

Preparedness in the Pacific

ETC Situation Report #6

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These Situation Reports will be distributed every month. The next report will be issued on or around 31/08/2020.

Highlights

- The first interim guidance document for Pacific Island Countries (PICs) outlining the use of digital health tools and systems in the response to COVID-19 is now available to view [here](#).
- The ETC in the Pacific is providing technical expertise to support a UN Population Fund (UNFPA) telehealth project for communities on the remote outer Pacific islands.
- A new ETC Coordinator for the Pacific took up the post on 20 July.



The ETC in the Pacific facilitated a preparedness workshop in the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) in early 2020.

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ETC Activities

- The first interim guidance document for Pacific Island Countries (PICs) outlining the use of digital health tools and systems for the health sector response to COVID-19 is now available to view [here](#). The guidance is the outcome of continued collaboration with the health services delivery team of the Joint Pacific COVID-19 Incident Management Team (IMT), led by WHO.
- The ETC in the Pacific provided technical expertise to a UN Population Fund (UNFPA) telehealth project involving service delivery for sexual and reproductive health services. The ETC advised on delivery modality solutions in the context of social distancing. When implemented, the telehealth service will cater to patients on remote outer Pacific islands, taking into consideration the context of COVID-19.



- A new ETC Coordinator for the Pacific took over the role on 20 July and is working remotely but in line with Pacific island office hours until travel to Fiji is possible.

Challenges

- COVID-19 travel restrictions are affecting the deployment of the new ETC Coordinator to Fiji.

Information

- A dedicated information-sharing space on preparedness in the Pacific can be found on the ETC website: <https://www.etcluster.org/preparedness/preparedness-pacific-islands>.
- The ETC in the Pacific is supported by a Stand-By Partner from NORCAP who is providing Information Management (IM) support for six months.

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