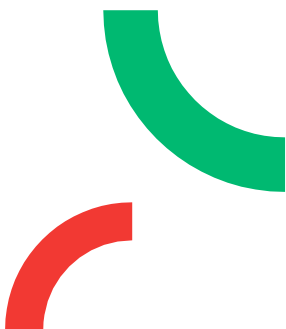


Pacific Mobility Device Service project



Supporting and strengthening mobility device services in the Pacific Region

Motivation Australia is a not for profit disability and development organisation working to enable people to stay healthy and access assistive technology from local services through trained personnel.

MA has played a key role in supporting the initiation of mobility device services in the Pacific Region, working alongside Government and Non-Government service providers as well as Disabled People's Organisations.

While much has been achieved through the work of many, there remains a pressing and urgent need to increase access to affordable and appropriate mobility devices including wheelchairs, prosthetics, orthotics and walking aids.

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The Pacific Mobility Device Service (MDS) Project is a three-year project, commencing July 2016, to support and strengthen mobility device services in Fiji, the Solomon Islands, Vanuatu, Kiribati and Papua New Guinea.

The project will build on successes to date, to ensure more women, men, girls and boys with a mobility disability have access to a range of appropriate mobility devices with the support of trained local service providers.



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Motivation Australia and our partners will use and share lessons learned throughout the Pacific to:

- Strengthen the capacity of personnel in each country to provide quality mobility device services.
- Strengthen the capacity of mobility device service managers to implement, monitor and evaluate their services.

Project partners

Fiji: Ministry of Health and Medical Services, Frank Hilton Organisation and Fiji Spinal Injuries Association.

Solomon Islands: Rehabilitation Division, Ministry of Health and Medical Services.

Vanuatu: Ministry of Health, Ministry of Justice and Community Services and the Vanuatu Society for People with Disabilities.

Kiribati: Tungaru Rehabilitation Service, Ministry of Health and Medical Services.

Papua New Guinea: National Orthotics and Prosthetics Service, Department of Health.

Project activities

Tailored to the priorities identified by each partner, activities will include:

- Implementation of MDS
Data collection and reporting

- Delivery of wheelchair service training short courses
- Supporting the development of national trainers in wheelchair service delivery
- Supporting improved clinical and technical practise in children's and adult's wheelchair services
- Recruitment of at least two students to attend ISPO accredited lower limb prosthetics-orthotics training
- Exploring opportunities for Continued Professional Development for MDS personnel
- Provision of technical resources and liaising with donors and national Governments to procure appropriate mobility devices

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