



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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People have been warned to take extra care of themselves and families as covid-19 continue to overstretch the countries health services. Health and Medical Services Minister Dr. Culwick Togamana made the warning on Thursday during his daily covid-19 update to the nation. The Health Minister warned that our health system cannot cater for all persons tested positive or showing symptoms of COVID-19 as the current isolation facilities within and outside of established health facilities are congested. That is why we have advised those with mild symptoms to strictly isolate at home and only moderate to severe cases brought to health facilities for clinical management," Minister Togamana said. He further warned that our health system have not been able to stay ahead of the rate at which the virus spreads.

Health workers looking after Area Health Centers, Clinics and Aid Posts are advised to undertake consistent stock reporting and forecasting to ensure timely prepositioning of adequate medicine stocks for replenishment. Another in the list of challenges is the systematic ignorance of COVID-19 public health measures in communities and public places. Sad to say that people are no longer taking the COVID-19 measures seriously. Passing through our feeder roads in Honiara, I can see children and youths playing soccer and other sports. We still need to think of our elderlies and those with underlying medical conditions at home. Let's not be complacent with the virus just yet," Togamana said. The Health Promotion teams both at the National and Provincial levels will continue to disseminate relevant COVID-19 key public health measures through various communication modes and people have been urged to pay attention to these messages and follow them.

Mbokana clinic wash station



New wash station at Vura clinic



Mbokana and Vura clinics recently installed with two each wash stations. The wash stations were installed at the patients waiting area. The wash stations aim at helping patients with hygiene practice. Both nurses in charge of the clinics thanked the project for the great help that will improve services in two clinics.

Auki - Hill top footpath



The hilltop footpath in Auki has served most people living up the hill. One of the residents said now one can walk at night and more easily than before when they used to walk in muddy roads. About 90m is yet to be completed, whilst 315m has been completed.

Installation of water pump at Noro office



A new water pump is currently being installed at the Noro office. The water pump will improve the water pressure to the office, which is most needed especially during training days when participants need it for washrooms.

Gizo market jetties



Piling work on the Gizo jetties is going well, although a bit slower due to the situation experienced. However, it is progressing well and steadily.

Vura clinic gate



The project recently installed a new gate for the Vura clinic. The gate is located on the western end of the clinic. The nurse in charge thanked the project as the clinic will now be safe from vandalism as experienced in the past.

News/ Announcements.

1. 522 cases of COVID-19 have been recorded yesterday, which includes updated figures from the Central province and in Honiara.
2. A joint AUSMAT and MHMS mission to assess the capacity of Provincial Health Centers is underway as part of the overall response plan to the current COVID-19 outbreak.
3. The Ministry of Health and Medical Services this week has released a total of 41,000 Rapid Antigen Test Kits from the National Medical Store and distributed in Honiara and the Provinces for COVID-19 testing.
4. Officers of the Royal Solomon Islands Police Force (RSIPF) at Tulagi have arrested three suspects for breaching orders on restriction of movement of small boats from Honiara to Gumba in small Ngella in Central Province yesterday.
5. Businesses in the Solomon Islands will be looking to get in on the action as preparations continue for the 17th Pacific Games in the Solomon Islands in 2023. The Games will be held in Honiara from 19th November to 2nd December 2023. The Games Organizing Committee (GOC) in partnership with the Solomon Islands Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SICCI) on Wednesday 16th February hosted an online session where GOC's Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Peter Stewart delivered a virtual presentation for businesses.