**Samoa – Australia Partnership for Development**



**2013-14 Implementation Schedule**

**Priority Outcome: Improved health**

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| Aim: | The Partnership will enable Samoa to provide better quality and more equitable health services to the people of Samoa | | | Progress[[1]](#footnote-1) |
| Targets for 2015: | 1. Number of new NCD cases identified on community outreach services and referred for consultation and management. | Baseline: | Not available | On track |
| 2. Proportion of children vaccinated against measles increases to 75% | 65% in 2011 (UNICEF) | On track |
| 3. Proportion of pregnant women participating in three antenatal visits increases to 75% | 58% in 2010/11 (PATIS) | On track |
| 4. Finalisation and approval of the Tobacco Regulations and the Food Bill | Unapproved | On track |

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| **Partnership outputs for 2013-14** |  | **Assumptions** |  | **Planned Outcomes for 2013-14** | **Source of Verification** |
| All activities in outlined in Program of Work for the SWAp will be completed | All parties continue to provide maximum input into the SWAp coincidence | Improved infrastructure and services for the people of Samoa | SWAp progress and procurement reports. |
| Major health infrastructure completed including a primary healthcare facility, central warehouse and orthotics building | Building will be procured on time | Improved access to health services and medicines | Buildings opened |
| A strategic document (2014-2022) outlining a health investment following on from SWAp will be completed | All parties commit to involvement in the development and design of a new health investment | Improved predictability of focus of investments in health in the coming four years. | Signed agreement for the strategic concept of a new health program. |
| Technical assistance and training of medical staff through RACS program |  | Staff available to learn from visiting MD and visits coordinated to avoid overlap with other donor teams |  | Improved access to specialist services and training for local medical staff | RACS reports |

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| Key Risks | Management Plan |
| Inability to procure and spend all SWAp funds | All parties consider an extension to the SWAp to allow time for the implementation of all activities. |
| Pipeline planning and design may delay new Initiative start | The Australian aid program will work with the health sector to prepare for the development of an Australian health investment after SWAp. If required, the Australian aid program and GoS will work together to address potential risks or weaknesses through the program design process, and annual review processes by incorporating risks as key tasks to be completed |

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| Supporting information | Programs |
| * Key sector coordinating mechanisms: Health Sector Advisory Committee;  Joint Donor Implementation Missions (6 monthly) ; and Annual Heath Summit * Joint development partners: New Zealand, World Bank, UN | * Samoa Health Sector Program (SWAp) * Royal Australia College of Surgeons Pacific Islands Program * Australian Sports Outreach Program * Pacific Sports Development Grants * Biomedical equipment Maintenance Program * Pacific Sexual and Reproductive Health Program * Strengthening Clinical Services in the Pacific Initiative * Pacific Regional HIV and STI Response Fund * Pacific Regional Non Communicable Disease Program * UNICEF Pacific Program (for immunisation) WHO Pacific Biennium Plan funding support * Pacific Human Resources for Health Alliance (with WHO) * Pacific Open Health Learning Network (also with WHO) * UNFPA Pacific Sub-Regional Office |
| Sector Issues |
| * In 2013-14 a strategic document will be written to consider Australian aid program support to the Health sector over the next eight to ten years * In December 2013 the implementation of all SWAp activities, with the exception of three key infrastructure buildings, will be finalised and the new health investment will commence in FY14/15. * A no-cost extension for the infrastructure is expected to be signed until 18 December 2015. |

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| **Signed**  **for the Government of Samoa** |  | **Signed**  **for the Government of Australia** |
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1. As per the Australian Aid Program Samoa Annual Program Performance Report 2012-13 [↑](#footnote-ref-1)