

PRESS RELEASE

The Project for Pacific Co-Learning Towards Resilient Health System

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On the 2nd April 2024, the JICA's Technical Cooperation Project for Pacific Co-Learning Towards Resilient Health System held a 2- day workshop at Vaiola Hospital on a Baseline Survey to determine the working and the learning environment of the NCDⁱ Nurses and assess the care seeking behaviour of the NCD patients. The survey is targeting a sample of 200 NCD patients and 42 NCD nurses from Tongatapu and the outer islands including Vavaú, Haápai, Éua and both the Niuas.

Ms. Hiroko Oka the Project Formulation Advisor of JICA Tonga Office attended the opening of the workshop. The workshop was participated by 12 enumerators recruited through the National Statistic Department in consultation with the Ministry of Health. Technical staffs from the Ministry of Health and the National Statistic Department were also attended. The field work will be carried out from the 8th April up to the 4th May, a total of 4 weeks/ 1 month of data collection. It is anticipated the findings and full report of the survey will be shared around June/July through a validation workshop with the key stakeholders particularly the Ministry of Health and the National Statistic Department.

The survey is led by the Project Health Expert, Ms. Keiko Nagai. The survey is in partnership with the Ministry of Health and the National Statistic Department. The Project is supported by JICA with the purpose of focusing on the development of a resilient health system and the strengthening of essential health service provision to prevent and control NCDs in health emergencies. The Project is for the period of 5 years from 2023 to 2028.

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ⁱ NCD – Non-Communicable Diseases