



Tonga Hearing Project

Primary years 1 & 2

2021 - 2022

Rotary Club of Hampton District 9810 Australia

Rotary Club of Nuku'alofa District 9920 Tonga

University of Melbourne

Ministry of Health, Nuku'alofa, Tonga

(Potungaue 'o e mo'ui)





HEARING PROJECT

OBJECTIVE / ACTIVITY / BENEFIT

- Identification of any hearing impediment in children during their early years of schooling
- Provide assistance to Ministry of Health Tonga (MOH) to develop their capacity to conduct regular hearing screening of young children
- Identify any problems which may require further attention by specialist medical personnel, resulting in significant benefits to the child's educational and social development





PROJECT APPROACH & METHODOLOGY

3 components implemented over 9-12 months:

Phase 1 Initial 1-week intensive training program to be conducted at Vaiola Hospital by International & Tongan specialists for the hospital staff, Health Officers and Public Health Nurses from Community Health Centres within the project area

Phase 2 Screen the hearing of Year 1 and 2 students at schools in the project area, involving real time demonstrations for a further week, for nurses and others to be involved in the intended subsequent on-going screening and reporting process

Phase 3 Monitor and Evaluate the progressive screening activities, reporting at the end of 9 months.





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- Facilitated by University of Melbourne (UoM), Audiologists and other experts, with support from UoM Master's Degree Audiology Students, an intensive 1 week course will be conducted at the Vaiola Hospital in Nuku'alofa followed by a further week practical screening demonstrations at schools in Tonga'tapu
- The trained hospital personnel and community nurses will be provided with equipment to support on-going screening activities in Tonga'tapu with oversight from Senior nurses and Doctors from the National ENT centre
- Education sessions will be conducted for students, teachers and parents on the importance of ear health and hearing





PROJECT SUSTAINABILITY

- A Community Needs Assessment indicates that the proposed project could enable a benefit for approximately 3000 children in Primary Classes 1 and 2 at schools on Tonga'tapu and the 50 nurses and staff from the health sections of the Tonga MOH. Subsequently benefits will flow to the whole of Tonga
- Long-term impact is the identification of cases of deficient hearing in young children which can then be addressed by further intervention
- Long-term benefit focuses on building and strengthening capacity within the MOH through training and supply of specialist equipment, to support regular screening of children's hearing throughout Tonga
- Supporting community members participating in the project investigation and design, included ~20 medical staff, hospital and community nurses and 20-30 members of the community



ESTIMATED PROJECT COSTS

- Budget for the scope of the project described in this presentation is **AUD \$67,500 (initial estimate to be confirmed)** including the cost of specialist equipment to support screening teams with their activities in the field.
- This excludes existing projected project related services provided by professionals, their employers and Rotary club members pro bono.



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Rotary Clubs

- The Rotary Clubs of Hampton and Nuku'alofa, as sponsors of this project, are seeking partnerships through financial contributions, sponsorships and other offers of assistance from clubs in their respective Districts 9810 and 9920.
- Clubs from other Districts who may also have an interest in Tonga through previous activities are also very welcome to enquire further about the project and their support would be very welcome.
- Clubs may also wish to join with us in our application for a Global Grant to The Rotary Foundation to support implementation of the project.



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Other Sponsors

Partnering with us is the ultimate way for your organisation to showcase its values and branding, while maximising your corporate social responsibility. As a partner for our Hearing Project, you will help to provide better outcomes for the health of Tongan children.

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- Your Logo and Name displayed in the prime location on communications, posters and banners.
- Your banners displayed during the screening events
- 8 x social media posts leading up to commencement of the project in Tonga
- Acknowledgement on Hampton and Nuku'alofa Rotary Websites including your logo and links to your website

Secondary Sponsor - Gold

A\$5,000

- Your Logo and Name displayed on communications and posters.
- 5 x social media posts leading up to commencement of the project in Tonga
- Acknowledgement on Hampton and Nuku'alofa Rotary Websites including your logo and links to your website

Secondary Sponsor - Silver

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- Your Logo/Name displayed on communications and posters
- 2 x social media posts leading up to the commencement of the project in Tonga
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