



JAPAN INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AGENCY PROVIDES MEDICAL SUPPLIES

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Head of Health Protection/GM IMT Dr Aalisha Sahukhan, JICA Resident Representative Ms Yukari Ono and Minister for Health Dr. Ifereimi Waqainabete.

Donations has been pouring in from our developing partners to fight the COVID 19 Pandemic and the Health Ministry acknowledges this timely assistance to boost our COVID 19 response capacity.

Only Days after The Japanese Embassy signed a \$10,000,000 donation to the Health Ministry, the Japanese International Cooperation Agency has further stretched the aid assistance in terms of medical supplies worth \$500,000.

The timely donation was received by the Health Minister Dr Ifereimi Waqainabete at the Civic Centre by the Resident Representative of JICA Fiji Office Ms Yukari Ono.

Health Minister Dr Ifereimi Waqainabete extended his appreciation on behalf of the Ministry to JICA saying that Japan has always been a close ally of Fiji in terms of development.

“These assistance from JICA escalates our ability to respond to the Pandemic efficiently”.

The Resident Representative of JICA Ms Yukari Ono said *“JICA will do our best to respond to the urgent needs of our partner countries, will work Harder to build resilient and flexible health systems and make Universal Health Coverage a reality”.*

PHYSICAL DISTANCING

Avoid mass gathering and crowds	STAY HOME	Keep a distance of 2 metres
Avoid having visitors as much as possible	No handshakes or hugs	

PHYSICAL DISTANCING

Bheer mei mat jaiye	GHAR PAR HI RAHIYE	Ek dusre se 2 metres dooriya rakhiye
Mahemaan ko mat bulayiye	Haath aur gale mat milaye	

PHYSICAL DISTANCING

E tabu na soqoni	TIKO I VALE	Duri se dabe veyawaki me rauta e rua na mita
Kakua na veisikovi	E tabu na lululu se na veimokoti	

Source: World Health Organization

HEALTH CARE ON AIR INITIATIVE LAUNCHED FOR FIJI AND THE PACIFIC



The Ambassador of USA H.E Excellency Mr Cella, Japanese Ambassador H.E Mr Omura Masahiro, Health Minister Hon. Dr Ifereimi Waqainabete, UNICEF Pacific Representative Mr Sheldon Yett and New Zealand High Commissioner His Excellency Mr Jonathan Curr at the Launch of Health Care On Air Pacific.

The Pacific region launches Health Care on Air to support front line healthcare workers during COVID-19 response

Health Minister Dr Ifereimi Waqainabete this week launched the Health Care on Air training for the 14 Pacific Island countries Frontline Health Workers to establish themselves as competent health care providers to COVID 19 patients.

This training is a collaborative initiative of partners including UNICEF and the Governments of the United States, New Zealand and Japan will be aired on radio and other communication platforms for front line healthcare workers across 14 countries: Fiji, Cook Islands, Samoa, Federated States of Micronesia, Palau, Tuvalu, Niue, Vanuatu, Solomon Islands, Kiribati, Nauru, Tonga, Republic of Marshall Islands and Tokelau.

While Launching the program our Health Minister Dr Ifereimi Waqainabete said *“The global spread of COVID-19 to countries and territories indicates that “a risk somewhere is a risk anywhere” and as a global village, the increasing incidence of the disease in some countries around the world is a threat to the entire Pacific. Our*

development partners had stood alongside us during the assault of the pandemic, let us embrace this new development by protecting the children of our nations through empowering our frontline health care workers during this difficult time”.

One of the greatest challenges currently facing healthcare systems in the Pacific is how to provide front line healthcare workers with training on managing COVID-19 infections when they arise, while continuing to deliver quality essential health services to the most remote and hard to reach populations.

“The majority of nurses and midwives in the Pacific are located in remote rural areas and outer islands, which means they often miss out on regular trainings and updates. These front line health workers provide services to more than two million people, including children, across the region, and need to be equipped with the most up-to-date health knowledge and skills to deliver the best services to these communities,” said Sheldon Yett, UNICEF Pacific Representative.

EQUAL MED OF USA DONATES MEDICAL EQUIPMENTS TO MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND MEDICAL SERVICES

The Ministry of Health and Medical Services has received further assistance from the Equal Med of United States of America to boost our COVID 19 protection capacity.

The medical equipments and accessories were handed over to the Health Minister Dr Ifereimi Waqainabete at the Fiji Pharmaceutical and Biomedical Services.

The founder and CEO of Equal Med, Ms Nivita Sharma formally of Fiji and now residing in USA commenced this charity work in 2013 and has since donated medical supplies and equipments to the Fiji Healthcare System valued at more than \$F2.5m.

The donations this year itself accumulated to over \$F1m.

Hon Minister Waqainabete thanked Ms Sharma for her enormous contributions to Fiji which provides great assistance and relief to the people.

Ms Sharma has also been working closely with Diabetes



Health Minister Dr Ifereimi Waqainabete presents the certificate of appreciation to Mr Selvin on behalf of the Equal Med.

Fiji in identifying the needs of the patients and arranging them through her charity work.

ACTING PERMANENT SECRETARY DR JAMES FONG ANNOUNCES NEW CASES OF COVID 19



Acting Permanent Secretary for Health and Medical Services Dr James Fong and Head of Health Protection Dr Aalisha Sahukhan at the Press Conference on COVID 19 update.

The Acting Permanent Secretary for Health and medical services Dr James Fong revealed that three new cases of Active COVID 19 cases have been noted in Fiji.

The cases were from passenger on board the flight from India which brought back Fiji Citizens who

were stranded there.

Dr Fong described the new cases as border quarantine cases as they were identified in passengers that were inbound to Fiji and have since been isolated as they possess no threat to the Fijian people.

“The patients who tested positive were our own people who returned from India and after running down the tests are stable and being looked after by the medical staff and remain isolated. They will only be released after they tests come

negative irrespective of the no of days they will be kept in quarantined,”

The Health Ministry reminds all Fijian people to follow safe health practices while at the same time assist others to follow the safety health practices outlined by the Ministry.

VILLAGES IN TUBALEVU COMPLETED WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN TRAINING



Village participants with the Health Minister after the certificate presentation.

Health Minister Dr Ifereimi Waqainabete presented certificates to Tubalevu and the surrounding villagers who successfully completed a three day course on Water Safety Management plan training.

This initiative was driven by the Ministry to assist villagers in water management as this is one the basic necessities of life and to ensure people have access to safe and clean water.

Tubalevu and the surrounding villages have intermittent water supply and training such as this enables them to know better the management plans.

Dr Waqainabete told the villages that activities such as this has to be done to ensure the community has access to clean and sufficient water.

“The necessity of having clean water so that we can have better sanitation to continue with the new normal,” he said.

He further asked the villagers to prioritize health and always discuss with each other and work closely with the Health Ministry for the benefit of all Fijians.

HEALTH STAFF CONTINUES CLEAN UP AT THE HEALTH FACILITIES

The Health Ministry Staff had been routinely participating in the cleanup campaign every Wednesdays in the communities and also at the health facilities.

The objective of the initiative is to clear out the breeding sources of communicable diseases and maintain a healthy environment.

While the weather conditions remain very unfavorable it then becomes the responsibility of every one to ensure our surroundings are clean and this needs a collaborative effort from all stakeholders.

The Frontline Health workers has been taking the lead role to address the issues in terms of public safety.

