



**Report to the
Legislative Assembly.**

**MINISTRY OF HEALTH ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2012-2013.**

**HEALTH, SOCIAL SERVICES, INTERNAL AFFAIRS,
COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE
REPORT**

(P.P. 2014/2015 No.128)

The Health, Social Services, Internal Affairs, Community and Social Services Committee recommends that the Assembly take note of its Report

1. RESOLUTION:-

At the end of its investigation, the Committee resolved to recommend the Legislative Assembly approve:

- **P.P. [2014/2015No. 128, Annual Report for the Ministry of Health for the Financial Year 2012-2013.**

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:-

The Committee recommends the Government to:

- 1. Implement a strategy to progressively upgrade the assets of District Hospitals for instance beds, air conditions and weighing machines used by Doctors.**
- 2. Enhance and stabilize partnerships with overseas Foundations for financial assistance, especially to provide specialized Doctors to assist within the Ministry.**
- 3. Advise the Ministry to collaborate with the National Health Services to minimize the infant and maternal mortality rates. The Committee noted the increase of these rates in the Annual Report 2012-2013 whereby deaths increased by 225% (40-130) compared to 2011-2012.**
- 4. Advise the Ministry to collaborate closely with the National Health Services to provide strategic programs appropriate for Management training and Health Care services. This will cater specifically to the areas that are lacking within the Ministry.**
- 5. Follow-up on strategic programs by other Government Ministries and Corporations involved in cleaning mosquito infested areas. Mosquitoes cause diseases like elephantitis, chikungunya, dengue fever and others.**
- 6. Carry out health inspections on Restaurants in the town area more than once a month. This is to ensure that the public are consuming healthy meals prepared in a healthy environment.**

3. **FINDINGS:-**

The Committee noted that the Annual Report of the Ministry of Health outlines the progress of its work that was accomplished in the financial year considered.

During its investigation the Committee noted that there were many proposed projects for the Year considered. Each Division had its own project and they were able to complete all of them within the Financial Year period as reported.

4. **ACHIEVEMENTS:**

4.1. **Health Management Development Program.**

The Committee noted the launching of the 2nd Program in November 2012. The main purpose of this program is to develop management and operational capacity of selected aspiring future leaders of the Health Sector. A total of 52 staff were privileged to be selected as participants of this course for a duration of ten months and were assessed during the course.

4.2 **MoH Professional Development & Credentialing Centre.**

One of the milestones of the Ministry was to establish a Centre for Nursing, Midwifery and Allied Health Professionals as well as a new Nursing Hostel.

4.3 **Surveillance Approach on Chronic Disease Risk for Samoa (STEPS Survey)**

The Committee noted that this was the second Survey that was officially carried out from March to May 2013. The Ministry anticipates the survey results in order to provide information on the existing prevalence of NCD risk factors. There were three sub surveys included:

- **Salt Intake Assessment on the country**
- **Assessing Iodine Deficiency in bodies**
- **Mental Health Needs Analysis**

5. **STANDARD OF HEALTH**

In accordance to the provisions of the governing Legislations of the Ministry, the Ministry is able to continue due consideration of it legal obligations and monitor public health rate. The main objective is to prevent the general public from potential health risks.

Furthermore, the Committee noted the various duties and responsibilities of the Ministry especially in regards to its numerous governing legislations it administers and enforces. The Ministry is notably steering and enforcing these legislations not only within the divisions of the Ministry but also to the general public.

6. COMMITTEE VISIT:-

The Committee visited all the District Hospitals and the general hospital in Savaii. The well managed service delivery was witnessed for the district hospitals. There were sufficient supplies of pharmaceuticals ready for distribution to the District Hospitals. The Committee noted the continuation of Doctors visits in the rural area every Tuesday and Wednesday. Despite the competent service delivery, the Committee also noticed the lack of bedding and air conditioned rooms.

The Committee visited the construction site for the new Sataua Hospital and the completion of the development is proposed for the 18th of March 2015.

The Committee found that the Government has proposals for renovation works to be carried out within certain areas of the Tuasivi Hospital. However there are facilities not included in the proposal that need to be replaced and/or upgraded to provide an efficient health service for the general public.

7. WITNESSES:-

During the course of its investigation, the Committee was able to hear oral evidence submitted by:

Ministry of Health

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| Leausa Dr Take Naseri | - | Chief Executive Officer |
| Robert Thomsen | - | Assistant Chief Executive Officer (Health Services Performance & Quality Assurance for Medical & Allied Health) |
| Sosefina Taualelei | - | Assistant Chief Executive Officer/CSU |
| Dalphina Kerslake-Wulf | - | Legal Consultant |

Savaii Visit

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| Dr Loudeen Moe Lam | - | General Manager – Tuasivi Hospital |
| Pili Aliisolia Alatimu | - | Tuasivi Hospital |
| Polataivao Tasi | - | Tuasivi Hospital |
| Dr Tala Vaa | - | Tuasivi Hospital |
| Maluseu Leilani Kamu | - | Tuasivi Hospital |
| Laulu Miti Lagaia | - | Sataua District hospital |
| Faalaa Epati | - | Safotu District hospital |

8. PAPER CONSIDERED:-

(referred 09/10/2013)

- **P.P. 2014/2015 No. 128, Ministry of Health Annual Report 2012-2013**

9. RESOLUTION:-

At the end of its investigation, the Committee resolved to recommend the Assembly :-

- **To approve P.P. [2014/2015No. 128, Annual Report for the Ministry of Health for the Financial Year 2012-2013.**

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