

Funder: Official Development Assistance NZMTS Pacific  
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#### Official Information Act (1982) Request

I write in response to your Official Information Act request, dated 04 September 2019. You requested the following information:

**Of the \$3,097,603 that the Counties Manukau DHB received from the Official Development Assistance programme in 2018,**

- how much has been spent on to date,
- and what specific activities has this been spent on, or is planned to be spent on?

Please refer below for the specific details related to the NZ Medical Treatment Scheme (NZMTS), noting that the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT) is also responding to you on this request, and has confirmed high level allocation of the total funds to Counties Manukau District Health Board (CMDHB) via the Vote: Official Development Assistance (ODA) scheme (**table 1**). These are the funding amounts and allocations agreed with us in the FY 2018.19.

COUNTIES MANUKAU DISTRICT HEALTH BOARD	3,097,603
New Zealand Medical Treatment Scheme 2017 management and strengthening country capacity components	990,551
New Zealand Medical Treatment Scheme 2017 - 2021 Vanuatu	631,755
Samoa Health Partnership - Counties Manukau District Health Board and Samoa National Health Service	512,522
New Zealand Medical Treatment Scheme 2017 - 2021 Tonga	479,055
New Zealand Medical Treatment Scheme 2017 - 2021 Fiji	221,711
New Zealand Medical Treatment Scheme 2017 - 2021 Tuvalu	156,159
Health - New Zealand Medical Treatment Scheme 2017-2021 Kiribati	105,849

**Table 1**

This contract funds CMDHB to coordinate, fund and administer three (3) components of NZMTS support to six Pacific Island (Fiji, Kiribati, Samoa, Tonga, Tuvalu and Vanuatu).

The components are a) Overseas Medical Referrals, b) Visiting Medical Specialists, and c) Strengthening In-country Capacity initiatives. The elements of each of these is summarised (table 2) below. A significant focus is on the Pacific Child Health I.N.F.A.N.T.S training programme in each of the islands.

We note that this Agreement is a multi-year commitment, and some funding amounts below will reflect arrangements in place from prior years, and Agreement Variations in the total period from 2017-2021.

<b>Component 1 - Overseas Referrals (budgeted amounts per island)</b>	
	Fiji - \$200,000
	Kiribati - nil
	Tonga - \$400,000
	Tuvalu - \$140,000
	Vanuatu - \$650,000
<b>Component 2 - Visiting Medical Specialists (budgeted amounts per island)</b>	
	Fiji - \$50,000
	Kiribati - \$200,000
	Tonga - \$100,000
	Tuvalu - \$60,000
	Vanuatu - \$100,000
<b>Component 3 - Strengthening In-country Capacity (inc Budgeted amounts per island for 2018.19)</b>	
Fiji \$201,106	3.1 Child Health – I.N.F.A.N.T.S Training
	3.2 Nurse Development Support <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Support specialisation – Post-grad certification for paediatrics, oncology and ICU, and linked to IAC courses and nurse training.</li> <li>– Work with Fiji Nurses Council and relevant authorities to development specialisation for nurses, as aligned with nurse structure and need. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3.2.1. <i>Quality Improvement Training</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– <i>Foundation of Management - Modules 4 - 7 (1 week)</i></li> <li>– <i>Foundation of Management - Module 8 - 10 (1 week)</i></li> <li>– <i>Mentorship</i></li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>
	3.3 Emergency Care - service and workforce scoping <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– TBC - MFAT also funds a Specialist to provide development support</li> </ul>
	3.4 Antimicrobial Work – Infectious Disease Specialist and Microbiologist <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Review current antimicrobial work, includes labs process</li> <li>– Review process of antibiotic prescription,</li> <li>– Training of clinicians</li> <li>– Finalise and print antimicrobial guidelines</li> </ul>
	3.6 Tele-health <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Other areas of support - pathology and radiology</li> </ul>
	3.7 Other Clinical Services – Uro-gynaecology <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Support to country to develop implementation plan</li> </ul>
	3.8 National Risk Management
	Kiribati \$300,320
3.2 Nurse Development Support <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Support specialisation –Post-grad certification for paediatrics, oncology and ICU, linked to IAC courses and nurse training.</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Work with Fiji Nurses Council and relevant authorities to development specialisation for nurses, as aligned with nurse structure and need.</li> </ul>
	3.5 Infection Prevention & Control
	3.6 Tele-health
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Other areas of support - pathology and radiology</li> </ul>
	3.7 Other Clinical Services - Radiology Imaging
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Support to country to develop implementation plan</li> <li style="padding-left: 20px;"><i>3.7.2 Other Clinical Services - Te Meeria Development</i></li> </ul>
	3.8 Other Services Allied Service Capacity Development e.g. dental, podiatry, pharmacy, laboratory
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li style="padding-left: 20px;"><i>3.8.2 Other Systems ORD and health informatics</i></li> <li style="padding-left: 20px;"><i>3.8.3 Other Systems In-country Coordinator</i></li> </ul>
Tonga \$154,500	3.1 Child Health – I.N.F.A.N.T.S Training
	3.2 Nurse Development Support
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Support specialisation – Post-grad certification for paediatrics, oncology and ICU, and linked to IAC courses and nurse training.</li> <li>– Work with Nurses Council and relevant authorities to development specialisation for nurses, as aligned with nurse structure and need.</li> </ul>
	3.3 Emergency Care - service and workforce scoping
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Review current antimicrobial work, includes labs process</li> <li>– Review process of antibiotic prescription,</li> <li>– Training of clinicians</li> <li>– Finalise and print antimicrobial guidelines</li> </ul>
	3.5 Infection Prevention & Control
	3.8 Other health systems - governance & Leadership
Tuvalu \$99,828	3.1 Child Health – I.N.F.A.N.T.S Training
	3.2 Nurse Development Support
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Support specialisation – Post-grad certification for paediatrics, oncology and ICU, and linked to IAC courses and nurse training.</li> <li>– Work with Fiji Nurses Council and relevant authorities to development specialisation for nurses as aligned with nurse structure and need.</li> </ul>
	3.6 Tele-health
	3.8 Other Systems - Hospital Management Support
Vanuatu \$301,094	3.1 Child Health - INFANTS Training
	<i>3.1.1 - PEMNet</i>
	3.2 Nurse Development Support
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Support specialisation -Postgrad certification for paediatrics, oncology and ICU, and linked to IAC courses and nurse training.</li> <li>– Work with Fiji Nurses Council and relevant authorities to development specialisation for nurses as aligned with nurse structure and need.</li> </ul>
	3.3 Emergency Care - service and workforce scoping
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– TBC - MFAT also funds a Specialist to provide development support</li> </ul>
	3.4 Antimicrobial Work – Infectious Disease Specialist
	3.5 Infection Prevention & Control
	3.7 Other Clinical Services - Urology
	3.8 Other system support - Supervision Cuban-trained doctors
	<i>3.8-1 Other system support – ICU</i>
	<i>3.8-1 Other system support - ORS</i>

**Table 2**

There is further information on the Pacific NZMTS scheme publicly available on:

<https://www.health.govt.nz/new-zealand-health-system/publicly-funded-health-and-disability-services/services-pacific-island-people>

I trust this information satisfactorily answers your query, please contact me if we can provide more specific information or clarification. If you are not satisfied with this response you are entitled to seek a review of the response by the Ombudsman under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act.

Please note that this response or an edited version of this may be published on the Counties Manukau DHB website.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'F. Apa', with a stylized flourish above the name.

Fepulea'i Margie Apa  
Chief Executive Officer  
**Counties Manukau Health**