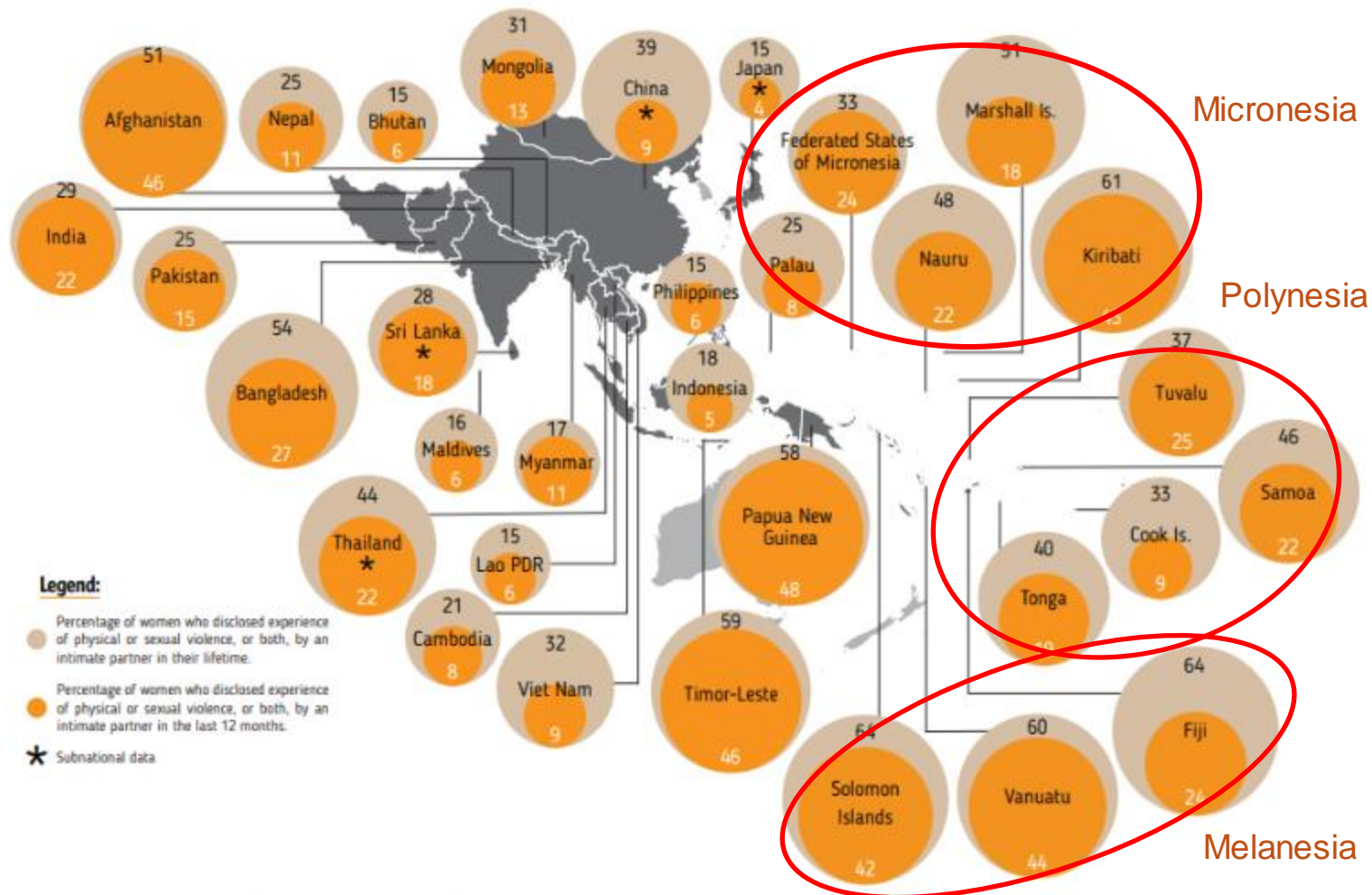


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Importance of delving deeper into the data and going beyond averages and headline indicators:

- Despite overall similar prevalence rates of VAW, the underlying patterns of IPV are strikingly different:
 - Melanesia: high levels of sexual violence and marital rape, rooted in gender inequality.
 - Polynesia: low levels of sexual violence, high levels of physical violence. Disciplinary.
 - Micronesia: mixed patterns of violence and marital rape.
- Differences in patterns and drivers of violence have important implications for evidence-based **context-specific interventions**.



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