Nationwide Student Health Physical Examination in Tuvalu

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Purpose

• First nationwide student health physical examination in Tuvalu.
• Offering students the opportunity to know the condition and status of health.
• Serious condition refer to seek early medical treatment.

• The total amount of involved student was 1648, accounting 90.2% of the entire school children of Tuvalu.
• Tuvalu’s internal and external traffic are inconvenient. It requires 6-24 hours of sea navigation from capital to outer islands.
CSMUH Cooperated with WHO and Tuvalu Government.

- **CSMUH**: provided the specialist doctor, medical technologist, nurse and medical supplies
- **Tuvalu Government**: 
  - Ministry of Health: provide healthcare personnel
  - Ministry of Education: promote the health examination to elementary and secondary schools
  - Ministry of Transportation: arrange the sailing schedule to outer islands.
- **WHO**: provided expenses for the ship tickets
Follow-up Treatment

- 22 students were sent back to the capital islands to accept the treatment, included 6 hernia surgery.
- Outer islands students - urine re-examination
- Mobile Medical teams provided outpatient services, operations and medical therapies.
- Dentists took a nationwide oral care tour to treat dental illness.
- Held school health care education (24 sessions, total 1,781 students)
- Designed health education handbooks (English & Tuvaluan version)