



DESCRIPTION OF DENTAL VOLUNTEER PROJECTS

PART 1 - Information

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Type of Practice: General Teacher (Specify Dental School) _____

Name of Organisation/Project: Tonga Dental Health Project

Type of Organisation: Religious Service club Educational institution Private

Year Established: 1996

Name of local host organisations/partnerships: Tonga Ministry of health, Nuku'alofa Rotary Club

Name of local contact person: Dr. Sililo Tomoki

Country of Project: Tonga

Region in Country of Project: Tongatapu

Project Type: University Training Service delivery

Clinic Facilities: Fixed Outreach Class room based

Program Objective: (100 words or 750 characters including spaces) **Our aims and objectives are;**
• To make contacts and foster positive relationships with relevant people and their associates from the Tongan dental community, hospital, government, Rotary, and aid agencies.
• To undertake basic needs assessments of dental services and identify potential areas in which the program and Rotary may collaborate to help Tongans in the self-development of their dental health care system.
• To assist, teach and support, (but not to do), by means of ongoing annual visits of multi-disciplinary dental teams.
• Where possible to obtain by donations, urgently needed items of dental equipment and materials suitable for the Tongan public.

What work is done and how does the project achieve its objective: (100 words or 750 characters including spaces) Infrastructure development e.g. putting in new dental clinics, especially on the outer islands.
Preventive dentistry program
Oral Health surveys
Specialist Oral surgery operations
Education seminars
Prosthetics materials and training
Training and support for a local dental equipment technician
Donations of dental supplies
Infection control training and equipment
Air conditioning of surgeries
Installation of central suction/ compressor to main hospital



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PART 11 - Country Specific Information¹

Hyperlink: http://www.ballaratwestrotary.com/tonga_dental_health_program

Project location: Tonga, South pacific

Facilities: Electricity Toilet Fixed Accommodation Running water

Expected Costs for Volunteer: Transport to project \$ (150) per day

Minimum Duration: One Week Two weeks No limit

Language spoken (optional): _____

Type of Assistance needed: Volunteers Financial Equipment Material

Do you accept dental students? Yes No

Are cash donations tax deductible? Yes No

¹ Please ensure you consult information on medical and safety issues and necessary immunisation for specific countries from the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT).