



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF SAMOA.

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

ON

P.P. 2014/2015 No. 9,

**ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE NATIONAL KIDNEY
FOUNDATION OF SAMOA FOR THE FINANCIAL
YEAR 2011-2012.**

(Presented to the Legislative Assembly)

1. RECOMMENDATION.

The Health & Social Services, Internal Affairs, Community and Social Development Committee recommend the Assembly to note of its Report.

2. RESOLUTION:

At the conclusion of its Findings, the Committee resolved to advise the Assembly to:

Approve P.P. 2014/2015 No 9, Annual Report for The National Kidney Foundation of Samoa for the Financial Year 2011-2012.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee recommends the Government and the National Kidney Foundation of Samoa to:

- 1. Priority should be given to opportunities to train local Doctors and Nurses on specialized technical services for the Kidney Foundation (Vascular surgeon Technician (etc));**
- 2. Stress the importance of Awareness Programs in all areas of the Health Sector, this would encourage the public of the impacts of having unbalance diets and the effects of not engaging to routine healthy exercises;**
- 3. Consider the renovation of the Dialysis Clinic at Motootua and ensure a healthy environment so that services provided may be delivered in quality performance. The Committee noted the increasing number of patients and the growing number of the public diagnosed with renal failure. The Committee highly recommends that cleanliness of a working environment contributes to higher and satisfactory services.**
- 4. Collaborate and work closely with other divisions of the National Health Services in creating incentives which would promote kidney failure patients to participate in First Aid workshops. This initiative would assist minimize the number of patients engaging dialysis machines.**

5. **Construct water tanks to capture rain water around the NKF building for treatment process and for cleaning of dialysis machines. The water storage would assist the Management from spending a lot of money on water supply for daily use.**

4. PAPER CONSIDERED:

P.P. 2014/2015, No.9. Annual Report of The National Kidney Foundation of Samoa for the Financial Year 2011-2012.

5. FINDINGS

Ongoing Works:

1. Vision:

Excellence in the Reduction of and in the Care for, Patients with Renal Failure.

2. Mission:

To actively pursue the reduction of the incidence of Kidney Failure and Kidney related diseases, with sustainability in the provision of Quality Holistic Care for patients already with End Stage Renal Failure.

5.1 COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION

There were 64 patients recorded in the month of June 2012. In that same year there was a significant increase in new patients from an annual average of 14 to 16 new patients, to the current 31 patients. The Management noted that this is the most significant number of patients in comparison to previous years. In addition the Management confirmed the impending increase in number of people with diabetes especially those in need of dialysis treatment under the age of 50. Furthermore, one of the major issues faced by the Foundation, in its early years of service, is reflected in the increasingly large population of people with NCDs over the years which will continue if not treated properly.

In the Annual Report for the Financial Year of 2011/2012, the Committee noted the accomplished objectives since the establishment of the Foundation. One of the important areas the Foundation considered was the rearrangement of areas which should be prioritized in regards to the provision of services to the public. In ensuring that this objective is successful, the Foundation continues its programs and workshops at Salafai along with advertising on the television, radio and newspaper.

The Committee noted the great assistance of these awareness programs to the public especially as there are many that have renal failure but are beyond treatment.

For the reported Financial Year, 1,284 people were screened by the Foundation and appropriate counseling and treatment was given. People with advanced stages of kidney impairment were registered in the pre-dialysis clinics and periodically monitored by the Foundation. However the Foundation noted the ignorance of those affected.

The Foundation's appropriations increased by 8.5% compared to the Financial Year 2010/2011. This was granted by the Government for the implementation of this Services work outputs. The Committee noted the increase of expenses by 30.72% in the overall budget of the Financial Year of 2010/2011 which is equivalent to \$1,400,919. Pursuant to the statement from the Management the increase is attributed to the payment of the surgeons from overseas but also for the costs spent on patients in Savaii and staff travel to treat patients at Tuasivi. In addition to the increase of expenses is the cost of resources needed for the dialysis treatment.

The Committee noted the difference in the Government resources (funds) reduced greatly by having in-country surgery instead of sending patients overseas. The assistance of many of the Surgeons by way of the Foundation and the kind help from Dr. Mark Hamilton, Dr. John Bingley and Dr. David Voss who are specialists in Nephrologists from the Orchid Society helped immensely. They were only able to operate on 23 patients out of 37 due to the short period of time that they were on-island.

The Committee would like to note its appreciation towards these Doctors for their kind assistance for our Government and its people.

The issue continues with the lack of a local vascular surgeon in the country and the search continues for people available for overseas training in these areas.

Due to the increasing number of patients, the Foundation proposes a new Dialysis Unit. This new facility should ensure improved deliverance of services for the patients and provide enough space for the dialysis machines.

6. **COMMITTEE VISIT:**

The Committee was able to visit the Kidney Dialysis Clinic at Motootua and witnessed the service provided by the employees. The Committee acknowledges the smooth deliverance of services provided by the staff regardless of the increase in kidney failure patients.

The Committee expressed their appreciation to the National Kidney Foundation for their tolerance of all the trials and difficulties faced by the NKF as it has not affected their great service to the patients.

7. **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

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8. **RESOLUTION:**

At the conclusion of its Findings, the Committee resolved to advise the Assembly :

To approve P.P. 2014/2015 No 9, Annual Report of the National Kidney Foundation of Samoa for the Financial Year 2011-2012.

WITNESSES:

The Committee was assisted by the members of the National Kidney Foundation during the Course of its investigation:

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