

Improving “Efficiency and Effectiveness”

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What has happened since....?

□ Traveling

- USA
- SAMOA
- FIJI
- NOUMEA
- MANILA
- PROLEAD PROJECT

Meeting

Workshop

Others

1 out of 3 PERSONS



2. Current Situation (Problem Statement)

"Only one person accountable and capable of coordinating the work of the National Non-Communicable Diseases – NCDC"



Results

At least 3 people have enough knowledge, skills and motivation to effectively facilitate the running of NCDC, by March 2005.



Action Plan

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TASK ASSIGNMENT RECORD

(review Daily; File for Future Reference) Loc'n/Proj.....Period.....

No.	Task/Project	Priority/Due Date	Assigned To	Date Assigned	Status/Remarks
1	Identify skill level e.g existing staff	4 Weeks	V & K, NCDC	Sept '04	DONE
2	Up-skill staff as required	6 Weeks	V & K, NCDC	Oct '04	PROGRESS
3	Develop closer working relationship with other section of the Ministry	8 Week	V & K	Nov '04 – Dec '04	PROGRESS
4	Explore the possibility of sharing e.g staff from other section in the Ministry	4 Week	V & K	Jan '05	PROGRESS
5	Training of existing staff to have multiple skills.	8 Weeks	Minister of Health, V & K	Jan '05 – Feb '05	WORKSHOP DONE



Prolead Project

- NCD Subcommittee
- ID staff capacity
- Some training
- Workshop on HPF (Cabinet paper)
- & Health financing (World bank)



Honourable Cabinet Ministers

Establishment of a Health Promotion Foundation in Tonga

Recognising that the increasing burden of noncommunicable diseases (NCD) poses a threat to personal health and to Tonga's economic development, several important steps have been taken to reduce the underlying risk factors. Tonga as a developing country has a high rate of NCD related illness, including escalating rates of diabetes and heart disease.

In 2003 Tonga became one of the first countries to sign the Framework Convention on Tobacco Control, which is an international agreement to reduce the health impacts of tobacco. A component of this Framework is the establishment of sustainable funding mechanisms for preventive health action.

In March 2004, the National Strategy for the Prevention and Control of noncommunicable diseases was launched in Tonga. This document also called for the establishment of sustainable funding mechanisms to support the introduction and extension of programs that address NCDs. Based on current evidence the solution to the epidemic of NCDs lies in the area of prevention and not clinical treatment.

Health Promotion Foundations have been proved internationally to be an effective mechanism to establish a sustainable source of revenue for preventive health e.g. VicHealth.

At a recent workshop attended by a wide range of government and non-government representatives (Nov 1-2), discussion regarding the establishment of a sustainable funding mechanism to support the prevention of NCDs was undertaken.

Honourable Cabinet Ministers are requested to consider the following recommendations:

Recommendations

A Health Promotion Foundation be established.

The Health Promotion Foundation be funded by increases to tobacco and alcohol excise taxes.

That the Health Promotion Foundation be established as an independent body that reports and is accountable to the parliament.

That the Ministry of Health be mandated with developing a detailed proposal including the necessary legal instruments, for the Minister of Health to present to Cabinet before the opening of parliament in 2005.

Respectfully,

Minister of Health

Nov 4, 2004

Ministry of Health

Vision

□ To make a difference



Daring Goal

- To be the healthiest Nation in the Pacific as judged by international standard



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