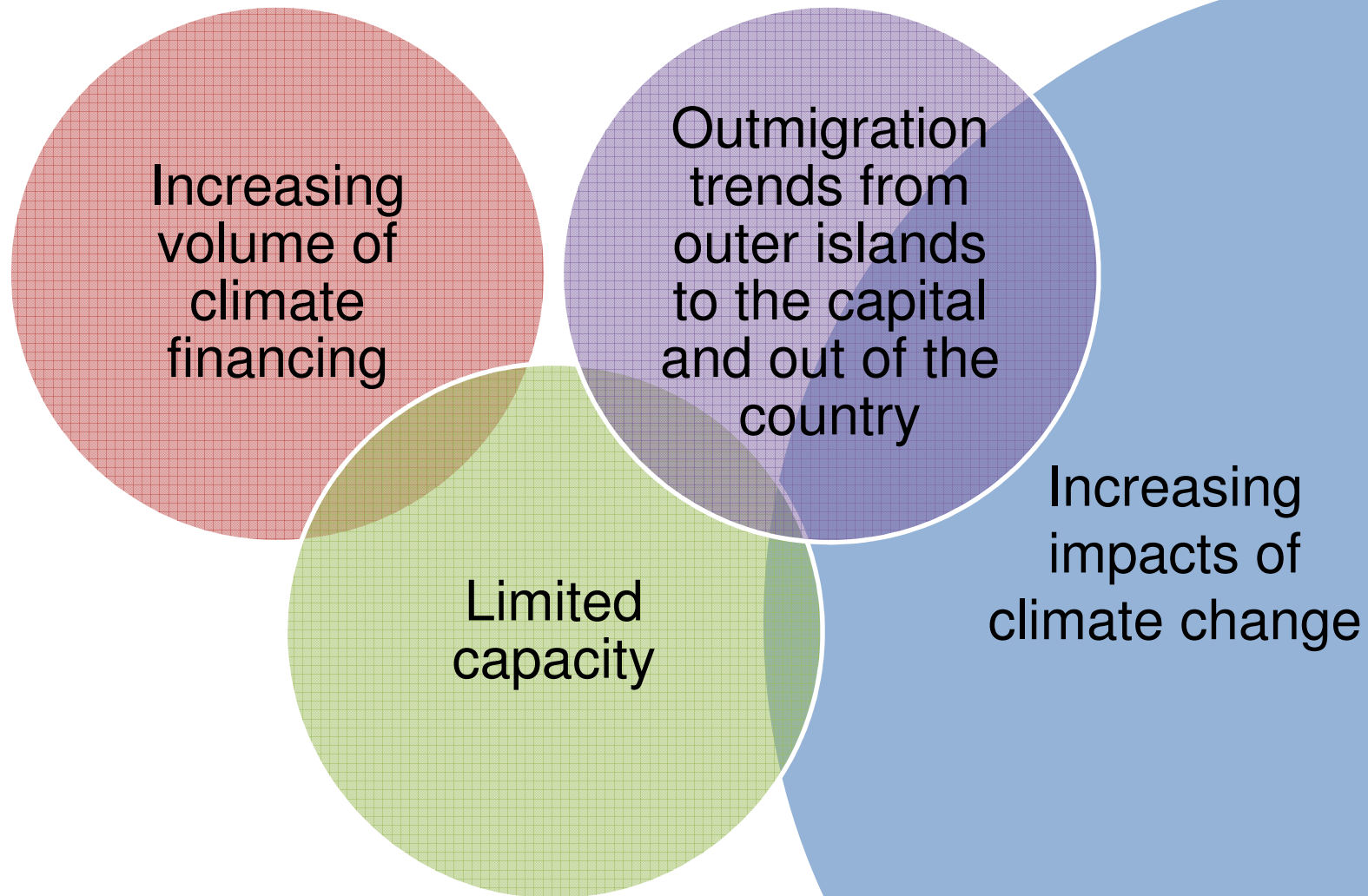
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Moving into the future…
- **National Adaptation Plans** – Country-driven, continuous, and multi-stakeholder process that integrates climate change into the existing national mechanisms
- **Readiness for Green Climate Fund**
  - For handling larger volume of external financing
  - Directly access

First question

Is the existing adaptation/development financing architecture benign to the reality capacity constraints?
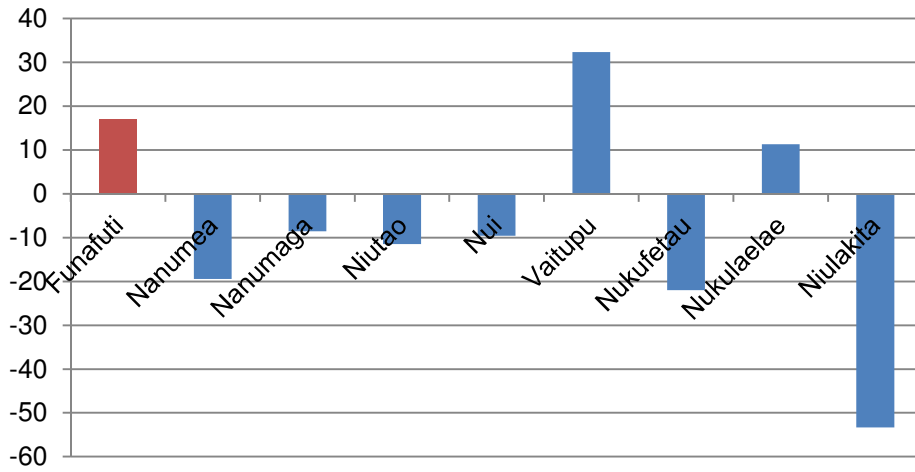
- Many government staff are project-funded and many sectoral Ministries are severely under-staffed
- Adaptation finance needs to be used on "additionality"
  ← Derived from the notion that adaptation finance should be "new and additional"
- Under the existing architecture of adaptation (and development) financing, public budget support is extremely difficult
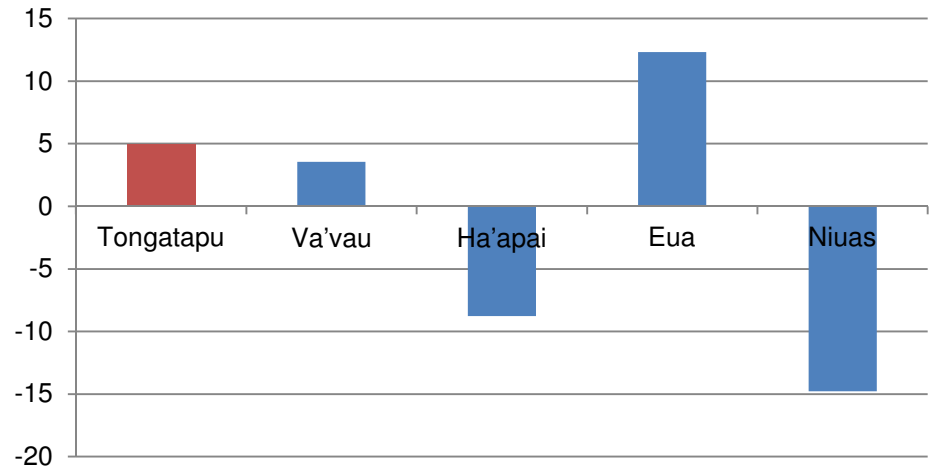
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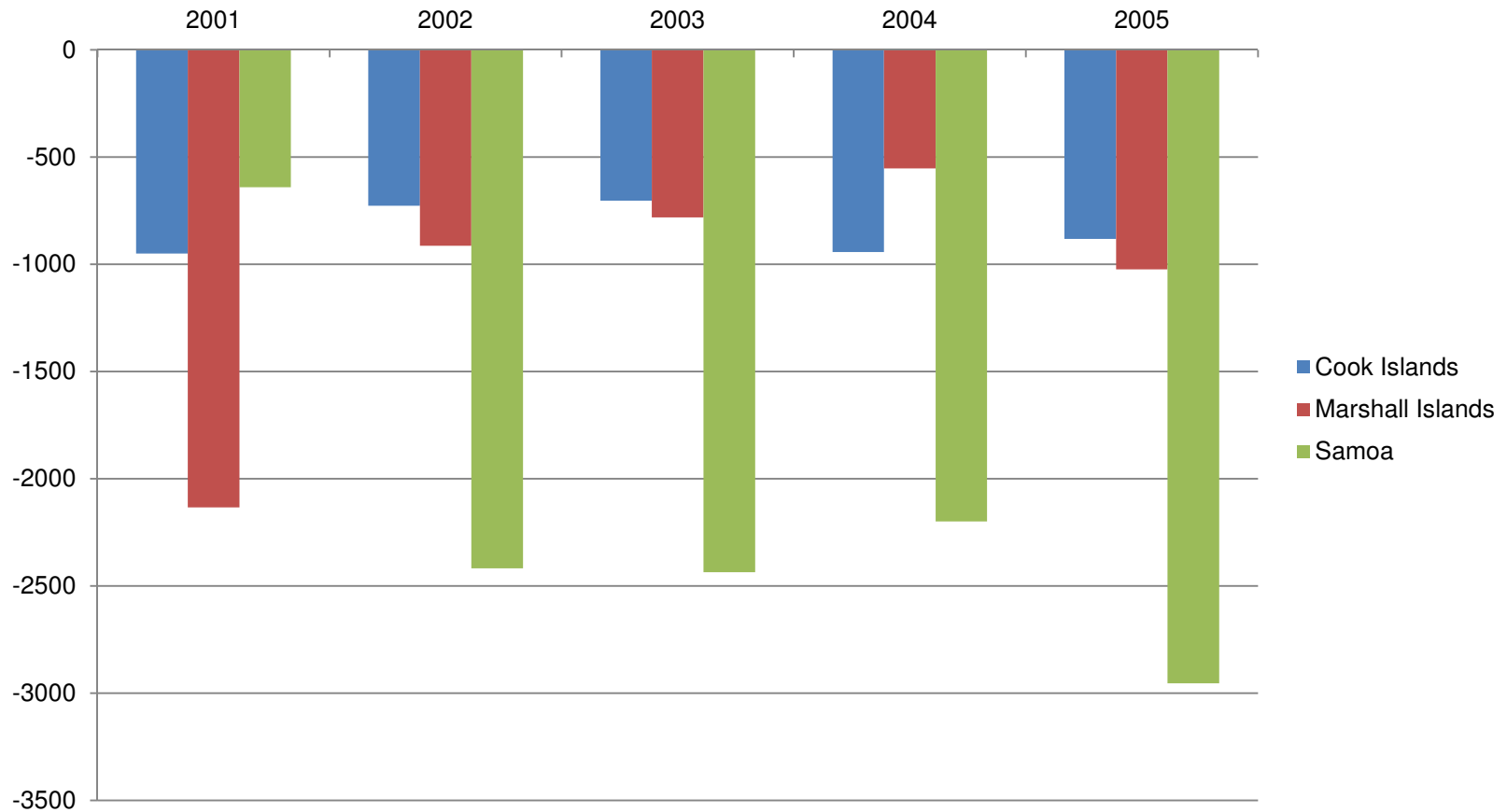# Internal migration trends

Tuvalu (1991-2002)

Tonga (1986-1996)

External migration trends

Net emigration (2001-2005)

Second question

On the one hand, people are in general moving to the capital and beyond the national boundary. On the other hand, the governments are promoting devolution of authorities to outer islands.

What does and should future adaptation in these countries look like?

Just some food for thought…

Thank you!