



Pacific Heads of Health

Réunion des directeurs de la santé du Pacifique

PPHSN Update

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Pacific Public Health Surveillance Network – Coordinating Body

Core members	Fiji	Am. Samoa	Guam	FSM	Niue	Tuvalu	Wallis and Futuna
Allied members	FNU	IPNC	US-CDC	PIHOA	SPC	WHO	

PPHSN-CB Terms of Reference

- Advocate for efficient and effective models for surveillance and response
- Develop and facilitate implementation of dynamic action plan for PPHSN
- Organize, coordinate and integrate PPHSN activities
- Monitoring and evaluating PPHSN activities
- Communicate status of PPHSN activities
- Provide leadership in ID and control of public health problems
- Advocating the development of and use of evidence-based practice in surveillance and response
- Facilitate preparedness for dealing with outbreak-prone diseases in the region

Status of PPHSN support services

Support Service	Purpose	Year Established	Status
Pacific Network (PacNet)	Email list serve for alert and communication	1997 	> 1,000 professionals connected
Laboratory Network (LabNet)	3-tier network for disease verification & identification	2000 	20 level 1 labs; 5 labs accredited
Epidemiology Network (EpiNet)	For preparedness and response	2001 	PICTs with EpiNet teams; registry for updating
Pacific Infection Control Network (PICNet)	For infection control	2006 	Pacific IPC guideline for updating
Pacific syndromic surveillance system	For outbreak detection	2010 	Tracks 5 syndromes
Strengthening Health Interventions in the Pacific (SHIP Data for decision-making)	3-tier programme for capacity building	2013 	>300 health professionals trained; Accredited with Fiji National University


PacNet, communication, networking and advocacy

- Increase in number of health professionals subscribing to PacNet
- Increase in number of disease alerts shared on PacNet
- New PPHSN website for launching in June 2019

Recommendations:

- PICTs to share stories and documents on surveillance and response activities for posting on PPHSN website
- Heads of Health to provide authority for respective units to upload materials that are already public information into PPHSN

New PPHSN website









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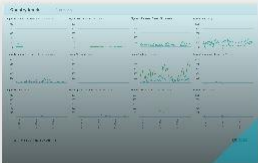
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PPHSN includes 6 services to prevent and respond to epidemics

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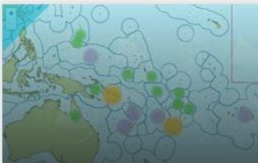
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Pacific Syndromic Surveillance Reports

Data are collected from over 200 health care facilities in 23 countries across the Pacific

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Map of Epidemic and Emerging Diseases

Interactive map provides an overview of up to date information on the circulation of Pacific epidemic and emerging diseases

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National Routine Surveillance Reports

Produced by the Pacific Island Countries and Territories

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News and Success Stories



Successful and healthy Micronesian Games in Yap

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The key objective of the PPHSN meeting is to review, discuss and make recommendations about PPHSN services to the Pacific Heads of Health the following week. The PPHSN meeting will...

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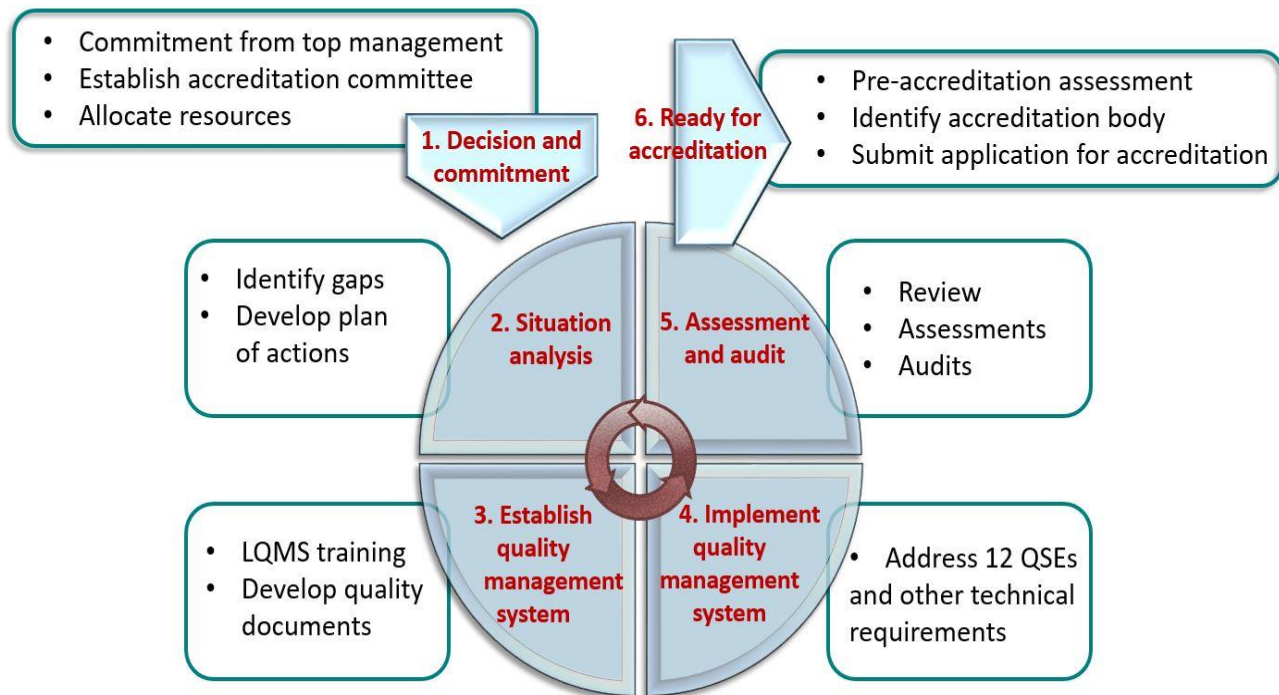
LabNet

- Laboratories with varied capacities
- Opportunities to strengthen lab systems and competencies
- LabNet catalogue for updating

Recommendations:

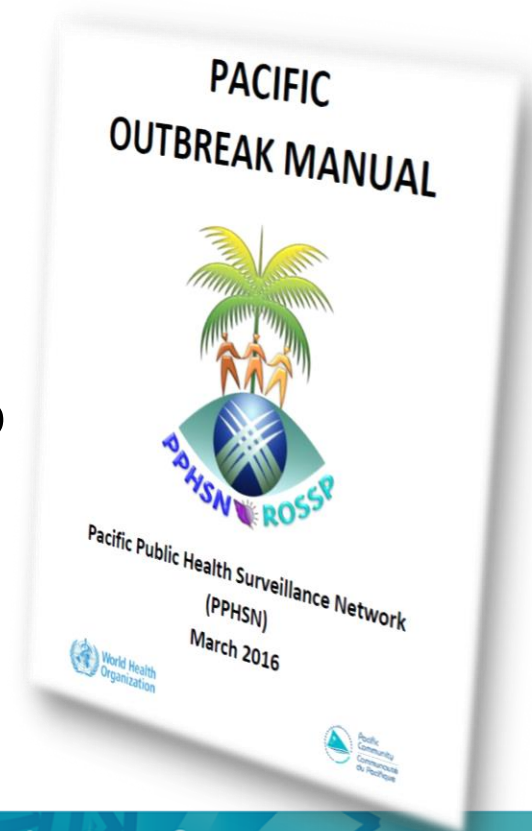
- PICTs to identify local champions to follow-up on and monitor implementation of systems improvement activities
- PICTs to provide updated lab information to update laboratory catalogue

Roadmap to laboratory accreditation



EpiNet

- PICTs with national / territorial outbreak response teams; registry for updating
- Multi-disciplinary team formed by PICT authorities
 - data management, clinical medicine, laboratory, field investigation, public health management
- Pacific Outbreak Manual (Mar 2016): practical guide in management of infectious disease events
- Ad hoc surveillance technical working group is to be created to update POM, and explore the need to add/delete syndromes to the Pacific Syndromic Surveillance System



PICNet

- Antimicrobial resistance (AMR) a high priority for the region
- Multi-sectoral approach and established national AMR plan needed
- Assessment tool to be provided as an annex in the planned revision of Pacific Infection Prevention and Control guideline

Pacific Syndromic Surveillance System

- 5 syndromes: acute fever and rash, diarrhoea, influenza-like illness, prolonged fever, dengue-like illness

Challenges:

- Not all PICTs directly entering data
- Clunky visualization for regional reporting

SHIP – Data for decision-making

... a 3-tier capacity development programme, accredited with FNU



Recommendations for PICTs to . . .

- Identify in-country mentors
- Develop and implement selection criteria for SHIP-DDM candidates
- Create positions for SHIP-DDM graduates commensurate with qualifications
- Co-invest and co-own the SHIP-DDM programme

Other matters

- Review of PPHSN
- Pacific Island Health Officers' Association (PIHOA) to become a permanent allied member of the PPHSN-CB
- Pacific Paramedical Training Center (New Zealand) to become an allied member of PPHSN
- June 2019: Regional PPHSN meeting and follow-up workshop on One-Health
- Workshop on surveillance and response in 7th HoH meeting

Thank you for your attention!