

## Traffic light diagnosis of the Tonga National NCD Strategy's status of implementation

		<p><b>Please note the following updates:</b></p> <p>I. The most recent comments regarding the implementation status are displayed in red. This includes a compilation of suggestions and comments from the M&amp;E Taskforce meeting on October 17th, 2024 Including the Tonga Health M&amp;E Section Data Collection for 2024 second yearly Report on KRA 1,2,3 &amp;5.</p> <p>II. The revised activity timelines are also highlighted in red</p>				
Key: Criteria for status (need to be based on evidence)						
	on track					
	slow progress					
	no progress/not yet started					
KRA1 - Effective Governance & Leadership						
	Outcome 1 - Strengthened NNCCDC governance to provide oversight of the implementation of the Tonga NCD Strategy					
Output	Activity	Indicator	TIMELINE	Responsible Stakeholder	Status of Implementation	COMMENTS
1.1. Effective governance of the NNCCDC supports the implementation of the national NCD Strategy	1.1.1 Finalise the NNCCDC Charter and submit it for endorsement	NNCCDC is operating effectively, meeting and submitting reports regularly and on time, and inclusive of all relevant stakeholders, and is monitoring actions on NCDs		TongaHealth NNCCDC PMO		<p>*The NNCCDC Charter has been endorsed and approved.</p> <p>*The NNCCDC committee proposed to meet quarterly.</p>
	1.1.2 review MOU between NNCCDC & TH	The Charter is approved, adopted and reviewed annually				<p>*The MOU between the NNCD and Tonga Health is still under review, with the draft presented at the March meeting.</p> <p>*Approval of the MOU between NNCCDC and TongaHealth ( MOU already signed )</p>

	1.1.3 convene quarterly NNCCDC meetings	MOU is revised and updated				<p>*The NNCCDC Chair is required to fulfill a minimum of four meetings per year and submit reports to the Minister of Health.</p> <p>*The Prime Minister's Office (PMO) National Planning Division will serve as the NNCCDC Secretary. (Record minutes)</p> <p>*The first meeting of the NNCCDC for 2024 was held on March 12, 2024. The second meeting was on June 10, 2024.</p> <p>*Key decisions should be made availableData sources</p> <p>*The September quarter meeting did not take place as most members were occupied with the PIF meeting held in Tonga.</p>
	1.1.4 review NNCCDC performance against Charter and revise MOU					<p>*It is just the MOU and Terms of reference yet to review NNCCDC performance (TH)</p> <p>*The review of the MOU should be an annual agenda item for the committee, but this hasn't been consistently done, partly due to changes in membership, such as the CEO.</p>
	1.1.5 appoint independent secretariat for the NNCCDC					<p>*As stated above (activity 1.1.3), PMO-NPD has been appointed the Secretariat for the NNCCDC.</p>
1.2 NNCCDC members trained o effective governance and leadership, health	1.2.1 provide training to NNCCDC on governance, leadership, health promotion and NCDs	# of members trained		PMO, MOH, Tonga Health		<p>*Roles and Responsibilities of the Board of Directors Tonga Health can look for expertise or a Consultant.</p> <p>*One training session was conducted on March 13, 2025, with nine members in attendance.</p>

promotion and NCD issues						<p>*PMO-NPD has yet to develop training materials, especially on governance, from the perspective of the Tonga Strategic Development Framework II (TSDF II). (PMO)</p> <p>* There is a need to develop and provide IEC materials for the members to be aware of the target and define the objectives</p> <p>*Another option is doing online training support</p>
<i>KRA2 - Multisectoral stakeholder engagement and partnership</i>						
	<i>Outcome 2 - Strengthen multi-sectoral engagement and partnerships to accelerate and scale up the national response to NCDs</i>					
Output	Activity	Indicator		Responsible Stakeholder	Status of Implementation	COMMENTS
2.1 Effective NCD prevention and control interventions promoted among stakeholders	2.1.1 Convene annual NCD forum with stakeholders	# & range of stakeholders participating in the forum	Nov 2024	NNCDC TongaHealth		<p>*The NCD Forum was successfully held on November 12-13, 2024. There were 151 participants on Day 1 and 155 on Day 2, comprising 56 stakeholders from various sectors, including government representatives, NGOs, community organizations, health professionals, and private sector participants.</p> <p>*The Tonga Health Board has also approved the outcome statement from the NCD Forum.</p> <p>*The NCD forum has approved and confirmed that it will be held biannually.</p> <p><b>Change into green</b></p>

	2.1.2 Prepare policy briefs and factsheets for stakeholders to guide and support NCD prevention and control activities	# of policies endorsed & implemented by stakeholders		TongaHealth MOH		<p>*There were factsheets drafted by students from Canberra University for the Tobacco, Alcohol &amp; PA Healthy Lifestyle policy developed for workplaces (TH).</p> <p>* Food Act (chapter 28) 2016 Revised Edition</p> <p>*School Food Policy 2020-2025</p> <p>*There is a specific activity in the MOH Corporate Plan. The problem is the difficulty in gathering the necessary information and data to include in their Monitoring and Evaluation Report</p>
	2.1.3 engage parliamentarians to garner support for NCD actions		Nov 2024	NNCDTonga HealthMOH		<p>*Tonga Health has parliament representatives on their boards who serve as a conduit to engage with parliamentarians and seek their support for non-communicable disease (NCD) initiatives. (TH)</p> <p>*The PMO is mapping Ministry M&amp;E parts to support strategy activities and policy development, providing technical information to stakeholders. They are finalizing the NCD policy and factsheets, with the school food policy already distributed and the health work policy drafted by Karen for TH. Collaboration with other ministries is needed for a multisectoral approach, and the Secretary will collect all NCD factsheets from MOH.</p> <p>* A parliamentary meeting conducted on 15th Nov, 2024 (last day of the National NCD Forum on 2024)</p>
2.2 Mechanisms for multi-sectoral collaborations and partnerships established	2.2.1 map stakeholder NCD activities and identify opportunities for collaborations	# of successful joint interventional demonstrated positive results	Stakeholder Mapping next 3 months	TongaHealth NNCD		<p>*The Tonga Health M&amp;E Team has created a comprehensive map of Tonga, including its islands, and marked the locations of most incorporated stakeholders from past to present.</p>

			To complete before the end of this year			<p>The team currently maintains a database of NCD stakeholders, which includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Detailed mapping of strategies and activities with relevant stakeholders.</li> <li>- Ongoing data collection from all related stakeholders, including communities, workplaces, schools, and churches.</li> <li>- To identify the implementations for each setting.</li> <li>- The data cleanup process is still in progress and has yet to be finalized.</li> </ul> <p>*The NCD mapping provided by PMO Not have a plan to follow up. Need to use existing mechanisms eg. Engaging with MAFF in their community development. TNYC but there is current engagement with the community in Church Group.</p>
	2.2.2 establish and strengthen CSO alliances		within the next 3 month	TongaHealth		<p>TH primarily targets key stakeholders funded through grants and sponsorships to promote healthy eating, physical activity, and awareness. It is included in the PIF, and the People Forum of CSO was conducted, involving representatives from health and education sectors, with Karen serving as a panelist. This highlights a successful intervention</p> <p>-Should be marked green since it's included in the PIF, and the People Forum of CSO was conducted involving health and education, with Karen serving as a panelist, indicating a successful intervention.</p>
	2.2.3 create and maintain a registry of technical experts			TongaHealth		<p>*Registry created with members from previous Advisory groups (TH), but need to be updated regularly.</p>

	2.2.4 Cultivate innovative partnerships for NCD actions			TongaHealth Development partners		<p>* It begins with members from various Ministries within the NNCDC, Taskforce, and Expert Advisory Committees, along with a list of responsible stakeholders outlined in the Tuiaki Strategy.</p> <p>*TH continues to fund the Fifefia Sports initiative across all Tonga groups, which is seen as a collaborative platform for all ministries. The Taskforce also believes that reviving the advisory committee will facilitate the establishment of this platform.</p> <p>*Meetings with the MFAT partnership for the TongaHealth FunSahke Zumba Competition.</p>
	2.2.5 Create and maintain a platform for inter-ministerial collaboration		within the next 3 month	NNCDC TongaHealth		<p>■ The Planners Planning Forum, led by the PMO, serves as the existing platform for collaboration, with TongaHealth joining for the first time in 2023.</p> <p>One meeting has already taken place, and the next is scheduled for the first week of December. The current platform is sufficient for now, and the status will change to green as the forum is actively in session.</p> <p>Mohulamu (PMO) to provide pdate</p>

	2.2.6 Advocate for health-in-all-policies to be incorporated into all government policy development procedures	# of Government Ministries with the Health Policies		NNCDC PMO TongaHealth		<p>*Guided by the TSDF II and Government Priority Agenda (GPA), the PMO-NPD identified five key strategies for deeper integration into the National Planning process: NCD Strategy, Gender Policy, TERM+, Youth Policy, and the Cluster System.</p> <p>*A mapping template was created, and NPD staff conducted an initial mapping of the NCD Strategy, which was then shared with Tonga Health for confirmation.</p> <p>*From September 13th to 15th, validation and mapping exercises were conducted in collaboration with Tonga Health and other lead agencies.</p> <p>*On January 18th, preparatory work for the 2024 Planners Forum included developing templates, group activities, and discussion points. The forum took place from January 31st to February 2nd, with active participation from Tonga Health staff.</p> <p>* TH advocated for integrating health considerations into all policies during the planner's forum sessions. Also contributed to the development of the Tonga Agriculture Sector Plan.</p>
<i>KRA3 - Health Promotion and disease prevention</i>						
	<i>Outcome 3 - Build the capacity of individuals, families, and communities to make healthy choices by creating healthy environments</i>					
Output	Activity	Indicator		Responsible Stakeholder	Status of Implementation	COMMENTS

3.1 Health promoting actions targeting the 4 key NCD risk factors (unhealthy diet, physical inactivity, tobacco smoking and alcohol drinking) are implemented in key settings - schools, workplaces, churches, communities and islands	3.1.1 - Health Promoting Schools Work with the Ministry of Education to implement, strengthen, evaluate, report and expand health-promoting actions in all schools in Tonga	# of different settings implementing health promoting actions against the 4 key NCD risk factors		METHPU, MOH Tonga Health schools CSOs Private Sector		<p>*MOU between MOH &amp; MET &amp; WHO. A new MOU is being drafted with TH to be included in the partnership. The Steering Committee and Technical Committee are in place to guide the implementation of the HPS program.</p> <p>*Tonga Health was endorsed as the main corporate sponsor for the Intercollege Sports Competition and the Junior Sports Competition in 2024.</p> <p>*Mai-e-nima program implemented in primary schools in partnership with NRL Tonga.</p> <p>*Playgrounds approved for 6 primary schools that achieved platinum HPS awards in 2023 in addition to 3 already built.</p> <p>*Schools and ECEs receive sports and gardening equipment through the TH Sponsorship Program. Need to provide the total number of schools who received sports equipment &amp; gardening equipment from TH since 2021.</p>
	3,1,2 Health Promoting Workplaces  Work with CEOs to implement, strengthen, evaluate, report, and expand health-promoting actions in the workplace			PSC HPU, MOH Tonga Health Private Sector		<p>*Tonga Health Grant and sponsorship for workplaces are yet to confirm the total number of workplaces.</p> <p>*TH sponsors Fiefia Sports, a 10-week competition program for civil servants and private sector workers, while also focusing on implementing, strengthening, evaluating, reporting, and expanding health-promoting actions in the workplace</p>



						<p>*HPU started with 17 pilot workplaces in 2021, and in 2023 had an additional 10 workplaces - A total of 27 workplaces monitored by the Health Promotion Unit through annual NCD risk factors screening and organizational capacity checklist.</p> <p>*HPU conducts annual workshops for focal points to plan and review the progress of implementation in workplaces. There's slow progress in addressing the 4 key NCD risk factors but most programs were focusing on physical activity, a few workplaces have moved to include the health of workers in their annual plan and budget.</p>
	3.1.3 Health Promoting churches Work with church leaders to implement, strengthen, evaluate, report, and expand health-promoting actions in churches			Council of Churches HPU, MOH		<p>*Need to include all the church groups that have received grants and sponsorships from TH since 2021.</p> <p>*HPU asserted all 14 denominations remain in the program while waiting for the new secretary of the National Forum of Church Leaders, who will also chair the Haofaki Mo'ui Committee, to resume regular meetings.</p> <p>*The churches have been improving their meal guidelines for conferences. HPU is currently reviewing all health programs within each denomination to avoid duplication and strengthen existing interventions, such as the alcohol and tobacco awareness youth camp, women's programs, and Sunday schools.</p> <p>*The Seventh Day Adventist Wellness Program is actively rolling out its 10,000 Toes initiative.</p>

	<p>3.1.4 Health Promoting Communities</p> <p>Work with community leaders and town councils to implement, strengthen, evaluate, report on and expand health-promoting actions in communities and villages</p>			<p>Town Officers CSO HPU MOH</p>		<p>*The Public Health Team Outreach began this year in the Hihifo District, focusing on Tobacco Act Awareness and assessing existing health programs in villages.</p> <p>*In Tongatapu, of the 61 communities surveyed, 29 have Zumba classes, while 11 lack health-promoting projects. In other communities, town officers were unresponsive, raising concerns about the need for training local individuals to sustain programs like Zumba or aerobics when no elite instructors are available and to address the lack of facilities for such programs</p> <p>* To collect data from all community groups (Church, women, youth, and schools) implementing NCD prevention projects funded by the Tonga Health grants and sponsorship.</p>
	<p>3.1.5 Health Promoting Islands</p> <p>Pilot Healthy Promoting Island initiative in 'Eua, including establishing a multi-sectoral committee</p>	<p>Health Promoting Island Taskforce (inclusive of all <u>relevant</u> stakeholders), established and work plan developed and implemented</p>		<p>MP, GovtReps</p>		<p>*TH offices were established in all outer islands - 'Eua, Ha'apai, Vava'u, Niuafuou, and Niuatoputapu.</p> <p>*Health Promoting Islands Committees (HPIC) were also established in these islands excluding Niuafu'ou, bringing together government ministries, NGOs, and CSOs in these groups together</p> <p>*The Health Promotion officer to Vava'u will probably propose after the new hospital building</p>

	3.1.6 identify champions in the different settings who model and actively demonstrate health-promoting behaviors	# HP Champion awards		TongaHealth		<p>*Health champions in various settings are promoting healthy behaviors, and select champions will participate in the upcoming NCD Forum. The status should shift from red to yellow, as awards for school champions are already in place.</p> <p>* -HPS champion by MET</p> <p>-Champions have been selected by TongaHealth and awards during the NCD Forum on November, 2024</p>
3.2 Cost-effective measures (e.g. legislative measures) adapted, implemented, and reported on	3.2.1 Implement and enforce relevant legislation, regulations, and policies for tobacco control and alcohol and non-alcoholic SSBs.	# of relevant legislations, regulations policies that were implemented and endorsed		Crown law Revenue & Customs MOH		<p>*Change in Indicators: Shift focus to enforcement indicators.</p> <p>*TH provides grants to the Ministry of Police for tobacco, alcohol, and other drug enforcement work.</p> <p>* The MOH is also responsible for tobacco enforcement, and this should be incorporated into the enforcement indicators.</p> <p>*Provide a report with related KRA (Activities) to MOH that needed to be revised instead of a verbal report.</p>
	3.2.2 Draft/review relevant legislation and regulations to address advertising, marketing, and promotion of unhealthy foods and SSBs to children	Relevant regulations amended and endorsed				<p>*TOR for the legal consultant has been drafted and is awaiting feedback from HPU and Tonga Health. Completion is expected within a month.</p> <p>Complete</p>
	3.2.3 Draft/review alcohol legislations and regulations and policies to address sales, access, advertisements, marketing and promotion of alcohol					<p>*TORs drafted for legal consultants to review relevant NCD-related legislation and identify areas for improvement.</p>

	3.2.4 Provide training on salt reduction interventions to food handlers, caterers, restaurant owners and bakeries	# of people trained		TongaHealth MOH HPU CSOs		*Training for food handlers and caterers needs to be facilitated, potentially scheduled for the first quarter of next year.
	3.2.5 Provide assistance to stakeholders to support the implementation of the Social Behaviour Change Communication Strategy to address obesity and NCDs in Tonga 2021-2025	# of behavior change strategies implemented		TongaHealth		*TORs have been drafted for a Communications Consultant to help Tonga Health and the Ministry of Health develop and implement the national campaign.
	3.2.6 provide assistance to stakeholders to support implementation of the Tonga Guidelines for Healthy Living			MAFF MOH TongaHealth		*MAFF supported to promote the guidelines on radio, TV, and social media, particularly during Agricultural show events.
3.3. Cost-effective life-course approaches (1,000 Days initiatives, Baby Friendly Hospital, exclusive breastfeeding campaign) developed, implemented on and re	3.3.1 Advocate for the GOVT to adopt the International Code of Marketing of Breast milk Substitutes to support and protect exclusive breastfeeding	Code formally adopted	within the next 3 month  October – December, 2024.	NNCDC MOHCrown Law		* Final review of the related legislations to NCD was submitted on 24th Dec, 2024 except the tobacco  <b>Completed change into Green</b>  The Ministry of Health (MOH), the Non-Communicable Disease Committee (NCDC), and various NGOs will collaborate on adopting this code. The work for adoption is set to commence by January 2025, with the NCD Taskforce following up on the progress
	3.3.2 Strengthen and expand the implementation of 1,000 Days initiatives (e.g. Baby Friendly Hospital and workplaces	# of 1,000-Days initiatives implemented		MOH TongaHealth		*Need to work with Uluaki Faiako to implement the first 1,000-day initiatives in communities.  Need Activity 3.3.1 to complete before this act

	3.3.3. Support breastfeeding awareness week activities.			MOH TongaHealth		*The awareness event was canceled, but some promotional materials created for it will be used to promote breastfeeding in hospitals. There's also an opportunity to conduct a breastfeeding awareness activity during the PIFs in August, which is Breastfeeding Awareness Month.
	3.3.4 advocate for the new Baby Friendly Hospital guidelines to be adopted and adapted to the Tonga context			MOH		*MOH Nutrition Department working with UNICEF on the adoption of the new Baby Friendly Hospital Guidelines for Vaiola Hospital.  The Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) Taskforce will discuss and establish an indicator, presenting the guideline to the NNCD Committee along with a timeline. The guidelines will be adopted and adapted to the Tongan context and presented to the high-level NCD Committee. TongaHealth, UNICEF, and TFHA will be the responsible stakeholders.
3.4 Awareness raised on all aspects relating to NCD prevention and control	3.4.1 engage media and communications agencies to raise awareness of the importance of making healthy behavior changes	# mass media campaigns implemented and evaluated # of joint media collaborations initiated		TongaHealth Media MOH		*TH & MOH have regular radio and TV programs
	3.4.2 develop a mass media campaign to raise awareness of the 4 NCD risk factors		within this year -1 <sup>st</sup> quarter of next year	TongaHealth Media MOH		*MOH Health Models postings on social media TH social media postings raising awareness on NCDs, particularly on NWTD, Diabetes day, World Food Day etc. <i>Need to revive these mass campaigns</i> * -There was a radio program conducted by the Kele'a Publication Ltd and Kingdom Media -Broadcom Broadcasting grants (talk back) is currently ongoing -The MOH is no longer conducting the campaign due to a lack of funding.

						<i><b>Suggestion:</b> If funding is an issue, consider providing pamphlets or e-copies for distribution among other ministries.</i>
	3.4.3 communicate and sensitise all stakeholders to the TongaNCD Strategy		within the next 3 months  <i>-Before the next NNCD meeting</i>	TongaHealth MOH NNCDC Media		<i>*Tonga Health incorporated in Public launching of any NCDs-related activities.</i> <i>-Strategy was launched in June 2021</i> <i>-NCD Strategy presented at the Planners Forum hosted by PMO</i> <i>-NCD Strategy shared with development partners</i> <i>*Need to do more of this to raise awareness among stakeholders of what they can do to address NCDs</i> <i>* A PEN training conducted among MOH staff but not yet to the community</i>

#### *KRA4 - Health Systems Strengthening*

	<i><b>Outcome 4 - Health system strengthened to effectively deliver comprehensive essential health services for the prevention and control of NCDs</b></i>					
Output	Activity	Indicator	Timeline	Responsible Stakeholder	Status of Implementation	COMMENTS
Output 4.1 Capacity of MOH built to address NCDs	4.1.1 Establish an NCD coordinator position within the Ministry, define clear TORs for the role, and appoint someone with relevant competencies to fill it	Key positions filled and adequately resourced		MOH NCD Taskforce MOH Corporate Services Team		<i>*NCD Coordinator for the NCD Unit - Sr Seilini Soakai</i>
	4.1.2. Revise and strengthen the MOH NCD Taskforce	MOH NCD Taskforce revived and functioning	<i>1<sup>st</sup> quarter of next year</i>	MOH senior management team NCD team		<i>*The MOH NCD Taskforce is still in the consultation phase and has not yet been established. However, a current working group is in place. It's important to liaise with this group to provide progress updates and seek support from the NNCD</i>  <i>The work is being carried out by a committee, not a taskforce. The taskforce is intended for</i>

						<p>high-level authority members, who prefer to start with a committee and then build up to the leaders. The status remains yellow because the committee has not yet been formalized. It is anticipated that next year will see training on the PEN Protocol, which will foster collaboration with other sectors.</p> <p><i>*Remain the same, high level authority are busy on dengue fever outbreak.</i></p>
	4.1.3 establish and appoint a Health Promotion Officer in Vava'u	Position created	1 <sup>st</sup> quarter of next year	MOH HPU, PSC		<p>*The Health Promotion officer to Vava'u will probably propose after the new hospital building</p> <p>We are still awaiting the completion of the new hospital in Vava'u before creating that position. Construction of the Vava'u hospital is set to begin next year and will take a year and a half to complete before establishing that position. This will be reassessed if any changes occur. The plan is to have a Health Promotion Unit (HPU) Officer responsible for all the islands, who will travel to Vava'u once the new hospital is finished. This position may not yet be on the Public Service Commission's (PSC) plan, so we need to check with the PSC</p> <p><i>*It remains the same; still waiting for the completion of the new hospital in Vava'u.</i></p>
	4.1.4 Review organizations structure to support career pathways for the community and PHC	MOH capacity & systems strengthened	Provide update on 1 <sup>st</sup> quarter of next year	MOH Corporate Services, PHU,TMA, TNA		<p>*-The organizational structure is currently under review. A meeting was conducted on October 16, 2024, to make necessary refinements.</p> <p>-The timeline extends to the first quarter of next year due to the ongoing development of the National Health Strategy, which include organizational structure and is targeted for completion by year's end.</p> <p>-MOH Corporate service + PMO Planning Team as responsible stakeholders</p>

						<p>-The status changes to yellow as discussions are ongoing.</p> <p>*A project titled Public Essential Health Services (PEHS) is currently underway, with Fusi Kaho and the team actively working on it.</p>
	4.1.5 strengthen the allied health capacity, in particular, the dietetic and nutrition, health promotion, and community psychologist			MOH corporate services		<p>*Vaiola Food Service &amp; Dietetic Department had the kitchen upgrade completed with support from the Government of NZ through MFAT. The upgrade included a refurbished office space for the Dietetic Unit. This was provided by NZ led by Sunia Foliaki</p>
	4.1.6 enhance systems for supplying and accessing essential NCD medicines		<p>within the next 3 months</p> <p>Extend to 1<sup>st</sup> quarter next year</p>	MOH Procurement Unit Pharmacy		<p>*A New Pharmacy warehouse is in place, built with assistance from MFAT.</p> <p>*In terms of system, MOH is now working on updating and improving M-supply and procurement system</p> <p>-Work is in progress and was supposed to be completed last month (September 2024), but it was delay due to technical challenges have arisen.</p> <p>Extend the timeline to the first quarter of next year</p> <p>*Still await for an update from Corporate Services (Mr. Walter Hurrel)</p>
Output 4.2 Comprehensive packages of essential health services (PEHS) and WHO pEN delivered and reported on	4.2.1 Advocate for increased budget allocation for PHC to deliver PEHS and WHO PEN	% of Ministry budget allocated to support PHC to deliver PEHs		MOH corporate services		<p>*This is part of THSSP3 phase 3 Money provided</p>



	4.2.2 provide targeted training on PEHS and WHO pEN to PHC staff	# of qualified and trained PHC staff		MOH		*The JICA project focuses on strengthening the NCD program to ensure the continuity of NCD services during emergencies. Phase 1 of the TongaHealth Workforce project is complete, and Phase 2 is underway. This project aims to build the TongaHealth Workforce, with a focus on essential health delivery areas, including Primary Health Care professionals. The Ministry of Health is collaborating with WHO to provide technical assistance for the training, which is part of the WHO training package and integrated into THSSP3.
	4.2.3 Revise and contextualize the WHO PEN for Tonga	within the next 3 month		MOH Clinical & PH and Clinical Units		*PEN - Package of Essential NCD (PEN) interventions for primary health care. These were developed by WHO but needed to be contextualized for Tonga and translated into Tongan. This is Part of THSSP3.
	4.2.4 Foster closer relationships between MOH and TongaHealth.			MOH TongaHealth		*TH and MOH on the Health System Support Implementation Group (HSSIG)  *CEO Ministry of Health as Chair of the National NCD Committee with TongaHealth CEO as Executive Officer for the NNCD  *Revised the frequency of the meeting
Output 4.3 Coordination mechanism for delivering quality services developed, maintained, and reported on	4.3.1 Develop and update prevention and control guidelines to address NCDs	# guidelines updated		MOH Clinical & PH		*Guidelines for Healthy Living, adapted from the regional guidelines.  *Clinical Guidelines for people with Diabetes  Other regional Guidelines that Tonga could also adapt and adopt:

						<p>*Guidelines for Children under 5 years of age</p> <p>*Guidelines for Pregnant Women</p>
	4.3.2 strengthen the delivery of telemedicine services for NCDs to outer islands		<p>End of this months</p> <p>Finalize of the report to 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of next year</p>	MOH clinical		<p>*TH funded the video conferencing unit for Vava'u Hospital, which was helpful during COVID-19. Video conferencing and cost reduction can assist in certain cases and emergencies on the main island.</p> <p><i>Will have the report from MOH at the end of this months from all the delivery of telemedicine,</i></p> <p>•The work is completed, and the report from outer islands has been submitted, and already circulating among ministries for review and their feedback.</p>
	4.3.3 create and/or strengthen and maintain an NCD database/registry (e.g. cancer registry, diabetes registry etc. for Tonga		<p>End of this year</p> <p>1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2025</p>	MOH corporate services		<p>*M-supply software system and the Registry system.</p> <p>*Still await for an update from Corporate Services (Mr. Walter Hurrel)</p>
	4.3.4 review and strengthen referral systems to improve access to services			MOH NCD Taskforce		<p>Effective Referral system:</p> <p>*The NCD Nursing Section, HPU, and National Diabetes Centre identified weaknesses in the referral process. After the meeting, they developed solutions to ensure timely referrals to the appropriate healthcare providers, improving the quality of care for patients.</p>

Output 4.4 - strategies to build capacity of PHC programs and staff developed, implemented, and reported on	4.4.1 Develop and apply appropriate competencies for all PHC staff	<p>% of PHC staff achieving minimum competent requirements for the role</p> <p># of guidelines developed to guide service delivery% of graduate nurses choosing to work in PHC</p>		MOH Corporate ServicesPSC		<i>*This could be included as part of the Health Workforce Project</i>
	4.4.2 develop and implement appropriate strategies for recruiting and retaining qualified PHC and NCD staff			MOH Corporate Services PSC		<i>No provided info. from MOH Corporate services follow up with Walter</i>  - Corporate Manager not aware of Health Promotion planning. (HPS Zoom Meeting with MET and WHO) MOH Divisions should work together This is a high level national strategy, support PMO to assess Ministrie's Corporate Plan and make sure this Strategy is included in their CP. -M&E Taskforce to be active in following up progress of strategy.
	4.4.3 assess and strengthen PHC preparedness to integrate NCDs and Community Mental Health Services			MOH Mental Health Unit		<i>No provided info. from MOH Corporate services follow up with Walter</i>
	4.4.4 develop a model with appropriate guidelines for involving private sector providers and CSOs in the provision for NCD prevention services			MOH Corporate Services PSC Private sector		<i>No provided info. from MOH Corporate services Need clarification from Dr. Veisia</i>

	4.4.5 Provide targeted training to NGOs/CSOs to deliver key NCD prevention services.			MOH Corporate Services PSC		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Training session in still on planning</li> <li>- People form report of the CSO consist of health initiatives and will be circulated to members</li> </ul>
Output 4.5 Promoted the integrations of essential services for NCD prevention and control	4.5.1 Foster and strengthen collaboration between health promotion, oral health, diabetes, mental health, maternal & child health, and malnutrition to enhance integration	# of multi-discipline teams within MOH working together	Within the next 3 months  Extend to 1 <sup>st</sup> quarter of 2025	MOH NCD Taskforce		*Previously, the National Diabetes Centre (NDC) arranged dental check-ups for diabetic patients, but this practice has lapsed. Recently, the NCD Nursing Section began collaborating with the Dental Department to schedule routine dental check-ups for Rheumatic Heart Disease cases, which has been successful and well-received by parents. There is a belief that other health sections should also consider referring patients for dental check-ups, although collaboration with other health sections is still in its early stages. *This would be a key role of the NCD Taskforce * Still the same
<b>KRA 5 - M&amp;E, surveillance, research, and learning</b>						
	<b>Outcome 5 -Enhanced accountability measures and improved data collection, analysis, and timely dissemination of results to guide decision making</b>					
<b>Output</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Indicator</b>	<b>Timeline</b>	<b>Responsible Stakeholder</b>	<b>Status of Implementation</b>	<b>COMMENTS</b>
Output 5.1 National M&E Taskforce established and operational	5.1.1 establish M&E Taskforce with clear TORs to monitor, evaluate, and report on the progress of NCD actions against agreed targets	M&E Taskforce established with clear TORs and functioning  meeting quarterly targets  Regular quarterly M&E progress		NNCDC TongaHealth PMO		*M&E Taskforce established in 2023 M&E Taskforce TORs approved  *Taskforce agrees to meet quarterly  * The Taskforce Chair and Secretariat should ensure that a report is submitted to the NNCDC ahead of their quarterly meetings.

	5.1.2 Communicate the M&E framework to all stakeholders to facilitate and enhance a shared understanding of reporting requirements against agreed targets	reports submitted to NNCD	Another meeting quarterly to discuss this mapping activities	M&E Taskforce Tonga Health, National Statistics office		<p>*The mapping template developed for monitoring the NCD Strategy clearly identifies all lead agencies with key roles in its implementation. This approach ensures comprehensive coverage and seamless integration of the implementation responsibilities of MDAs from a national planning perspective.</p> <p>*M&amp;E Framework presented as part of the presentation of the NCD Strategy during the Planners Forum</p>
Output 5.2 Robust accountability mechanisms developed, maintained, and reported on	5.2.1 conduct annual national-level surveys to monitor the targets and indicators	Surveys conducted, findings reported and published	Another meeting quarterly to discuss this mapping activities	M&E Taskforce MOH SPC WHO		<p>Consider utilizing alternative data sources, Such as proxy data. The M&amp;E taskforce should engage with the MOH to explore the data they currently have, particularly from their regular household health Census.</p> <p>* As noted by the representative from the Statistics Department, the STEP Survey is scheduled to take place in January 2026. If it does not occur as planned, it will likely be due to the WHO prioritizing other countries that have yet to complete their STEP Survey.</p> <p>*This pertains to information from relevant stakeholders. However, an approval letter is needed from them to share their data. If Tonga Health requires data from other ministries, they can submit a request.</p>
	5.2.2 Establish quality assurance structures and mechanisms for monitoring and	Standard reporting templates developed and used for reports		M&E Taskforce, MOH		<p>*Standard reporting templates developed and used for Tonga Health grants.</p>

	evaluating NCD interventions					
	5.2.3 conduct the annual National NCD Health Facility Survey or integrate health systems			M&E Taskforce, MOH		*Audit of Mua Health Clinic completed
	5.2.4 Conduct periodic school-based health surveys			M&E Taskforce, MOH, MOE		*Unlikely to be done before 2025
5.3 Research capacity of local researchers built	5.3.1 Advocate for funding support for locally-led research initiatives	# of locally-led research conducted and findings published		M&E Taskforce TongaHealth Ethics committee MOH Research Institutions SPC		*The work plan allocated funds to support local research  *Some research with TNU by the end of the year
	5.3.2 Conduct and publish operational and policy initiatives on NCD prevention and control	# of business cases developed and contributed to the body of evidence		Taskforce, MOH, External research organizations		*Previous study on Tonga Food Security Dashboard SSB taxation study (Otago University & Customs)
	5.3.3 Conduct training on research methodology, advanced data analysis skills, proposal writing and project management			M&E Taskforce, SPC		*Workshop with MoH funded by Pacific Medical Association (PMA). The second round will be coming soon.

	5.3.4 Document success stories and lessons learned for continual improvements.		Next 3 months			<p>*The TASP (Tonga Australia Support Platform) reflections include monitoring the implementation of THSSP3.</p> <p>*Tonga Health's plan includes selecting participants for grants and sponsorships and conducting interviews during Tonga Health Week. It also involves recognizing champions in physical activities from the FY 2024/2025 project.</p> <p>*Currently, the Communication Officer of TongHealth is working on selecting champions to gather success stories.</p>