



# 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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Covid update

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229 new positive COVID-19 cases have been recorded as of yesterday over the past 24-hour reporting period. The Minister of Health and Medical services Dr Culwick Togamana gave the update during his daily COVID-19 situation report on the national broadcaster. The cumulative total for the country now stands at 4,203 positive COVID-19 cases. The health minister also gave a breakdown of positive COVID-19 cases that were reported in from the provinces. Makira is now free of COVID-19 after the one active case returned a negative test result. All close contacts have also returned a negative test result. There are 17 new positive COVID-19 cases, all of which are in Auki. This brings the total positive COVID-19 cases in Malaita to 362. Despite the increase in cases the health minister says 28 have since recovered from the virus. There are 5 new cases recorded, bringing the total for the province to 81. From the 81 cases 29 have since recovered, only 52 remain active. No report over the 24-hour period, total cases remain at 75. There are 11 new cases reported, bringing the total for the province to 128. There are 15 new positive cases reported in the province, 8 were recorded in Taro and 7 in Wagina. It is now evident that the virus has spread beyond Wagina, and the health ministry is calling on the people to practice health safety measures such as limiting contact with people outside of their immediate household. There are 4 new positive cases in the province, bringing the total to 38 cases, of which 34 are classified as active. No cases have been reported in Temotu and Rennell Bellona provinces.

Covid update in Malaita



Covid transmission in Malaita communities is now widespread according to the Malaita Medical Director in their meeting this week. Meanwhile CAUSE Project is supporting the province especially on ablution block at Kiluufi hospital.

Noro Quarantine Centre wash bay



A new wash bay has been installed by the project at the Noro quarantine centre. The wash bay will help people who will use the quarantine centre.

## Cleaning service at Noro



Despite the ongoing community covid transmission workers are continuing help cleaning up the main street of Noro town. The workers are strictly on Covid protocols.

## Gizo Jetty decking Preparation



Workers in Gizo are currently preparing timbers for jetty decking that will be installed later on the two jetties currently under construction.

## Gizo Jetty Progress



Work is going on at Gizo Jetty. Currently, one of workers are assembling stones into a Gabion basket ahead of concrete works.

## Road Contracts Tender Announcement



A pre-bidding meeting will be conducted next week 16th February 2022 for the advertised road rehabilitation in Honiara. The meeting will be strictly on covid protocols, some companies will be joining via zoom.

## News/ Announcements.

1. Localized Lockdowns lifted for Lord Howe Settlement, Burns creek, Seghe and Munda.
2. The Oversight Committee on COVID-19 is concerned that there are people in the Honiara Emergency Zone who are covertly sending bodies of deceased persons to the villages under cover of darkness.
3. Chairman of the Parliamentary Foreign Relations Committee Hon. Peter Kenilorea Jr has condemned recent reports of unlawful actions by the PNG police force in Honiara.
4. Solomon Islands National Institute of Sport (SINIS) High – Performance multipurpose outdoor field upgrading and construction is progressing well, despite the uncertainties posed by the Covid-19 outbreak in the country.
5. The Honiara PMU and Provincial PIU offices are following COVID protocols no vaccine, no jobs and no entering these offices. Public is here advised to abide to this protocols.