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I refer to your email of 22 July 2023:

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I am writing for your assistance with the provision of some information as part of a story I am working on.

As you may be aware Samoa suffered terribly, when the measles epidemic breached its borders, by a visitor from New Zealand in 2019, resulting in 80+ deaths and affecting the country in various economic ways.

And thanks to the quick thinking of the international community from as far away as London and Paris, to our local pacific nations Australia and New Zealand.

Commissioner, would you be able to confirm what quantum of funds or aid, did the New Zealand Government contribute to Samoa for this medical emergency.?

I understand New Zealand contributed much human and medical resources, in the aftermath of this tragedy.

But if you could provide some information on monetary aid by New Zealand, as I am putting together a statistical report on international aid and donations for this island nation.

Alternatively if you could direct me to the appropriate personnel or contact at NZ MFAT I would be sincerely grateful.

On 2 August 2023, your request was acknowledged and you were advised that we would be responding to your request for the following, under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

Would you be able to confirm what quantum of funds or aid, did the New Zealand Government contribute to Samoa for this medical emergency?

A deployment summary breaking down the total quantum of funds/aid provided, and what it was spent on, is attached as **Appendix One**.

Please note that it is our policy to proactively release our responses to official information requests where possible. Therefore, our response to your request (with your personal information removed) may be published on the Ministry website: [Official Information Act responses | New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade \(mfat.govt.nz\)](#)

If you have any questions about this decision, you can contact us by email at: DM-ESD@mfat.govt.nz. You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision by contacting www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'SC', written in a cursive style.

Sarah Corbett
for Secretary of Foreign Affairs and Trade

Appendix One

Response	Samoa Measles Response
Start Date	Fri, 08 November 2019
End Date	Sun, 29 December 2019
Total Committed to Date	5,573,287.37

Deployment of Relief Supplies		2,880,943.37
Equipment Support		1,371,216.37
<i>Oxygen Generator</i>		476,308.44
<i>Samoa Measles Biochemistry Analysers</i>		662,437.83
<i>Commissioning of Medical Oxygen Plant</i>		132,350.25
<i>Installation Services – Oxygen Generation System</i>		100,119.85
MFAT Relief Supplies		1,509,727.00
<i>Deployment of Emergency Supplies</i>		72,000.00
<i>Procurement of 6x Medical Fridges & 6x Uninterruptible Power Suppliers</i>		21,990.00
<i>Procurement of 40x Medical Chilly Bins</i>		22,022.00
<i>15,000 doses of MMR Vaccines</i>		342,444.00
<i>Provision of Laboratory Supplies</i>		181,897.00
<i>Provision of Oxygen Compressor</i>		25,355.00
<i>Provision of UNICEF Vaccines (100,000)</i>		142,000.00
<i>Provision of Fisher and Paykel Medical Supplies</i>		100,000.00
<i>Provision of additional 40x Medical Chilly Bins</i>		22,022.00
<i>Provision of additional 4x Medical Fridges & 4x Uninterruptible Power Suppliers</i>		14,723.00
<i>Provision of Additional Lab Supplies (Blood Culture Machine)</i>		243,800.00
<i>Provision of Oxygen Regulators</i>		18,721.00
<i>Provision of Oxygen Cylinder Yokes</i>		10,073.00
<i>Provision of Oxygen Hoses</i>		49,680.00

	<i>Procurement of Medical Supplies and Equipment</i>	243,000.00
Emergency Head of Mission Fund		200,000.00
Technical Teams		2,492,344.00
Non-NZMAT Medical Teams		1,610,872.00
	<i>NZ Nurse Vaccinators First Deployment; NZ Nurse Vaccinators & Equipment Extended Package</i>	350,000.00
	<i>New Zealand Red Cross (NZRC) Deployment</i>	72,482.00
	<i>Deployment of Intensive Care Unit Specialist</i>	180,000.00
	<i>Deployment of Atlas Copco Engineer</i>	20,000.00
	<i>Deployment of Pasifika Medical Association (PMA)</i>	408,840.00
	<i>Deployment of Bio-Medical Engineer</i>	24,000.00
	<i>Deployment of 2x additional PMA Rotations</i>	482,000.00
	<i>Deployment of Additional NZRC nurses</i>	73,550.00
New Zealand Medical Assistance Team (NZMAT)		881,472.00
	<i>NZMAT Initial Assessment Team (IAT) Deployment</i>	36,577.00
	<i>NZMAT First Full Rotation (Alpha & Bravo)</i>	514,917.00
	<i>Deployment of NZMAT Charlie Rotation</i>	329,978.00
Grand Total		5,573,287.37