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Re: Recent treatment of four Tongan children with Rheumatic Heart Disease.

I am writing to express my sincere gratitude and appreciation to all the people that form ROMAC for their generous assistance in recently treating four Tongan children diagnosed with rheumatic heart disease.

With much improved medical care for heart disease it is becoming a major treatable health issues in Tonga and morbidity and mortality is reduced as a result of the Tongan Governments support of overseas treatment of children. On an annual basis Tonga refer 15- 20 cases a year for Valvular surgery.

Whilst the Government of Tonga is trying its best to meet the needs of young people our current fiscal situation makes it difficult to meet all the requirements on a timely basis.

Therefore, it is a blessing for these four children, Miss Siesia Finau, Mr. Sione Tuikeitei, Mr. Fineasi Tonga and Mr. Tevita 'Aukafolau to benefit from the generosity of ROMAC.

I want to thank ROMAC and all its members for their goodwill, donation of funds and the support shown to the children and carers during their stay in Australia.

May God continue to bless your mission in life and give you the strength and power to continue to meet the medical needs of children throughout the world.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. Viliami Tau Tangi
Honorable Minister of Health
Tonga.

