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# NGO gives medical equipment

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Minister for Health Dr Ifereimi Waqainabete with the team from American NGO EqualMed at the handover of medical equipment worth \$1 million to assist Fiji in its campaign against COVID-19. Picture: FIJI GOVT

American non-government organisation EqualMed has given medical equipment worth \$1 million which will greatly assist Fiji in its campaign against COVID-19.

While receiving the equipment yesterday, Minister for Health Dr Ifereimi Waqainabete lauded the initiative, adding Government was fortunate to have this continuous partnership for patient care.

“The Ministry of Health and Medical Services and the Fijian Government continues to acknowledge their ongoing and timely support towards COVID-19 response in Fiji,” Dr Waqainabete said.

He added that the Fijian Government and developing partners were working hard to contain COVID-19 from the communities with all the strategic measures.

“We will come out strong and keep on working hard to protect all Fijians during these challenging times.

“The donation is the ultimate sign of solidarity as actions speak louder than words, and thus, we thank EqualMed for their continuous support to the Fijian Government, and especially during these difficult times in keeping everyone safe.”

He acknowledged the executive officer and founder of EqualMed, Nivita Sharma, who now lives in America and has been assisting Fiji for the past eight years.

The equipment handed-over yesterday included 600,000 face masks, 2400 face shields, 5000 gowns, 5000 protective sleeves, 66,000 cotton swab/applicator, 200 sets of oxygen masks, 430 IV cannulas, 225 oxygen tubes, 100 ambulatory bags, 30,000 gloves, 2000 IV sets, 100 CPR mask kits and 2000 towels.