

Vision: For all Pacific people to be able to eat, hear and talk without being limited by preventable and/or treatable disorders of the ear, nose and throat

Mission: To prevent, identify and treat ear, nose, throat and hearing conditions in the community, in order to maximise individual development, learning and contribution to society

Needs analysis and planning

Prevention

National and sub-national capacity building for ENT service delivery

Regional coordination, networking and collaboration

Monitoring and evaluation

Objective 1 – By 2019, PICs have objectively identified: the burden of ENT-related disease; the human resources), equipment and financial requirements; and the organisational structures needed for strengthening ENT and audiology services

Objective 2 – By 2020, national health programs targeting preventable ENT diseases and hearing loss have been developed and implemented

Objective 3 – By 2025, PICs have sustainable and affordable capacity to assess and treat ENT diseases and hearing loss

Objective 4 – By 2019, PICs have a shared or joint mechanism to inform and guide the planning and delivery of improved ENT and hearing services in the region, and to advise on and mobilise technical support

Objective 5 – By 2022, PICs have effective national systems to measure, monitor and deliver ENT and hearing services, and shared mechanisms to monitor progress against this *Strategy* as a region

- a) Assess current burden of ENT disease, hearing impairment and H&N pathology in the population
- b) Based on the documented burden of disease, develop a national ENT and audiology service development plan**
- c) Review and/or update EDL and equipment lists, aligned with the service delivery plan

- a) Establish a national inter-sectoral steering committee
- b) Create awareness, implement activities and create policies targeting preventable hearing loss
- c) Mobilise other government sectors
- d) Train PHC workers as champions for prevention of ENT diseases and hearing loss**
- e) Coordinate with other health programs, sectors and agencies to create awareness
- f) Integrate preventive sessions into school curricula and/or and screening visits
- g) Work with international organisations to promote compliance with international conventions

- a) Develop and establish in-country ENT and audiology training programs
- b) Coordinate and advocate for national accreditation of training programs
- c) Ensure ENT and audiology are reflected in national health workforce plans
- d) Help visiting ENT and audiology teams to evolve towards capacity development
- e) Develop access to clinical placements in ENT and H&N surgery
- f) Support adaptation of evidence-based clinical guidelines to suit the Pacific
- g) Develop clear and appropriate referral pathways
- h) Establish rehabilitative services (hearing aid programs, sign language and speech pathology)**

- a) Develop terms of reference for, convene and secure funding for PENTAG**
- b) Develop systems and technology for information sharing and learning between the regional Advisory Group and PICs, and between PICs
- c) Work towards a shared regional ENT and audiology Hub or Clinical Network
- d) Through the proposed Hub or Clinical Network, determine ENT services that would best be shared between countries and/or delivered at regional level
- e) Support the establishment of a Pacific ENT and audiology society to provide clinical leadership

- a) Develop measurable national ENT and audiology indicators, aligned with and in support of the national health strategic plan and its M&E framework**
- b) PENTAG to work with PICs to develop a core set of regional ENT and audiology indicators to monitor the progress of ENT and audiology services at a regional level

Early priorities in **bold**

Regional functions in **red**

Strategies and Activities