



Keynote address for the Honorable Minister of Health

Official Handover of the Vaccine Van

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**Australian High Commissioner to Samoa – H.E Will Robinson
and the Australian Department of Foreign and Trade in
Samoa**

**UNICEF Chief of Field Office in Samoa – Ms. Khin Moe Aye and
the UNICEF office in Samoa**

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Samoa has been making steady progress in terms of reaching all eligible children with the vaccines as per the National Immunisation Schedule. There has been successful roll out of 4 lifesaving childhood vaccines in the last 3 years like Rotavirus vaccine, Pneumococcal Vaccine, HPV vaccine and Typhoid vaccine to protect our children respectively from Diarrhoea, Pneumonia, Cervical cancer and Typhoid fever. This year the coverage for the 2 doses of Measles vaccine has been quite encouraging for Samoa. The coverage of first dose of Measles has reached 91% for the first



time in the last 5 years after the Measles outbreak and the 2nd dose of Measles vaccine is around 64%. I am confident that our Immunization Program or EPI team will be able to reach the missed children in the remaining months of this year to achieve a good coverage for the year through our continuous and existing outreach vaccinations.

The new vaccine introduction initiative, Post-Measles Outbreak recovery plan and COVID-19 Pandemic, brought in a C-change to the immunization domain of Samoa. There are significant developments in Cold Chain, capacity building of health workers, documentation and reporting to strengthen the Health System with regards to Immunization with technical support from UNICEF. The transportation and distribution of vaccines in the country was identified as a gap. Now with this new vehicle procured with the funding support from Australian Government, transportation of vaccines will be faster, which means a boost in efficient and timely vaccine supply of vaccines and logistics to the healthcare facilities. The vehicle is also covered to protect vaccines against unfavourable weather conditions. Though this vehicle will have priority for vaccines, it may be considered to accommodate the pharmaceutical supplies for distribution to the health facilities across the country to improve the cost efficiency.

We are immensely grateful to Australian Government for their timely support and also to UNICEF for their able technical guidance and support for strengthening our Health system to get equipped to provide quality services in a cost-effective way.

SOIFUA MA IA MANUIA!

Lauga a le Afioga le Minisita o le Soifua Maloloina
Tatala Aloaia le Tauaaoina o le Ta'avale mo le
tufaina/kilivaina o Tui Puipui ma Vailaau

Lau Susuga le Ta'ita'i le Sauniga – Rev. Saaga Tuiletufuga

**Lau Susuga le Komisina Mauaialuga o Ausetalia i Samoa, H.E
Will Robinson**

**Lau Susuga le Sui o le Ofisa o le Faalapotopotoga o le UNICEF i
Samoa – Khin Moe Aye**

Le paia o le aofia ua potopoto,

Ua molimauina e tusa ai ma fa'amaumauga lata mai, le alualu i luma o taumafaiga a Samoa, e ala i le to'atele o alo ma fanau ua fa'atino o latou tui puipui fa'aauau. I totonu o le 3 tausaga talu ai, na fa'amauina le lelei o le faatinoina o nisi o tui Puipui fou na fa'amanuiaina ai lo tatou atunu'u mo le puipuiga o alo ma fanau mai le tele o fa'ama'i.

O nei tui Puipui e aofia ai tui e puipuia mai fa'ama'i e pei o le manava tatā, o fa'ama'i e aofia ai le nimonia, o le fa'ama'i o le taifoi, faapea ma tui puipui mo alo ma fanau teine e puipuia mai nisi o Kanesa o tama'ita'i.

O le tausaga lenei, e fa'alototeleina lava le auaunaga, ona o le mao'e o le tulaga ua o'o iai le fa'atinoga o tui Puipui o le Misela.

O le tui muamua lava o le Misela (MR1) e 91% le faitau aofa'i o alo ma fanau e agava'a na faia tui Puipui. Ao le tui lona lua o le Misela (MR2) e 64%. O lo'o mafanafana lava, o le a fa'aauau le una'i a le afaigaluega ina ia ausia le 90-100% o le tui puipui lenei o le Misela i nai masina o totoe o lenei tausaga.

O le o'o mai o nisi o tui Puipui fou e faaopoopo i tui Puipui fa'aauau a le fanau e puipuia mai fa'ama'i e pei ona ou ta'ua, o taumafaiga o le una'i o le faia o tui ina ua mae'a le pipisi o le Misela, faapea ma le KOVITI-19 o ni matati'a sili ia mo le Polokalame o Tui Puipui mo Samoa. Ua si'itia fo'i le tulaga o le mata'itūina o le mālūlū ma le vevela talafeagai e teu malu ai tui Puipui, aemaise le taimi e feavea'i ma kiliva ai i tua i falema'i ma nofoaga o lo'o faatino ai tūiga.

O lo'o fa'aauau pea a'oa'oga mo le si'itia o le silafia o tausī soifua i le fa'atinoga o tui Puipui. E le gata i lea a'o le si'itia o le silafia e fa'aleleia atili ai fa'amaumauga e ala i metotia fa'aona-po-nei. O le naunautaiga o nei taumafaiga uma, ina ia mautinoa e faia uma tui Puipui o alo ma fanau faapea ma tagata matutua e agava'a. Ia mafai ai ona puipuia mai le tele o fa'ama'i pipisi. E le galo Afia i si ona vao, ma e faafetai ai le lagolago a le Faalapotopotoga o le UNICEF faapea ma le Polokalame mo Tui Puipui Fou o lo'o faatupeina e le ADB mo nei taumafaiga.

A'o le meaalofa o le a tau'aaoina nei, e pei ona iai le ta'avale faapitoa mo le kilivaina o tui Puipui, o se foa'i sili lea ua fa'aopoopo e unaia ai le auaunaga o tūiga. E le gata ina ia

mautinoa e vave ona taunu'u le tufaina ma le kilivaina o Tui Puipui mana'omia mo falema'i uma. Ae faapea fo'i ma le puipuia mai o nei vailaau ma tui mai le vevela ma vave ona fa'aleaogaina ai.

O lenei foa'i o le a fesoasoani tele, e le na'o le fa'aaogaina mo Tui Puipui, ae mo le kilivaina o nisi o vailaau mo'omia i tua i falema'i fa'aitūmalo ma nofoaga mamao o lo'o faatinoina ai le auaunaga fa'asoifua maloloina.

O le agaga fa'agae'etia mai le Malo o Samoa e tauala atu le Matagaluega o le Soifua Maloloina, e fa'afetaia ai le Malo o Ausetalia faapea ma le Faalapotopotoga o le UNICEF mo lenei foa'i, ina ia si'itia le auaunaga mo le mamalu o le atunu'u.

Ia fa'aauau ai pea le tatou galulue fa'atasi aua se Samoa maloloina mo nei ma le lumana'i.

SOIFUA MA IA MANUIA

