



Weekly Wrap-Up Newsletter

The weekly wrap-up newsletter is a platform to link and update staff and project stakeholders on the happenings in all Project Implementation Units (PIUs) and Project Management Unit (PMU) on the progress of projects CAUSE implemented in various communities of Honiara, Guadalcanal (areas outside of town boundary), Auki, Gizo, Noro and Munda.

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The Minister of Health and Medical services Dr Culwick Togamana says the national referral hospital (NRH) in Honiara is now compromised. The Health Minister made the statement during his daily COVID-19 situation update yesterday. "A total of 101 staff at the NRH have tested positive for COVID-19 and have been withdrawn from patient care," Dr Culwick said. Many staff from the Ministry of Health have also tested positive and continue to work from isolation. Guadalcanal health teams have also reported six of its workers isolated at the GSH, with four testing positive and two awaiting results. Over 24 of our health workers in Honiara have also tested positive. The Minister says we can only pray for their recovery so that they can continue to provide critical services during this outbreak. The Health Minister reminds the public that since the NRH is still under emergency mode two clinics are open during the lockdown - they are Rove and Kukum. So far COVID-19 deaths rising to 5, 3 more reported yesterday: 3 more covid-19 related deaths in past 48 hours. Total deaths related to COVID-19 is now 5. A total of 104 new cases since Tuesday. Total cases now 755 reported in Solomon Islands. Honiara and parts of Western Province are currently under lock down.

Two new jetties for Gizo market



Despite the bad start of the year two new jetties are currently under construction at Gizo market. The new jetties are built at one time and its expected to improve the arrival of market vendors in Gizo market.

Ten new contract for road rehabilitation in Honiara and GP



More roads rehabilitation in Honiara and parts of GP area is coming up. Pre-bidding meeting is plan for next week depending on the COVID situation.



Work on the extension of waiting lounge for patients at the Mataniko pikinini clinic is almost in the final finishing stage. As soon the lock down is over workers will continue with the finishing job.



Prior to the lock down in Honiara the cleaning services in Honiara continues. Work will resumes after the lock down.

New busstop in Noro



Just before the Christmas break last year Noro team successfully completed a new bus stop. The busstop is located in front of the Noro rest house. The bus stop is now in use. Residents of Noro talked high of the project as they serve the Noro community well.

Florence Passed On



It is with a sad heart that CAUSE Project announced the untimely passing of Florence Toiraena, one of our colleagues working as ISDT Trainer for the Gizo team.

Flo, as she is fondly called by co-workers, left us to join her creator last Friday at the National Referral Hospital. Florence was a hard working colleague and has contributed greatly to the goals and objectives of the Project. On several occasions, undertaking a series of training all alone by herself.

Her legacy will be remembered by many, specially those who trained under her, as well as colleagues with whom she closely worked with.

News/ Announcements.

The Minister of Health and Medical services Dr Culwick Togamana has advised the public of new community hotspots following positive tests recorded from residents in the area. The 12 new hotspots are as follows;

1. Lunga market area
2. Tuaruhu
3. Pakoe
4. Kukum SDA HQ
5. Kombivatu
6. Lengakiki
7. Number 3
8. Mbokonavera 2
9. Tanuli
10. Panatina Heights
11. Ranadi APCO area
12. Pacific Casino area