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The vital need is for us each  
To till the soil within our reach,  
Some reach an inch and some a mile,  
But every inch is well worth while,  
As man evolves in nature's way,  
Just inch by inch and day by day.  
- The Balanced Man by H.T.Thomas

**Project Toolkit is underway !!!**

"The foundation stone is laid. There is a new era beginning for ear, nose and throat health care in the Pacific."

So says Dr P.J. Faumuina after delivering the Rose Charities NZ Toolkit, \$45,000 worth of top quality ENT instruments, to the Apia-based Tupua Tamasese Mesole hospital in Samoa.

"It's very satisfying," Dr PJ said. "This journey is all about empowering others and the Rose Toolkit is Step One in that empowerment"

Dr Sione Pifeleti, the ENT registrar in the hospital is very very happy.

"In fact he is guarding the instruments so jealously he will not let them out of the ENT department of the hospital."



Dr Sione assessing a young patient

Project Toolkit, the Rose Charities-initiated drive to get ENT services so desperately needed in the Pacific, especially for children, is seen as a pilot to improve health care all over the Pacific where ENT services are practically non-existent. Rose Charities NZ Trustee Mike Webber went to Samoa with Dr PJ for the handover. Mike says: "I observed PJ and Sione working together, with PJ discussing each case with Sione, and the best method of treatment. They were usually difficult cases, with many being cancerous. I was very impressed with Sione. A pleasant man with good surgical skills, who also performs general surgery. I am confident that the ENT department is under good leadership and the Toolkit in safe hands."



Dr P.J. treating a baby

It has been recognized that ENT services in the Pacific are poor; the Solomon Islands have only two ENT nurses to deal with this area of health. Samoa is now regarded as having the best ENT services of the Pacific. It is possible that if the ENT department in Samoa under Dr Sione and the upskilling by Dr PJ Faumuina and Prof. Murali Mahadaven reaches a higher standard than the present, then Samoa would become the central point for training ENT doctors from the other Island nations. The Toolkit will certainly help to promote this process.



Dr Sione, Dr P.J. and Mike Webber with the precious Toolkit about to be unpacked

Rose Charities NZ thanks you all for your amazing contribution to this project.

We want to acknowledge three key contributors to this, our largest single fundraising project;

- Rotary Clubs of Auckland, Ellerslie Sunrise, Whanganui North, Christchurch and Riccarton.
- The Harold Thomas Trust; Harold Thomas set up a trust in his name to encourage New Zealand Rotary Clubs to initiate or adopt projects to provide medical, health and welfare services to children in Pacific Islands
- The PIF Foundation, a wonderful supporter of Rose Charities NZ.

And we now hope to put together more simple toolkits for other hospitals in the Pacific, with the help of Prof Murali. Watch this space.

**And with our International hat on ...**

Nepal has suffered yet more appalling floods last month. Our very special contact, Sarala, from the village of Kopu, in the Kathamandu Valley is telling us that people living in their post-earthquake houses that were never fixed, are now suffering more as these houses are not capable of surviving the rains. There are also serious health issues associated to such disasters..

"Some reach an inch and some a mile".



Trish Gribben (past Rose NZ Chair-person) & Sarala with the local Kopu children

Rose Charities NZ have taken the 'inch' approach for Nepal in supporting the one village of Kopu where we have a wonderful person on the ground, who we know and trust advising us what is needed, and making it happen. That is the true Rose approach.

Sarala asks;

"The main aim is to create a health camp to provide basic medical care to prevent the spreading of flood-related disease (and if possible; to provide relief supplies of tents, food supplies and raincoats etc)

5000 Nepalese Rupees =US\$45. This will be able to help a family of 4-5 person tide over this difficult period"

Our Rose relief support (NZD1000) will go a long way in helping our village in Nepal.

**SO WE NEED YOU!**

Rose Charities NZ have a brand new Bank account number  
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If you wish to specify your donation to Nepal please put RCNepal in the reference, along with your name

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