



# The Australian Government's Fiji Program Support Facility

## **Fiji Facility Health Program**

5<sup>th</sup> Pacific Biomedical Network (PBN) Meeting, 29<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> May 2023

**THEME: “SUSTAINING BIOMEDICAL SERVICES IN THE PACIFIC REGION”**

**Title: “ Our partnership - Improvement Initiatives for the Biomedical  
Engineering team at CWM Hospital”**

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## CWMH

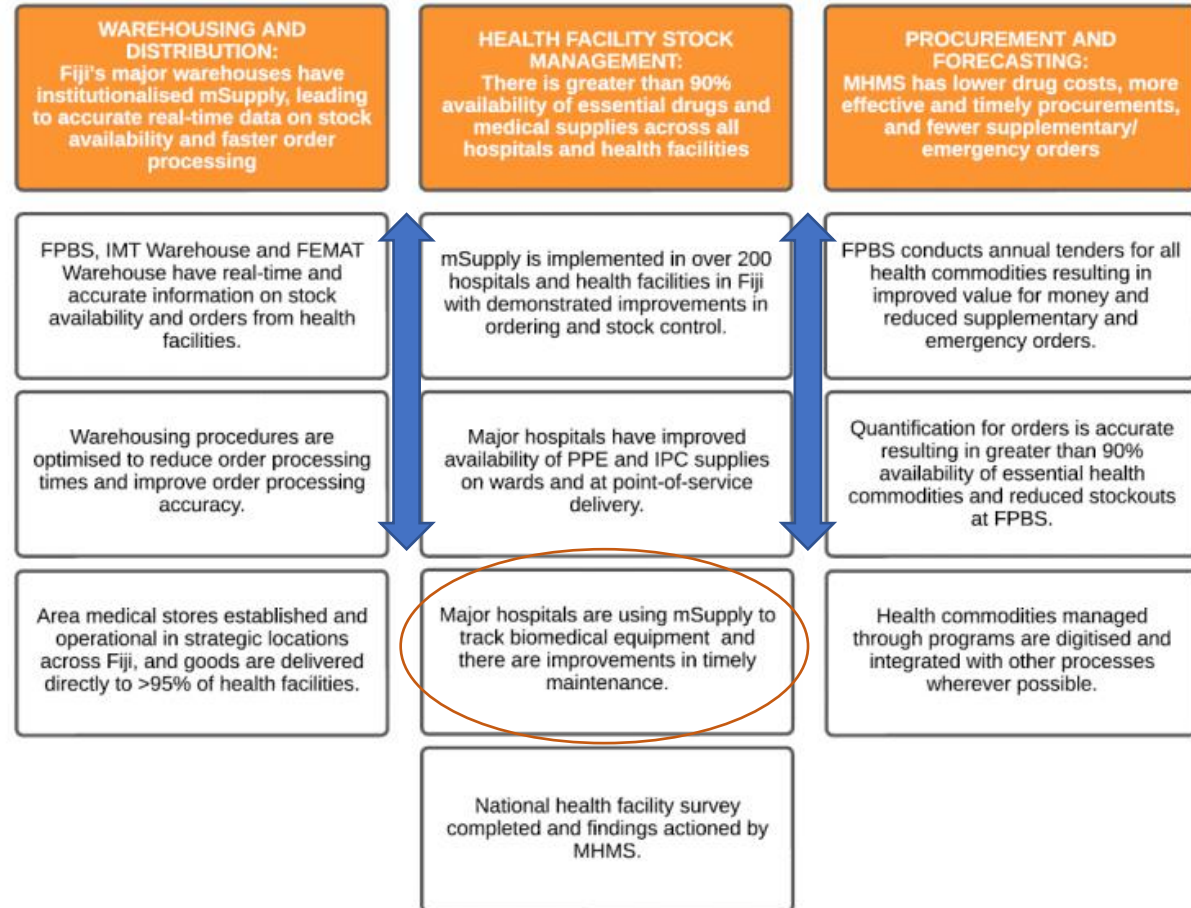
- Centennial Year
- 527 bed hospital
- Referral Hospital

## Supply Chain Reform Project

End of project outcome:

FHP supports MHMS supply chain reforms to improve access to essential drugs and medical supplies

Intermediate outcomes and key outputs by 2024:



Linkages –  
Our Support  
to Health  
Sector

# Objectives of BPHN Meeting

Leadership

Capacity Building

Network

- Coaching of BME lead & senior team
- Appointment of Improvements Officer
- ICT Capacity Building: Use of Tupaia IS for asset registration & Management
- Mini 2<sup>nd</sup> level Storage for new Biomedical Equipment
- Develop/Review of framework documents e.g. SoPs, Policies
- Develop Training Plan for Certification on High End Equipment

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# Achievements

- **Completed review of CWMH BME SCM & now implementing key recommendations up to Dec 2024.**
- **Completed Board of Survey of obsolete BME > 3 years**
  - **Value \$FJD 1.65 million**
- **Adopt Tupaia Information Systems @ AUD 92,000, Q3 2023**
  - **Governance compliance, National Digital Health Strategy**
  - **Completed Flowchart of Registering New Equipment & PM**
- **Review of CWMH complete Biomedical Equipment List, 75% completed**

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  - **Registration of Cadre?**
  - **Career Pathways**
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- **Continue PHN – Regionalism, Sub-regional Platform**



# Moving Forward: Upcoming Support

- **Specialist Review for BME Systems and Cadre**
  - **Governance Structure**
  - **Career Pathways**
  - **Improved Supply Chain Management for BME**
  - **Sustainability**

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- **Absorption of Project officer**
- **Australia Awards – Priority for Health**





**Thank you**  
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