

Pacific Biomedical Network Meeting





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Challenges

- *Limited budget allocation for asset replacement, servicing and parts.*
- *Procurement process itself is lengthy and challenging.*
- *Human Resource – currently no biomedical team. Service is being temporarily covered by locums.*
- *Supply Chain issues – limited supplier network. No purchasing power. Delivery timelines (limited space availability on freight forwarders).*
- *Increase in supplier costs, post COVID*
- *Shifts in demand for care*

Opportunities & Development

- *WHAT ARE SOME OF THE OPPORTUNITIES AND DEVELOPMENTS THAT HAVE PROGRESSED IN YOUR BIOMED UNIT WITH REGARDS TO YOUR SPECIFIC TOPIC?*
 - *Funding availability: Centralise procurement for efficiency*
 - *Shifts in demand for care*
 - *Strengthen networking capacity with approved distributors/manufacturers*
 - *Cost effective procurement and Quality medical equipment sourced at best price*
 - *Supply chain management - Improved supply quality and managed inventory*
 - *Continue to maintain risk management processes of medical equipment in accordance with health and safety requirements*

Recommendations

- 3 MAIN RECOMMENDATIONS FOR YOUR COUNTRY **(PRIORITY AREAS)**
- Increase funding to effectively maintain existing service contracts, replacement parts and equipment
- Funding support required for capacity building of staff to support specialised work
- Funding support for human resources – eg: locum services for shortage of staff