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AN INSIGHT TO TOKELAU



Members of the Tokelau Public Service Senior Management team and the Council for the Ongoing Government of Tokelau

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SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE SITUATION WITH REGARD TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECLARATION ON THE GRANTING OF INDEPENDENCE TO COLONIAL COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES

‘QUESTION OF TOKELAU’



ALIKI FAIPULE FOUA TOLOA
ULU O TOKELAU
(TITULAR HEAD OF TOKELAU)

Mr. Chairman - Your Excellency
Ambassador Francisco Carrión-Mena
Rapporteur and distinguished Members
of the Special Committee, Ladies and
Gentlemen

With your indulgence and in accordance
with Tokelau's protocol I would like to
begin by greeting you in the language of my
ancestors:

Keina tu mai ta o
Kae fakatonu ko ta aho
Keina tu mai ta o
Kae fakatonu ko toku Aliki
Taku Aliki, Tui Tokelau
Tui o nuku, Tui o Vavau
Hau he matagi keina tu
Hoa, He Hoa lava!

I have just recited a Tokelauan prayer about
encouraging all of us to stand and move
forward together guided by the Almighty.
We all need each and we should all work
together.

Mr. Chair, we continue to acknowledge
and give thanks to the Almighty for his
continuing protection and guidance that
has given you all good health and has
also enabled Tokelau's delegation and the
Administrator of Tokelau – Mr Jonathan
Kings to be here today. I would also like
to acknowledge those that have made this
trip a success for me while here in New
York especially to the Government of New
Zealand Permanent Mission to the UN, His
Excellency Ambassador Jim McLay and his

dedicated team for their support.

I convey warm greetings on behalf of the
Council of Elders and the Government of
Tokelau.

For the last few years Tokelau has reported
to the Committee on its progress on her
journey towards self-government. Since
the final referendum by Tokelau in 2007
the leaders of Tokelau have signalled that
while this is an important milestone to
look towards, her efforts would be directed
more sharply on building infrastructure
and enhancing human resource capacity
necessary for development. Colleagues, this
perspective has not changed for Tokelau.



**Elders from the Fakaofu presenting
gifts to the Ulu o Tokelau through a
traditional dance.**

As you know, the position of Ulu o Tokelau or
Titular Head of Tokelau is rotated annually
amongst the three elected Faipule or
members of executive government, one for
each atoll. Last year my colleague reported
to you that he felt in his heart that it was
the appropriate time for Tokelau to be self-
determined. He reported that Tokelau had
made much progress in its 'nation building'
efforts with reference to our Constitution,
Flag, National Anthem and the Tokelau
National Strategic Plan.

In my statement today, I not only want to
report further on the developments which
Tokelau has achieved since the last meeting
of this august Committee, but I also want to
speak out on what our nation envisages for
her people in the future and the assistance
we seek to be able to achieve this.

Chair, it is with much pleasure that I report
to you that the relationship between Tokelau
and New Zealand goes from strength to
strength. New Zealand's conviction to its
constitutional responsibilities continues
to be the foundation upon which our
partnership is based. Tokelau is most
grateful that as the administering power,
New Zealand gives us a substantial degree of
autonomy in the management of our affair.
In particular I want to acknowledge the hard
work of the newly appointed Administrator
of Tokelau, Mr Jonathan Kings. In the last
12 months, since Mr Kings' appointment,
our major infrastructure projects have
forged ahead.

Our infrastructure projects funded
primarily by New Zealand were stalled for
over three years for various reasons but I
am very happy to report that these are now
progressing well. A major infrastructure
development project for the building of
two schools and a hospital on the respective
villages has been very slow to commence.
However, when Tokelau took charge of
the overall management of this project,
shifting the coordination from an external
contractor to one that was locally sourced,
we saw a marked difference and now the



**MV Tokelau: Tokelau's very own
Transportation that has been in
service for many years.**

construction of these buildings have forged
ahead. Our schools and hospital will be
completed by the beginning of 2012.
My previous colleagues have continued

to raise that transport is the lifeline of our people. I am pleased to advise you that the New Zealand Minister of Foreign Affairs has approved for the commencement of building of a new vessel as part of a long term transport solution package for Tokelau. This package will also include an air-service once issues around land ownership are resolved and an impact study on the environmental and social effects are completed. To finally have the long term transport solution in our sights is overwhelming and uplifting for our communities.

Our Renewable Energy Project which will see an increase in the use of solar energy and bio-fuel for generation of power has also got the go-ahead with New Zealand committing some funds and support to source the rest from other donors. Chair, we are most excited at the prospects for Tokelau with the completion of these important



School of fish, a normal underwater site in Tokelau.



One of the many types of fish

infrastructure projects.

Additional to this, New Zealand has also worked closely with Tokelau to draw up an agreement which states specific areas of development which they will work on jointly over the next four years. The developments are based on the priorities that Tokelau has identified in her National Strategic Plan. The Joint Commitment for Development between Tokelau and New Zealand is the basis for the core budget support. Additional

to the infrastructure projects I have already mentioned, the other important areas within the Joint Commitment document are:

1. Sustainable economic development – Apart from her people, fisheries is Tokelau's most significant resource with the potential to generate substantial revenue in the future. Tokelau has developed a Fisheries Policy and together with New Zealand we will work to review the legal framework that will allow for us to manage our own Exclusive Economic Zone. The Fisheries Policy which Tokelau will implement identifies the need to manage the in-shore fisheries resources as the major food source and an update of fisheries legislation so that Tokelau is able to effectively manage her EEZ and triple its revenue earnings from this development. Village development is the other area of focus with an emphasis on encouraging an entrepreneurial environment on each atoll to allow for the establishment of small village, family or individual-based business enterprises;

2. Human development commitments focus on the improvement in education in the areas of literacy and numeracy and in

health with the strengthening of strategies to address non-communicable disease rates;

3. Good governance will focus on the provision of appropriate and on-going training at all levels of government and the public service so that principles of good governance are integrated and become the modus operandi. The Council for Ongoing Government and the Village Council have commenced their good governance



Primary school students: Future leaders of Tokelau.

training with sessions at the end of last year. The Constitution Committee will be meeting this year to finalise the roles and responsibilities of our governing structures at national level. I believe this will only strengthen our decision making as leaders for our communities and more importantly strengthens the application of good governance practice in our decision making. A key issue identified in the National Strategic Plan is the human resource capacity and capability available on Tokelau for her to complete the work necessary under these developments.

Human resource capacity building has therefore been prioritized with the establishment of a Planning and Monitoring



INATI: Tokelau's traditional way of dividing the catch of the day among each family on the island.



countries and peoples. I want to state here that the spirit of self-determination is alive in Tokelau hence Tokelau presently strives to align her development and make sure that her infrastructures are robust to provide the services required by our communities.

Sir, over the last few years, Tokelau has begun to build the foundation for its development but at this point in time we are excited as it would seem that the pieces of this jigsaw are fitting together well. Never before has Tokelau had the opportunity to determine what it wants in the terms of its big infrastructure developments with a planned and self-managing approach on how this should occur. Never before has Tokelau been so clear on what it needs to do to improve the quality of public service provisions. We have now identified a strategy to do this and have started on the implementation of this. Never before has Tokelau been so confident that it can determine what assistance it requires from her partners in the form of financial resources, specialized technical assistance and other support. We have signed a joint commitment statement with New Zealand and we intend to do this with our other donor partners also.

However, all this new found confidence by Tokelau does not stem from it wanting to move from its current status under New Zealand. Nor does not stem from Tokelau wanting to take what is on offer just because it is available. No, this new found confidence is from the fact that Tokelau is at the helm of its own development. The National Strategic Plan states very clearly the priorities for development and armed with this, Tokelau would also like to articulate how it wants to proceed with arrangements of support from other donor partners, particularly given today's audience – UN agencies.

New Zealand and Tokelau's special relationship means that for the most part, we rely on this partnership for funds necessary to keep our small nation buoyant. For this we are most appreciative. Tokelau has also received significant support from UNDP

WORKSHOP: Enhancing understanding for the way forward for TPS

Unit within the public service to assist in identifying and implementing training and education programmes necessary to shift the quality of service provision. This Unit will also give much needed support to departments and villages so that pre-determined targets can be met and the vision which Tokelau has for her communities can be achieved.

In 2004, with the support from New Zealand, the public service provisions were devolved from a centrally managed national system to one whereby the location of these services with the corresponding financial resources was moved to the village level. Hence, each Village Council became responsible for the delivery of necessary services such as education, health, power, telecommunications, and so on. The devolution of these public services to the village level are to be reviewed to see what has worked well, and the areas which need to be strengthened to ensure a more efficient and effective delivery of services to our communities. The devolution review will commence in July. The recommendations from the review will be most useful in establishing the work programme for the Planning and Monitoring Unit also.

As you can tell, I am very excited by the progress Tokelau has made since our last meeting. All these developments have occurred in a planned and managed way due to the fact that Tokelau made it a priority to develop its five year National Strategic Plan and that this should then give direction on priorities during 2010 – 2015.

Mr Chairman, Tokelau has taken charge of its development with the implementation of her National Strategic Plan. This is the first strategy of this nature that Tokelau has developed and some were weary as to the impact of it, if any. When the National Strategic Plan was approved at our National Assembly (General Fono) in March 2010, those of us closely associated with the development of this plan were cautious in foreshadowing any changes to be expected. However, one year on since then, I am proud to say that this important document now allows Tokelau to better manage its relationships with her donor partners.

Mr Chairman, Tokelau is thankful to have the support of the Committee. We understand the objectives of this auspicious Committee and its terms of reference with regard to the implementation of the declaration on the granting of independence to colonial





Seawall on Fakaofu..

for its village development projects. We have used such support to build seawalls, fortify pig sties, and other important village projects. For this Tokelau is most appreciative.

Tokelau has now signed its Joint Commitment for Development with New Zealand. This outlines the areas of development that will take priority in terms of funds and efforts during the National Strategic Plan period. Tokelau would like to develop a similar document with its other partners.

Mr Chairman, as a territory of New Zealand, as many of you are aware, Tokelau is not eligible for many of the UN funds available for development. I find this situation ironical and serve no purpose other than to make it even more difficult for territories to move towards a position of independence. If a nation is trying to shrug off the shackles which tie it to its administering partner, it does not make sense that the principal support it has to rely on for this is the financial assistance from this partner.

Colleagues, when I stood before you in 2009, I asked for your support at that time to assist Tokelau as it tries to construct relationships and maybe even look to amend UN policy that will allow us to access resources to assist with our infrastructure development and human resource capacity building efforts.

A case in point is climate change. The UN has taken responsibility for managing global efforts to address the issues related to climate change. Tokelau as a collection of low lying atolls is very much affected by the impact of climate change. The reality of climate change for Tokelau is that the visible changes to the environment and the effects on the livelihood of our people has very little to do with what we are doing on our island homes. Tokelau stands to lose not just her

lands and environs, but also her culture and traditions which affirm the identity of her people. But since the instigation of the UN Framework for the Convention on Climate Change and the Conference of Parties, Tokelau has been ineffective in how it has been able to articulate its situation.

As a territory of an Annex One country, we understand that New Zealand finds it difficult to advocate for Tokelau's perspective, as it is in complete contrast to theirs. As a territory, Tokelau cannot even get membership on the Alliance of Small Islands States (AOSIS) so that its views can be made together with others in a similar situation as itself. As a territory, Tokelau is not eligible for Global Environment Funds to assist her communities to mitigate and adapt to the challenges of its changing environment due to the effects of climate change.

Mr Chairman, I am being forthright in my views and I beg your forgiveness and hope that as colleagues you will take them in the manner in which they are stated – with much respect.

Territories should be given more incentive to move from their position other than the promise of being self-determined. Tokelau has done its homework and we now know what developments are required before we can be in a position to be able make a well informed decision on self-government. But how can we get to this position when all that is on offer is the support from its administering partner? The support from this Committee must be more than just for us to meet annually and report to you on the progress made. New Zealand is living up to its constitutional responsibility but in some instances, as I have described above for climate change, New Zealand cannot be expected to forgo its main responsibilities to

her in-country citizens. And this is when Tokelau needs to be able to stand together with those nations which it is most similar to within the Pacific region without prejudice of its constitutional status.

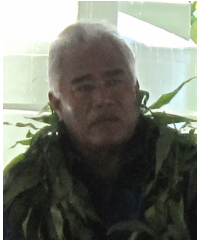
Mr Chairman, Tokelau urges this Committee to consider how it can practicably give support. When we seek to make a decision for self-government, Tokelau wants to be in a strong position where it is confident that her infrastructure and quality of human resources are at the necessary standard that enables her make the most of this opportunity.

Tokelau intends to hold a round-table discussion with UN agencies as soon as possible. The objective of this is for us to inform them of the specific development needs which we seek assistance for and to identify those areas that the UN agencies could give resources for and the commitment for Tokelau to use these effectively.

Mr Chairman, I hope that I have laid out our plans clearly for the Committee. I humbly request the support of this Committee for us to achieve a key objective in these plans. The selection of this Committee is a very considered one. You are influential in your individual capacities but you hold much sway also as a whole group. We seek membership in AOSIS, we seek a change in policy so that we are eligible for UN generated funds such as GEF and we seek the ability to be able to improve our infrastructure and human resource capability. We seek the support of this august Committee for these aspirations. I thank you once again for the opportunity given to Tokelau to address this Committee on Tokelau's status regarding self-determination.

Tutia te po ke ao (Lord give us the strength to endure through the challenges until the dawn of the new day).

ON THE OCCASION OF THE FAO 37TH CONFERENCE IN ROME TO CONSIDER TOKELAU'S APPLICATION FOR ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP



ALIKI FAIPULE FOUA TOLOA
ULU O TOKELAU
(TITULAR HEAD OF TOKELAU)

Mr. Chairman
Rapporteur and distinguished Members of
37th Session of the FAO Conference
Ladies and Gentlemen

We continue to acknowledge and give thanks to the Almighty for his continuing protection and guidance that has enabled Tokelau's delegation to be here for this special moment for us today. I would also like to acknowledge those that have made this trip a success for me while here in Rome especially to the Government of New Zealand Embassy, His Excellency Ambassador Trevor Matheson and his dedicated team for their support.

I convey warm greetings on behalf of the Council of Elders and the Government of Tokelau. For the last few years Tokelau has been working towards acquiring membership to FAO and to be here today is a special moment for me as the Ulu o Tokelau on behalf of my people.

This morning is a new morning for Tokelau. I am thankful for the consideration and acceptance of this Conference for Tokelau to be part of the Food and Agriculture Organisation family. I hope today is the beginning of a sustainable and rewarding relationship between Tokelau and FAO.

I want to speak today specifically to the theme of this conference: The Vital Role of Women in Agriculture and Rural Development and how this relates to the situation for Tokelau. However, before I do this, I want to describe to you the challenges for Tokelau in regards to its limited agricultural and marine resources.

Tokelau is a cluster of three small coral atolls that lie between latitudes 8 and 10 south and between longitudes 171 and 173 degrees west. Our total land mass is about 12 sq kilometres with the highest point only

about 3 metres above sea level. Our nearest neighbour is Samoa, which is about 500km south of the most southern of our atolls, Fakaofo, my island home.

The resident population of Tokelau is just under 1500. Tokelau is a territory of New Zealand.



Fakaofo one of three islands of Tokelau.

As a collection of tiny atolls in the Pacific, surrounded by a sea area of some 300,000 square kilometres, Tokelau is very vulnerable to sea level rising and the other effects of climate change.

Climate change has had a very noticeable effect on our island homes on Tokelau. We now have more cyclones and storm surges than we have had in the past. In the 2009/2010 period we were informed that 11 cyclones were likely to be within our region and this eventuated. For the 2010/2011 period we prepared for the likelihood of 9 cyclones to affect us.



Extreme storms as a result of climate change take enormous effects on tiny islands like Tokelau.

The cyclones and storm surges are more intense now than they have been in the past and the impact of this is evident as our

beaches and shores erode and we have noted that some species of plants are no longer growing due to the high saline levels of our soil. The storm surges leave salt on the land and without rain, this crystallises, hardening the soil and a large quantity of rainwater is necessary to flush this out. This threatens the production of the few crops that we can grow, such as coconuts, taro and pandanus. We have seen the disappearance of some of our smaller islets due to the sea-level rise caused by climate change.

We have also experienced extreme weather conditions with an increasing number of hot days during the year and unusually high temperatures during times of the year when we would normally expect cooler temperatures. As a consequence of the elevated sea temperature our reefs are stressed causing coral bleaching within our lagoons. The corals are noticeably in poor health and as more of them are dying from one year to the next this has greatly affected the quantity and quality of food supply for our in-shore fish population.



The life cycle of our in-shore fish are also affected by the extreme weather conditions which have seen the decrease in the number and gradual disappearance of some species of fish from the lagoon. This threatens the food supply of our villagers as fish is our main source of sustenance.

Hotter temperatures are also affecting the health of our population, particularly the more vulnerable such as those with respiratory ailments or the young and elderly. Coping with the longer spells of hot weather and increasing periods of no rain is stressful and we are trying to cope with this by improving our water storage systems. The more traditional structures that we used to live in because they allowed for better

ventilation and greater adaptation to the temperatures of our lands, are no longer seen as we build more westernised styled houses with water tank foundations. Our villages have erected sea-walls to combat shoreline erosion. We have assigned conservation areas within our lagoons in a bid to alleviate depletion of species of marine life.



Mr Chairman, I hope that this description can give members of the Conference a better understanding of the context for Tokelau. Specifically in regards to the theme of the Conference I want to state that the role of women in our culture is very important. The special place that women have is reflected in the name which is given to the Women's Group in the village – Fatupaepae – which translates as the cornerstone or foundation for our communities, our families and our nation.



Weaving is one of many talents the women of Tokelau are well known for it's unique style.

Yesterday, I delivered a Statement to the United Nations Decolonisation Committee in New York in regards to Tokelau's status on self-determination. In this statement, I conveyed that as the Ulu o Tokelau, I am very excited by the developmental progress we are making. All these developments have occurred in a planned and managed way due to the fact that Tokelau made it a priority to develop its five year National Strategic Plan and that this should then give direction on priorities during the next few years, up to 2015. A key development area that is a top priority for Tokelau is education. The vision for the Tokelau as depicted in our National Strategic Plan is for "Healthy Communities with Opportunities for All".

Mr Chairman, our small nation of about 1500 residents has a government-funded scholarship scheme. Within this scheme, we have 15 students who are currently completing tertiary undergraduate studies. Of these 15 students, 11 or 73% of them are female. And four of these female students (or just over 25% of total students) are completing undergraduate studies in Agriculture, Marine Studies, Environmental Studies and Environmental Health.

Another initiative which the government through the Village Council of Elders has put in place since the start of this year is the provision of a teacher education programme on island that allows teachers to improve their qualifications. The outcome we want to achieve is that by the end of 2015, all our primary school teachers will be qualified with at least a Diploma of Education. The teacher education programme has been taken up by 10 teachers across the three atolls and all of them are women. These trainees are on paid leave while studying, with all course fees paid for by the government and they do this through a distance and flexible learning programme of the University of the South Pacific. When this programme was approved by the Village Councils, it was done so in support and acknowledgement of the role of women in this important sector. Women cannot leave their families behind to travel off-island to study. So this on-atoll programme serves to address this and as well as to go some way to improve the overall status of women and teachers on Tokelau. When we improve the qualifications for women, then their families will benefit. Evidence shows that improving the economic status of women will mean that their families will allocate more income to essential human development resources and enhance their social well-being.

Mr Chairman, I am mindful of the time

limit for Head of Delegation statements so I want to conclude with this summary. In relating the theme of the Conference to Tokelau, I have tried to describe the situation for women within our culture and the current development initiatives whereby gender inequalities in human capital and rural development are being addressed. I also want to seek the indulgence of the Conference in asking for the support of the UN family for Tokelau as we seek membership on the Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS). As a non-self-governing territory, our application to be part of this alliance has been difficult.

But as I described earlier the effects that climate change has on our low lying atolls is threatening our very existence.



The tiny nation in the world faces the biggest climate change problem of rising sea levels.

Therefore, I humbly ask that those members of this Conference who may have some influence on AOSIS to consider our case in our application. Many thanks.

I want to thank the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations for the invitation to attend this important meeting. On behalf of the Village Council of Elders and the National Assemble of Tokelau I humbly thank you for your approval for our application for Associate Membership in the Organisation. Tokelau looks forward to participating in activities of the Organisation and drawing on the support and resources available to us through our associate membership. Thank you also for the opportunity to be able to make this statement.



TE TO'KIE I NUKUNONU DVD

An Introduction to Tokelau Weaving

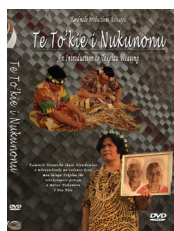
It is a fascinating **DVD** with women from the community explaining their family history and passing on knowledge about their weaving patterns, traditional tools and practices. It also includes traditional song and dance from Tokelau. As well as selling the **DVD**, they intend to donate copies to Tokelau language centres, pre-schools and schools, libraries and the Maori Pacific Archive at Auckland University. The DVD has English subtitles to make it more accessible to a wider audience.

The stories and traditions of Tokelau weaving are interwoven with Tokelau song and dance, and presented by Kalameli Teinawholhaia Alewhowhio.

This film tells the story of the traditional art of Nukunonu weaving in the lives of the Tokelau community of Wellington, New Zealand. The Nukunonu women of Wellington describe the process, preparations and practice of weaving as it was conducted by their Grandmothers, Mothers and how they continue these practices in their new lives in New Zealand.

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GM's Corner



**General
Manager,
Jovilisi
Suveinakama**

Certainly the month of August has been quite challenging for the Tokelau Public Service... Having said that there is quite a lot that has also been achieved and I would like to thank each and every member of the Tokelau Public Service team for their hard work and commitment. Tokelau's determination in regional and sub-regional meetings to put limits on its fisheries is a big step in Tokelau hoping to maximise returns from its Fisheries Exclusive Economic Zone. In the renewable energy aspect, Tokelau has closed its tender and now working closely with the Government of New Zealand to fund this very important project. This month also we were able to get some preliminary design of the new ship... yep! the new ship. We are going to send this designs to the villages for their consideration and discussions come the next General Fono. We

have also been advised on the progress in regard to the construction of the 2 new schools and 1 new hospital in the villages. The setting up of the Planning and Monitoring Unit is progressing well and we also hope to advise our leaders when Council next meets. I would also like to congratulate team Tokelau to the Pacific Games in New Caledonia... to Danielle (Tokelau's lone swimmer) and to our sevens rugby team Heke Fitu-Tokelau is proud of you!! Well certainly there is a lot happening. As we begin to finalise preparation for the 42nd Pacific Island Leaders Meeting in Wellington, I would like to thank all members of the team for their support as we also begin to plan for the next Council and General Fono.

Again, let us continue to work together and support one another.

Council agreed to Final Change of Anthem



Senior Officers and Members of the Council during meetings in Apia

Tokelau's national anthem introduce in May this year is now officially been approved by the council of the ongoing government of Tokelau after changes to its lyrics.

The final changes was in the first line from "Te Tui Atua o Tokelau" with the word "Tui" been taken out and also the last line "Hoa, He Hoa Lava" with the coma being maintain and to be spoken instead of been sung. The comma also shows the uniqueness of the anthem from any other in the world. Tokelau rugby sevens will be recording the amended version for the tiny nation. The anthem has been changed three times from its original version written by Eric Falima.



Senior Government Officers during council meeting in July.



Council of Ongoing Government for Tokelau -STRATEGY IN ACTIONS

A seven day workshop to enhanced better understanding of government structure was held at Insel Fernman Hotel in Apia. Workshop conducted by Andrew Mackmurdie from Hay Group Limited in New Zealand had four objectives:

1. For Council members and senior Managers to better understand the clarity around the Tokelau governance structure and position in the villagers and national public services at the same understand who they are accountable to.
2. To enhanced capacity of Senior Managers in turning the TOKELAU NATIONAL STRATEGIC PLAN into reality through translating the TNSDP and budget into activities for Director and General Managers.
3. Directors/General Managers to know and understand how to develop annual performance plans based on the TNSP and for Council members and Directors/General Manager to know how to measure and reward performance (qualitative and quantitative performance review).
4. Directors and General Managers to understand the behavioural competencies needed from them.

The main aim is for the Ongoing Government move forward and in aligning to the national "Tokelau National Strategic Plan".

The current government structure, decision making and planning methods were clearly spotted and strategies to

help move forward were found in group activities and PowerPoint sessions on enhancing techniques which helped many organisations achieve goals.

Workshop ended with PowerPoint presentation from the senior managers and council members.



Andrew Mackmurdie highlighting the importance of performance review as a key factor to a better way forward.

good governance

- ✕ Good Governance is a term that is used loosely as it has no single definition.
- ✕ It is generally accepted that good governance relates to political & institutional processes and outcomes that are deemed necessary to achieve goals of economic and social development.

definitions

- ✕ Good Governance is the process whereby public institutions conduct public affairs and manage public resources in a manner that is essentially free of abuse and corruption, and with due respect for the rule of law.
- ✕ Good Governance covers:
 - ✕ the activity or process of governing;
 - ✕ those people charged with duty of governing;
 - ✕ the manner, method and system by which a society is governed.

good governance

- ✕ The key attributes/principles of good governance are
- ✕ Transparency
- ✕ Responsibility
- ✕ Accountability
- ✕ Participation
- ✕ Responsiveness (to the needs of the people)

good governance focusing on the Tokelau context

- ✕ National Strategic Plan Policy Outcome Area 1
 - ✕ Good Governance
- ✕ Policy Outcome Key areas:
 - ✕ Governance
 - ✕ Public Sector Management
 - ✕ Financial Management
 - ✕ Law & Justice and
 - ✕ Monitoring & Evaluation

good governance – government roles

- ✕ Ensure that goals & objectives of TNSP are achieved in the Policy Outcome area – Good Governance
- ✕ Regulate work Programme of the Council of Ongoing Government during its term in office
- ✕ The outcome we achieve through the successful integration
 - ✕ Principle of Good Governance in the Public Institution of Government
 - ✕ It will measure how effective we have been in our roles

good governance

- ✕ In the TNSP Objectives and strategies under each of the key areas are clearly defined
- ✕ The requirements & activities necessary so that the principles of good governance become an integral part of government and the public service

good governance responsibilities

- ✕ Council for the Ongoing Government have a collective responsibility to recognize
- ✕ Transparent
- ✕ Responsible
- ✕ Accountable
- ✕ Participatory government
- ✕ Responsive to the need & aspirations of our community
- ✕ ...foundation on which good governance rests.

good governance

- ✦ TNSP, - “good governance reflects Tokelau’s aspirations to strengthen its political and institutional processes by ensuring mechanisms are in place which encourages community participation in decision making and information sharing opportunities which promotes monitoring of implementation of policies and use of public resources in a responsible manner”

good governance – reinforcement of Statement

- ✦ Good Governance is not just about transparency & accountability
 1. It also includes responsibility
 2. Participation
 3. Being responsive to the needs of the people.

good governance – elements not addressed

- ✦ Monitoring of implementation of policies – gap that needs to be filled by establishing monitoring unit
- ✦ Past experiences has shown that there has been no robust process in place to monitor performance of public service and evaluate how these performances measure up to expected results.

good governance - prospectors

- ✦ The establishing of the monitoring unit
 - ✦ An effective management review process
- ✦ Department & Village Directors will have information - enable them to be more efficient & effective.
- ✦ This information will assist council in general fono to make more informed decisions in relation to their roles and responsibilities.

conclusion

- ✦ I have described how I envisaged good governance as a feature of the TNSP and the responsibility that the council has in ensuring that the Principles of Good governance are an integral part of how Tokelau will handle its affairs from here on.

good governance

- ✦ This text in the TNSP stresses the importance of democratic institutions
- ✦ It is no coincidence therefore that the Tokelau traditional Governance structure with the ultimate decision making vested in the Taupulega is important and ensures that any national policy changes requires full consultation.



**Ulu o Tokelau
Alikai Faipule Foua Toloa**

T...E...L...E...

TELECOMMUNICATIONS TOKELAU CORPORATION

- 🌀 Function
- 🌀 Infrastructure
- 🌀 New Development
- 🌀 In the Pipeline
- 🌀 Challenges and Issues

🌀 Infrastructure

- 🌀 Telephone and Internet via Telecom NZ Pacific Partner Hub cut over 8 March 2010 to replace the closed Intelsat DAMA
- 🌀 An internet link through PacTel cutover in April 2009
- 🌀 Internet Infrastructure that is more secure than before
- 🌀 A VoIP switch link to Pactel to enable telephone – SIP trunks
- 🌀 Contracted bandwidth for internet 2M/1M
- 🌀 Direct to home Sky TV from Fiji – 60 installations

🌀 Function

- 🌀 Telephones
- 🌀 Internet
- 🌀 IT Services (Partial)
- 🌀 Sky TV
- 🌀 Dot TK – Admin Contact
- 🌀 Ensuring systems are reliable and cost effective
- 🌀 Generate enough revenue to cover costs of the operation

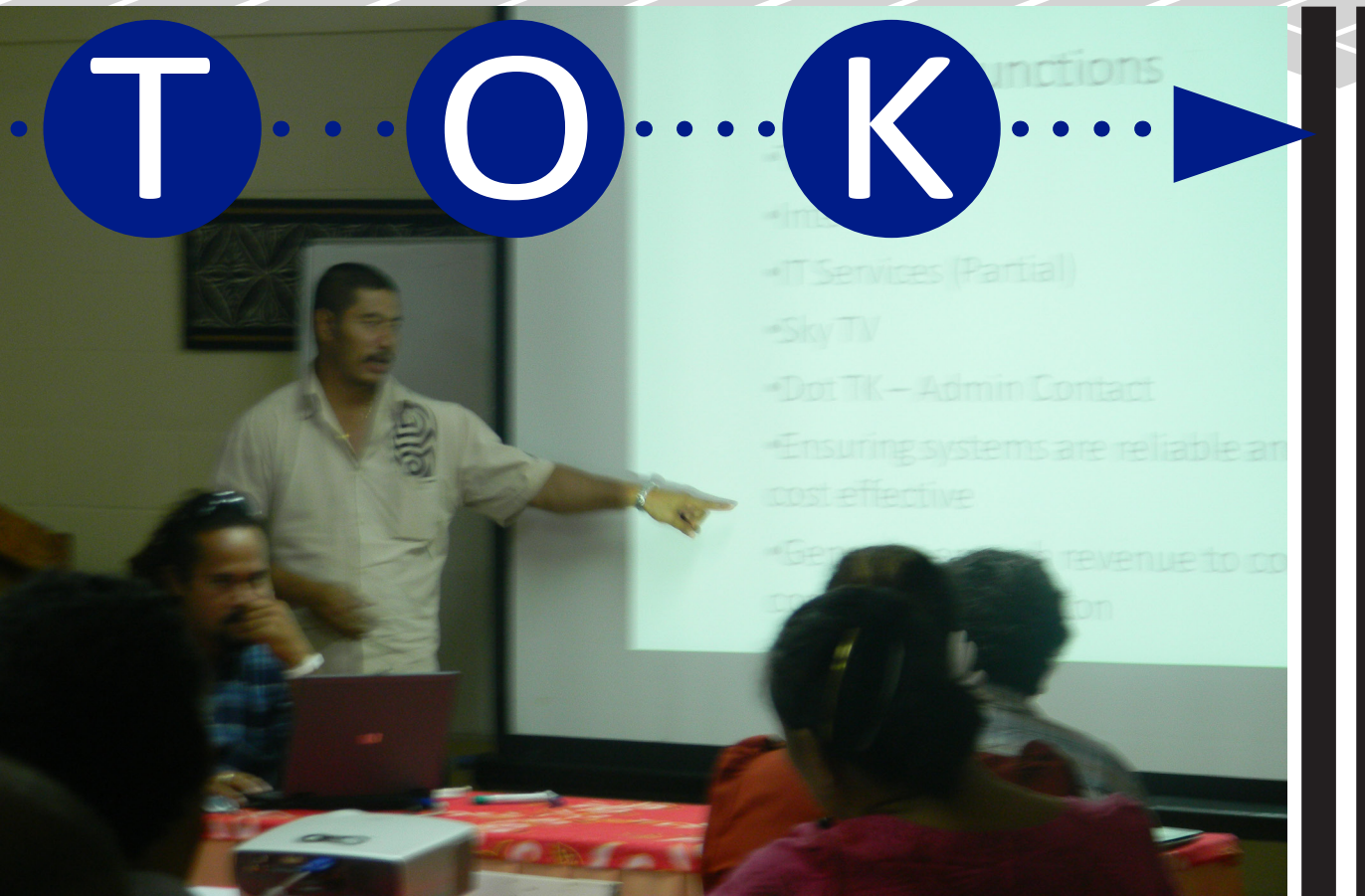
🌀 New Development

- 🌀 ADSL2+ on MSAN network to improve speed & internet access to 3 villages
- 🌀 Internet Billing introduced 1 April 2011
- 🌀 Reduce tolls by NZ\$0.40c
- 🌀 Review of charges
- 🌀 Servers for Schools – Free internet
- 🌀 Solar Power upgrade

The incomplete install by VSAT to upgrade our internet infrastructure prompted efforts to find a robust solution to address some of the shortfalls. ADSL2+ was possible through using a product called MSAN from Agile with DSL router with wireless capabilities.



Teletok Director, Tino Vitale



Teletok Director Tino Vitale during his powerpoint presentation.

🌀 In the Pipeline

- 🌀 Pacific Partner Hub upgrade to MESH solution
- 🌀 Inter-connect with Samoa for a direct connection
- 🌀 Network design to include our IP allocation
- 🌀 Video Servers
- 🌀 Mobile
- 🌀 IPS Service
- 🌀 Radio over satellite

🌀 Issues and Challenges

- 🌀 Acceptance of internet charges introduced in April 2011
- 🌀 Affordability – user pay vs small customer base on low income
- 🌀 Number hijacking
- 🌀 Shortage in local skilled people
- 🌀 No application to our technical positions
- 🌀 Challenges in attracting Tokelau living overseas
- 🌀 Costs of recruiting external skilled personnel

HEALTH

Goals	Protect the health of our population	Develop an effective and efficient Health system	Aim to protect our Environment
	Workforce Development		
Objectives	Improve service delivery	Promote awareness of Public Health	Promote environmental safety
	Quality provision of curative services at a local level	Enable Taupulega/Village/Nuku and families to make informed lifestyle decisions	
	Improve the health of our population		Improve food security, sanitation, water and waste hygiene
	Halt onset of chronic disease		
	Keep our youth safe		
Critical Success Factors	Improve outcomes associated with chronic disease		
	Build relationships across the sector and Pacific Rim that will enhance commitment to Tokelau		
	Tokelau and Donor agency Resourcing		
	Engagement by Taupulega and Villages		
	Participation by Communities		

WORK - PLANS

- Built on strategy
- Based on evidence
- Linked to Global Strategies & Frameworks
- Contractual
- Community focussed
- Information sharing, Consultative
- Resourced
- BAU
 - Procurement: Equipment & Pharmaceuticals
 - TPRS Management

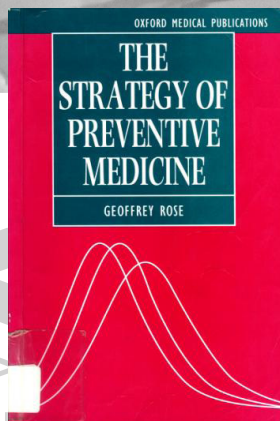
ISSUES

- Quality of Service delivery
- Reporting
- Accountability
- Safe Practice
- Documentation
- Them vs Us
- Medical Model
- Productivity
- Reliance on Dept for everything

ACHIEVEMENTS

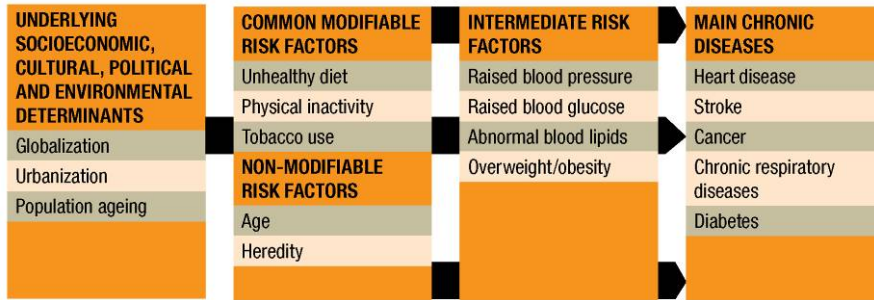
- Health Committees
- Equipped hospitals
- National Screening programmes
 - Breast, Cervical, WOP
- Awareness programmes
 - UNICEF/UNFPA/WHO/SPC
 - NCDs
 - Public Health
 - Epidemic/Pandemic
- Database
- Village projects
- Multi-sectoral approach
- Number of Plans
- Involved in a number of reviews
- Workforce
 - Medical Officer
 - Nursing
 - 4 trainees
 - 2 Eye technicians
 - Public Health trainee
 - Nursing Standards
- Budget
 - Blown consistently

POLITICAL GOVERNANCE AND HEALTH



"The primary determinants of disease are mainly economic and social, and therefore its remedies must also be economic and social. Medicine and politics cannot and should not be kept apart."

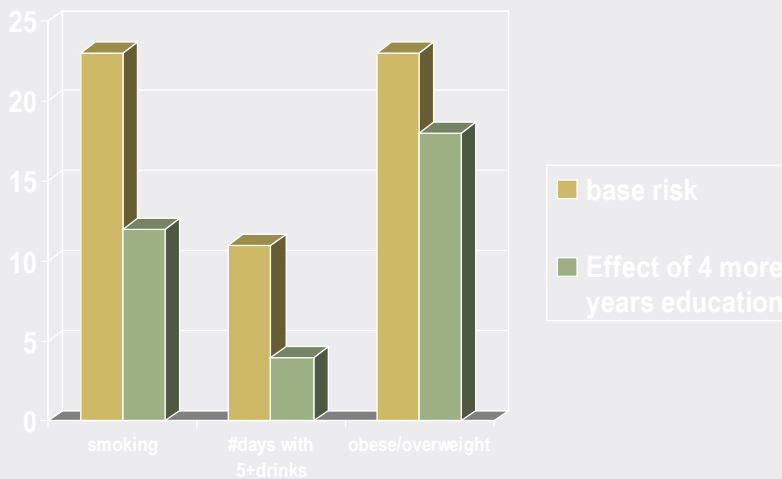
DETERMINANTS OF NONCOMMUNICABLE DISEASE



OBESITY AND TYPE2 DIABETES

- Chronic disease management
- Early detection
- Primary prevention
- Built environment
- Food industry
- Trade policies
- Government food & other policies

EFFECT OF AN ADDITIONAL 4 YEARS OF EDUCATION ON HEALTH OUTCOMES



There is a direct relationship between education and health. Better educated individuals have more positive outcomes. This association varies across conditions but is substantial and significant even after controlling for job characteristics, income, and family background.

..I will remember that I do not treat a fever chart, a cancerous growth, but a sick human being, whose illness may affect the person's family and economic stability. My responsibility includes these related problems, if I am to care adequately for the sick.
I will prevent disease whenever I can, for prevention is preferable to cure.
I will remember that I remain a member of society, with special obligations to all my fellow human beings, those sound of mind and body as well as the infirm....

HEALTH REVOLUTIONS 19TH - 21ST CENTURY

20th Century – science and technology in the hands of docs and hospitals
3 – intelligent systems enabling us to deal with complex factors affecting health –crucially many of these systems will be easy to use and involve people more in maintaining good health, recovering or managing ill health. Healthcare will become patient centric eg current diabetes chronic management (meds/insulin, glucose monitoring, food & activity, SELF management need s user-friendly technology and systems
NZ – spending growing by 8% a year, driven by aging population etc. In a decade expect a doubling in demand for health services & products but only a 40% increase in staff and revenue.

“HEALTH SYSTEM” DETERMINANTS

- Socio-economic environment
- Healthcare system organisation & costs
- Population characteristics
- Technological/scientific innovations

Clean water, better food, sanitation

Science & technology in hospitals and clinics

Health systems to deal with complexity of factors affecting health

THE 6 BUILDING BLOCKS OF HEALTH SYSTEMS

1. Service delivery
2. Health workforce
3. Information
4. Medical products
5. Vaccines & technology
6. Financing
7. Leadership and Governance

HEALTH SYSTEMS

Require good governance to achieve:-

- ⊗ Objectives and outcomes
- ⊗ Multiple institution co-ordination
- ⊗ Monitoring & evaluation
- ⊗ Quality and standards
- ⊗ Cost control

Role of the state vs. the market in health

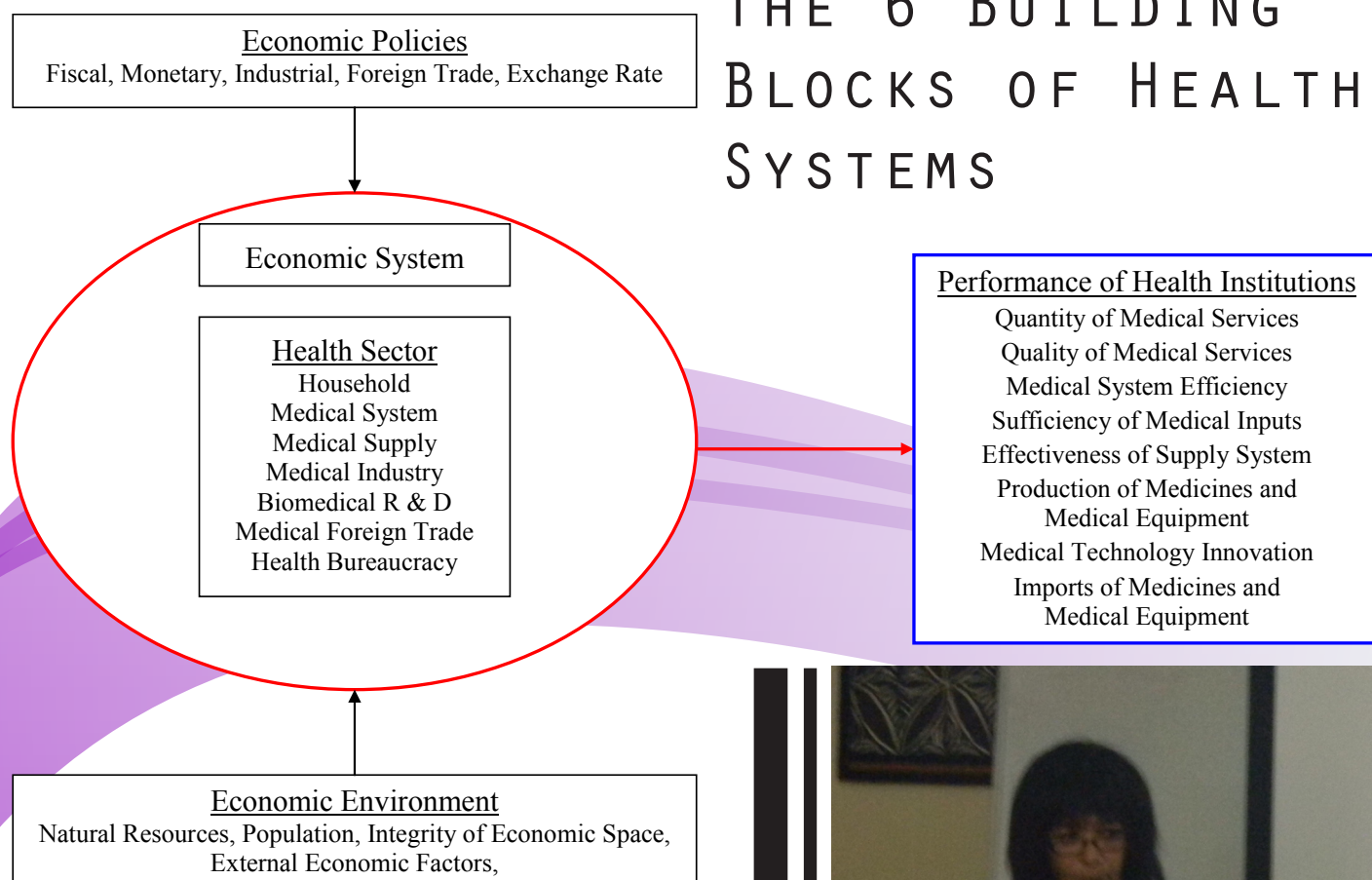
Role of the ministries of health vs. other state ministries

Actors in Governance – public sector, civil society and the private sector

Static vs. dynamic health systems

Health Reform vs. Human Rights-based approach to health

THE 6 BUILDING BLOCKS OF HEALTH SYSTEMS



We are here today as Leaders wearing the mantle of our Ancestors as the future of Tokelau is our children because one day we will become their Ancestors.

Our Legacy should be a Tokelau that has a future and in order to have a future, we need to be healthy

I call upon each of you for help to achieve that vision



Director of Health, Lee Pearce

Legal Advisor,
Lise Suveinakama

JUSTICE SYSTEMS IN TOKELAU

FUTURE AND CHALLENGES

Future/Objectives-TNSP period 2010-2015

- ✦ That the rule of law in Tokelau is strengthened and enhanced through an improved access to quality justice systems in the 3 villages of Tokelau.
- ✦ That our people trust and have faith in our justice systems and community safety is enhanced
- ✦ Improve Systems and Processes
- ✦ That our communities know and understand the judicial systems and processes
- ✦ That our communities use those processes to prevent further offending /report on offences
- ✦ Access to information/judgments
- ✦ Processes and systems are responsive to our community judicial needs
- ✦ Complaint processes (Judiciary) –important to improve court performance –justice systems is responsive to judicial needs of our people

WAY FORWARD-achieving our TNSP PromisesJudicial monitoring and evaluation (court performance)-Judiciary, Taupulega, Communities etcwe need to know whether our justice system is accessible and delivering quality justice systems in Tokelau

Leadership/commitment

We (Judiciary (Law Commissioner, Court Clerks, Police, Appeal Committee), Taupulega, Community, Council and General Fono need to care and support the development of our justice systems To make our Tokelau a safe place for our community and future generations

HOW?

- ✦ Human Resource Development Plan/ resources
- ✦ Capacity/leadership training-ongoing
- ✦ Professional developments (Law Commissioners, Court Clerks and Police, Taupulega Appeal Committee)
- ✦ Information and knowledge
- ✦ Taupulega –selection of Law Commissioners
- ✦ Taupulega-customary dispute resolution and Judiciary working together
- ✦ Court structure/laws-national/village/ court processes/systems
- ✦ Skills
- ✦ Police –deal with community/people's complaints/process/prepare charges/
- ✦ Court clerks-case registrations/ managements/annual report
- ✦ Law Commissioners –conduct hearing/ judgments and sentencing (verbal and written)
- ✦ Attitude- (build leadership/character) judicial code of conduct, integrity/ honesty

Tokelau Fisheries

Objective of our current fisheries policy:

Is to integrate our in-shore and off-shore fisheries management and conservation measures through innovate and strategic framework.

Strategy:

Enhance food security through proper management of our in-shore and off-shore fisheries;
Establish robust protection and conservation measures of our in-shore and off-shore fisheries;
Strategically maximise economic return from our EEZ

Approach:

Strategic Management by balancing food security with robust conservation measures and sustainable economic returns.
It is pivotal that we know the value of our fisheries zone.

Linkage of climate change and conservation measures:

Department is of the view that with the effects of climate change and successful conservation measures could change the fish pattern that would focus on the north east of our zone.
In June 4 vessels that were fishing in Tokelau and Northern Cooks requested to do transshipment in Samoa – those shows that there is fish in our zone.

Management Systems in Place:

Present system: licensing system which gives us about US\$15k a vessel; Currently have about 8 vessels = US\$120k per year

US Multilateral System = US\$1,800 per day
Vessel Day Scheme = US\$4,000 per day

Issues:

License system is not getting us the sustainable economic returns;
US Multilateral Treaty is going being threatened and could end in May 2012;
Vessel Day Scheme is a scheme that is monopolised by the Parties to the Nauru Agreement = PNA (PNG, Tuvalu, Kiribati and Micronesian Countries). Tokelau while it is geographically within the PNA region is not a PNA member.

Way forward:

If the US Multilateral Treaty is not going to give us more than US\$4,000 per day then the strategy is to join PNA.
Joining PNA is like Carbon trading if we can manage to convince other Pacific countries that we can get x number of days, then we can sell the days at US\$4,000 a day to other countries in the region without even fishing in our zone.

What the Department Plans to do?

Time will tell!!!!



General Manager
Jovilisi Suveinakama

Department of EDUCATION

The role of the Department of Education as specified in the Tokelau National Strategic Plan (TNSP) is that of lead advisor to the government on the education system.

Consequently, the mission and vision of the department to fulfil its role in the TNSP is in three areas:

1. **To raise educational achievement**
2. **To promote equality of opportunity and outcomes for all students**
3. **To improve the quality of educational services delivery**

In order to achieve its mission and vision, the department has formulated its 6 year Corporate Plan 2010-2015 focusing on four core functions which are:

1. **Human Resource Development**
 - ✕ Pathways to further education
 - ✕ Teacher Supply Strategy
 - ✕ Community Based education
 - ✕ Equity and Access
 - ✕ Develop and implement a structured and cost effective programme to address skills gaps in te department
2. **School Improvement**
 - ✕ Advice and guidance to Taupulega on school buildings, facilities and equipment to meet curriculum requirements
 - ✕ Develop national guidelines and curriculum statements
 - ✕ Establish a national development programme for teachers
 - ✕ Support governance, management and operations of schools
3. **Institutional Strengthening**
 - ✕ Policy Development and advice
 - ✕ Information and Communications Technology
 - ✕ Partnership Interdependencies
 - ✕ Research, monitoring and evaluation

4. Tokelau Culture and Language

- ✕ Develop and implementation of policies and strategies to establish Tokelau Language Commission which promotes the status of Tokelau Language

Strategies and Achievements

1. National Curriculum Policy Framework and Curriculum Statement
2. Teacher Training Programme in progress
3. Policy change in Scholarship Scheme and introduction of the Senior Secondary Education Programme
4. Structure of Department of Education reviewed and aligned to Corporate Plan

Future Focus

1. Teacher Training Programme
2. Alignment of Department Structure to Corporate Plan and TNSP
3. Monitoring, Evaluation and Assessment
4. School Governance Training

The Department of Education Corporate Plan 2010 – 2015 has been published and each Council member were presented with copies.



Director of Education, Tessa Kirifi



**ADMINISTRATOR OF TOKELAU
JONATHAN KINGS**

It is my pleasure to write to you from the Auckland Pacific Islands Forum meeting, where I have the honour to be a member of the Tokelau delegation. This year Tokelau has literally taken centre stage, with wonderful performances by a Tokelau group during the Pacific Showcase. The week started with a productive meeting with New Zealand Prime Minister John Key, and ended with the Ulu and his wife joining other VIPs at the opening game of the Rugby World Cup between New Zealand and Tonga. The days in-between are packed with many engagements, meetings and high-level discussions.

Alongside all the excitement, Pacific leaders must tackle some serious work. Nature has not been kind to the region in the past year, with floods in Australia, cyclones in Vanuatu and the destruction brought by a series of earthquakes in Christchurch. Climate change continues to a serious concern for the region, and UN Secretary General Ban Ki Moon chose to highlight the implications of this global issue for low lying islands in the Pacific during his time here at the Forum. Exercise Tropic Twilight, held earlier this year, was intended to provide assistance with Tokelau's preparations for natural disasters and I hope that this was a valuable experience for you. It is clear, no matter where in the world we live, that we each



The Pacific Showcase on the Auckland waterfront has provided an opportunity to highlight Pacific offerings to New Zealand and overseas visitors alongside the Pacific Islands Forum.

need to think ahead and make plans to ensure our families are ready for what nature may bring.

This year's Pacific Forum focused on how the region can make use of its assets to achieve the prosperity we all seek. Fisheries is one resource that is highly valued by the global market. Collectively the region is working to ensure the Pacific receives its fair share of fisheries revenues and, most importantly, that we manage this resource sustainably.

The precious Pacific environment also has value to its visitors, and tourism remains a vital revenue stream for many countries. I'm pleased that Tokelau was able to stand alongside other Pacific countries at the



Ulu o Tokelau Foa Foa Tolou with Australian Parliament Secretary Hon. Richard Marles before the Australia / Tokelau bilateral.

Pacific Forum Tourism Showcase event, and extend a warm welcome to the crowds in Auckland.

A Joint Commitment for Development

Many issues and activities are taking place at the regional and international level, but none of this work matters if it does not



Children from Mt Roskill Primary School in Auckland provide a welcome to Leaders attending the Pacific Islands Forum.

in Tokelau. This year Tokelau and New Zealand officials have sat together and identified areas within the Tokelau National Strategic Plan where we want to work in partnership.

The goals, and the commitments made by both Tokelau and New Zealand to achieve these, have been set down in a document known as the Joint Commitment for

Development. Over the next three years this document will guide where we direct our resources and our efforts, and will remind us of our respective responsibilities. Some of these goals are being supported by additional funding or support. In the current financial year New Zealand is providing \$17,000,000 in core funding to Tokelau. This is in addition to the medical,

welfare and other support provided to Tokelauans when in New Zealand. Of the core funding, \$14,000,000 is passed directly to Tokelau to determine where and how the funds are spent. The remaining \$3,000,000 is dedicated to specific projects as shown below.

Core funding for this financial year:

Purpose of funding	Amount	Responsibility
Funding support provided to Tokelau administration	\$14,000,000	Tokelau determines the allocation of this funding, and what each department and village receives.
Specific projects to address agreed priorities	\$3,000,000	<div>\$2,250,000 jointly used by NZ and Tokelau to pay for existing shipping services provided from Samoa and to meet initial planning costs for the new transport services</div> <div>\$600,000 provided to Tokelau for the Infrastructure Development Project (school buildings, health centres)</div> <div>\$150,000 held by NZ for specific projects agreed with Tokelau (for example, support to activities such as Exercise Tropic Twilight)</div>

Improved transportation and a switch to renewable energy

As you will see from the table below there are also two key additional projects that are underway. Tokelau has stressed the importance of both to New Zealand.

Considerable work is already underway towards the construction of a new purpose built passenger and light cargo vessel for Tokelau. The budget is limited, and not every desired feature will be able to be installed on the vessel however the vessel will be safe and as comfortable as possible. The journey between Tokelau

and Samoa is long, and there are frequently children, elderly and medical patients on board. Their needs, comfort and safety are important, and I ask that you share your thoughts and ideas with your Taupulega to ensure we develop the best design possible within the funds available to us.

Purpose of funding	Amount	Responsibility
Transport package (additional to core funding)	\$17,000,000 (likely to be spread over more than one year)	Project undertaken by NZ in consultation with Tokelau to provide a package of transport support, including the construction of a new passenger ship, an inter-atoll boat, an air service between Samoa and Tokelau, and ongoing cargo services to and from Samoa.
Renewable energy project (additional to core funding)	Up to \$7,000,000 as a loan toward total project cost of \$8,500,000	Project undertaken by Tokelau in consultation with NZ to provide solar power generation on each atoll. Part funding is being provided by NZ as a \$7M conditional grant, which Tokelau will repay in future years. Other donors are being sought.

Farewell Filipino - we wish you well

Finally I would like to formally acknowledge the service to both Tokelau and New Zealand provided by Mr Filipino Lui as Tokelau's representative in the Office of the Administrator for the last

six years. Filipino was a valued member of our team, and provided a critical link with the Tokelauan communities in New Zealand. The office staff here in Wellington miss him greatly, and I wish him well as he dedicates his efforts to his golf swing and his grandchildren. I am pleased to

announcement the appointment of Kula Teao as Filipino's replacement and I welcome her to the team.

Fakafetai!
Jonathan Kings,
Administrator of Tokelau

MATAUALA TOUR

Matauala Looks to Rugby for Better Quality of Leadership

The Matauala School from Atafu on their first ever rugby Tour in Samoa may have found the key to developing great leaders in the future by using rugby at a young age to teach them leading skills.

Developing rugby in Tokelau is not the only aim for the Matauala tour but also focusing on teaching the kids on so many aspect of being a quality leader. Rugby philosophy on its judgement, tactical strategy and support during a game is the keys at being a great leader on the field but also hope to adapt it off field, according to the Matauala principal.

“Rugby, it’s likewise with a quality of a leader”, says the Matauala principal, John Kalolo.

“Although the boys haven’t been winning but who had ever thought that kids from Tokelau at this young age could ever pass a ball”, he said.

With Samoa who has been playing for many years and has also made an impact in the rugby world, Matauala tour looks to learn values and sacrifices, according to the School Principal John Kalolo.

The principal looks to have an annual tour for the school every year if the Taupulega approves of it.

The whole tour had seventy strong supporting groups accompanying the school kids including the school principal and teaching staff with parents and family members.



Matauala supporters turns out in numbers to watch the first game.

Matauala Principal John Kalolo second from the left with supporters

Tropical Twilight Exercise in Tokelau

Thirty NZ Defence Force personnel, HMNZS OTAGO, Ministry of Civil Defence and Emergency Management (MCDEM), Police and Office of the Administrator representatives travelled to Tokelau on Exercise Tropic Twilight.

New Zealand has an ongoing commitment to disaster relief in the South Pacific. Tropic Twilight, saw Defence Force engineers, medical, dental and environmental health personnel and the other agency representatives visited the atolls of Atafu, Nukunonu and Fakaofu between 18 to 26 July.

Working closely with the people of Tokelau, the Defence Force carried out a number of aid activities in a short timeframe. These included medical and dental training, education on sanitation, testing public drinking water sources and completing minor engineering projects. A detachment from the Naval Maritime Survey Team (MSU) also undertook hydrographic surveys of the reef.

The Ministry of Civil Defence and Emergency Management (MCDEM) worked with each of the atolls to further their village disaster response plans. This included running a desktop exercise which drew out what villages would do if they received cyclone or tsunami warnings.



Cultural evening on Atafu.



New Zealand defence force farewell shores of Fakaofu with the mighty haka.

MCDEM also provided four hand-operated warning sirens to the Taupulega to improve warning systems.

Two New Zealand police officers also accompanied the exercise. They worked with the Village police and provided training on incident management. The police also gifted materials to each police station and the school on each atoll. Lieutenant Commander Simon Rooke, Senior National Officer for Tropic Twilight, says the exercise is part of the Defence Force's ongoing commitment to HADR in the Pacific.

"Exercise Tropic Twilight enables the Defence Force to continue to improve its response capability to disasters within the South Pacific. It provides an opportunity for us to improve co-ordination with key NZ disaster response agencies and also to build relationships with our Pacific partners.

"We visited each atoll, working with the people of Tokelau to help improve health, sanitation and drinking water facilities. The Kiwis take great pride in being able to give something back to our Pacific Island neighbours.

"Participation in exercises like Tropic Twilight and Pacific Partnership are also essential for the Defence Force to remain capable and poised to support actual HADR operations such as the Samoan Tsunami

and Christchurch earthquakes," says Lieutenant Commander Rooke.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade supported the work being carried out with \$200,000 worth of funding from the NZ Aid Programme. For the Deputy Director of the Office of the Administrator, Debbie Player, the exercise was her first trip to Tokelau.

Debbie said it was a pleasure to be able to



Local law enforcer working closely with New Zealand police.

visit Tokelau to gain a better understanding of life on the atolls.

"Tokelau is a unique and beautiful place and it is an honour to be able to visit on behalf of the Administrator. I was particularly humbled by the warm hospitality that we were shown during the exercise."

No Pageant to find Miss Tokelau for 2011

A local pageant could not be scheduled due to the unavailability of fapupaepaes on the islands.....

Searching for a representative for Tokelau at the Miss South Pacific Pageant 2011 held in Samoa has a different approach by having its Miss Tokelau gifted to its first runner up from Miss Tokelau Pageant in 2010.

Methods of selection have been used by countries like the Cook Islands to have representatives in previous Miss South Pacific Pageant.

A local pageant could not be scheduled due to the unavailability of fapupaepaes in the islands, according to Miss Tokelau coordinator, Lihe Suveinikama.

Maleka Mativa was crowned Miss Tokelau for 2010 taking over from Joanne O'Brien from Atafu, first to be crowned Miss Tokelau in 2009.

There have only been two Miss Tokelau Pageants to be held.



Newly crown Miss Tokelau, Suli Pesa.



Meleka with her sarong during last year's South Pacific Pageant

Former Miss Tokelau Move On To USP Fiji

Former Miss Tokelau, Maleka Mativa moves on to USP in Fiji for further studies.

Former Miss Tokelau rain ended in June. She is rumored to be studying Environmental Science.



Former Miss Tokelau Meleka Mativa.



Sweet Success



Tavita, Heo and Amanaki
are the first to graduate
from the Training.

Legal Advisor for Tokelau Liaison Office in Apia, Lise Suveinikama reveals the struggle of the three Tokelauan police constables that graduated from the Basic Police Training in Samoa.

Lise Suveinikama who was left with coordinating the men found their effort to have been a challenging experience.

They have been in a struggling road with them [three constable] facing difficult personal issues of missing families and also the course had irrelevant areas to Police work carried out in Tokelau, according to Mrs Suveinikama.

Also with Amanaki Paulo from Atafu age 19, Samoa Police have made exception to him undertaking the course due to the fact that Samoan police only approve applicants over the age of twenty-one.

"I have been working with them on understanding the Samoa constitution and encouraging them – the Samoan constitution is very complicated", she added.

"But the theory on how to perform their task when they get back like reporting and upholding the law was clear", Lise proudly assured.

Tavita, Heo and Amanaki are the first to graduate from the Training.

A tiny function for recognition of their achievement was held at Lelata.

**Amanaki Teloloma Paulo youngest of
the first three police constable that
graduated.**

Final Twelve for New Caledonia

After ten weeks of enduring the mental and physical training as part of the sevens trial, Tokelau have now found its twelve man squad for the New Caledonia games.

The three months training set in Samoa which have seen its toll taken on the boys have also seen the bright sight to finding it's most aggressive and skilful players selected.

The team of nineteen players originally brought from Tokelau have been cut down to twelve after three were sent home following violation of the teams code of conduct, two being drop due to injuries and one with family commitment.

The boys who have had games against Samoa as part of their trials have tremendously improved since their first game sessions with former IRB Sevens Champions.

After the first game session the boys undoubtedly had been out class by experience Samoa running in over ten tries with the boys managing to cross over for only three tries coming from Luao and Lealohi.

Their second and third game session saw the Tokelau sevens ability to uphold the Samoa's attacks and capability to shatter Manu Samoa's defence to bring home six tries with minor tactical game strategy needing improvement.

The boys which have been running up the Tiavi Mountain (Samoa) and training at the High Performance Unit gym with its field testing at Apia Park have perk up the muscular

built of an athlete and awaken the inner skilful potential of becoming an outstanding team.

The team which has been unable to run the mountain under an hour have successfully completed the run less than an hour after eight weeks and have enormously improved in weight training at the gym with roughly lifting around the hundred kilograms.

The boys have also being tested on the tracks with most running the long mile within eight minutes.

The final squad with the official heading for New Caledonia:

Susan Perez, Chef De Mission
Tavita Pue, Tokelau Sports President
Falaniko Aloisio, Team Manager
Galumalemana Rudolf Moors Coach
Tanu Filo, Asst. Coach

Iona Koloi
Luao Luapo
Etuale Ioane
Viliamu Ioapo
Sio Isaia
Falima Tuumuli
Elika Teao
Lealofi Sasulu
Simona Puka
Usi Seu
Lamese Pasene
Kosetatino Liufau



Sevens Team photo after a word of encouragement from the Council.



Grey hairs farewell the team with strengthening words during the Teams lunch at Treasure Garden.

New Addition to the Pacific Games Team



Lone Swimmer Danielle (centre) with parents Tania Donaldson and Fono Gaulofa

Tokelau's new member to the Pacific Games representative team comes from Porirua, Wellington, New Zealand.

Danielle Gaulofa which had a goal to represent Tokelau at the Pacific Games this year has been dreams come true for the swimmer.

"I have been training for four years and its feels great to be selected to represent Tokelau for the games", said the excited young lady.

"I met up with a friend that represented Tokelau at the games in Samoa, she said I can also represent Tokelau at the games if I worked hard – this was four years ago", she added.

The hard work and time spent trying to achieve a dream is not yet over for the Danielle as she looks expect a tough competition.

"I don't know any of the competitors and it's my first time but I'm not expecting it to be easy".

With Danielle having European descent the mother is proud that her daughter is still connected to her Tokelauan side, according to the Danielle's mother, Tania Donaldson.

Danielle Gaulofa is only sixteen years old will represent Tokelau in six different swimming events at the Noumea, Pacific Games 2011.



The only three females in the Team for New Caledonia.

Mako Shark with Grilled Pineapple

Ingredients

Salsa:

- ◇ 1 medium ripe pineapple, trimmed, cored, quartered lengthwise and cut again lengthwise
- ◇ Drizzle extra-virgin olive oil
- ◇ 2 limes, juiced and lime halves reserved
- ◇ 1 small red onion, minced
- ◇ 1/2 bunch fresh mint, leaves finely chopped (about 1/2 cup leaves)
- ◇ 1/2 bunch fresh cilantro, leaves finely chopped (about 1/2 cup leaves)
- ◇ Couple pinches kosher salt
- ◇ Superfine sugar, optional

Fish:

- ◇ 4 (8-ounce) center-cut mako shark fillets
- ◇ Drizzle extra-virgin olive oil
- ◇ 1 teaspoon kosher salt
- ◇ 20 grinds black pepper

Directions

1. Heat a grill pan or griddle over medium-high heat.
2. Lightly rub the pineapple pieces with oil.
3. Grill on all sides, about 2 minutes per side or until lightly caramelized with nice char marks.
4. Remove from grill and set aside to cool slightly.
5. Cut grilled pineapple into 1/2-inch dice and add to a medium bowl.
6. Add all remaining salsa ingredients, including the lime halves. These will lend the additional lime oils in the rinds to the mixture, making a more aromatic salsa.
7. Set aside until ready to use.
8. While grill is still hot, rub each shark steak with olive oil and season with salt and pepper.
9. Place steaks on grill across the grill ribs and cook for about 3 to 5 minutes per side, depending on the thickness of the steaks.
10. Gently turn fish so it does not fall apart.
11. Once the flesh has become opaque and firm to the touch, it is cooked through.
12. Remove to a platter and spoon salsa over fish.
13. Serve immediately.



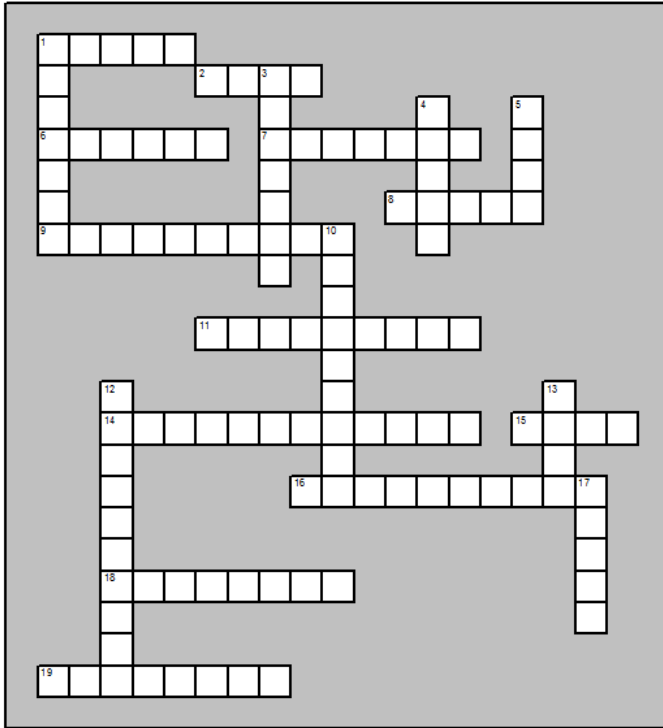
Ingredients:

- 3 -4 lbs octopus
- 3 ounces red wine vinegar
- 1 tablespoon oregano (mediterranean)
- olive oil
- 1 garlic clove, crushed (optional)

Directions:

1. Rinse the octopus under cold, running water and place in pot dripping wet (you don't want to dry it off- this is the moisture it will cook in).
2. Add the vinegar and garlic and cover the pot.
3. Bring to the boil over low heat.
4. It is tender when pierced easily with a fork (this can vary from octopus to octopus, so time is not a good indicator of doneness in this case).
5. When cool enough to handle, strip off suckers and reddish-purple membrane on flesh (these are delicious, but the octopus is more presentable without them- enjoy them by yourself!).
6. Cut the octopus into small tidbits.
7. And arrange on a platter, drizzled with olive oil and vinegar and sprinkled with oregano.
8. If you are going to serve the octopus another day, pack it in a jar or small tupperware bowl, cover with olive oil, top with 3-4 tbsps of vinegar and 1 tblsp oregano.
9. Give a stir.
10. Cover and refrigerate.

Crossword



Across

1. Assassinated Lincoln.
2. Political party as a state legislator.
6. Lincoln's Father.
7. Gained national fame debating _____.
8. Lincoln's mother.
9. Favored _____ amendment freeing all slaves.
11. The _____ president of the United States.
14. Proclamation that legally abolished slavery in rebelling states.
15. Theater where Lincoln was killed.
16. National cemetery dedicated by Lincoln in a famous speech.
18. State Legislator in _____.
19. Born Feb 12, 1809 in what state?

Down

1. Parents were member's of this church.
3. Grandfather was killed by _____.
4. Lincoln's sister.
5. Lincoln's wife.
10. Lincoln's nickname.
12. Political party when elected president.
13. Had _____ sons.
17. Gave _____ overall command of the military.

TEST ANSWERS

Quick Eye Exam:
Almost everyone guesses three. Why? It seems that the brain cannot correctly process the word "OF". The letter F usually makes the "f" sound, like in "fox". However, in the word "of", it makes a "v" sound. Somehow, your brain overlooks the word "of" as it scans for the sound of "f".

Mental Arithmetic Test:
Most people get 5000 as result, if they perform the calculation as fast as they can. But the answer is 4100. Because of the hurry, the tens and the hundreds are mixed up in the last step (4090 plus 10).

Quick Eye Exam

Just do it. Don't cheat! Because if you do, this test would be no fun. We promise that there are no tricks to this test.

Read the sentence below:

FINISHED FILES ARE THE RESULT OF YEARS OF SCIENTIFIC STUDY COMBINED WITH THE EXPERIENCE OF YEARS

The Question: How many times do you see the letter F in the sentence above? Count them only once! Do not go back and count them again!

Mental Arithmetic Test

Perform the calculation below as fast as you can, and using only mental arithmetic (so without pen and paper, or a calculator!).

Take 1000 and add 40.
Add 1000.
Add 30 and then add 1000.
Add 20.
Add 1000 and then add 10.

The Question: What is the result of this calculation?



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