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I refer to your email of 2 November 2023 in which you request the following under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

- 1. A schedule showing payments made by the New Zealand government to the World Health Organization - please include payment dates and please include in the schedule all payments made from 1st January 2000 to present day. Please state the purpose or reason for a particular payment.*
- 2. Is the NZ government approached for WHO funding? If so, by whom. Or, how else is funding deemed necessary?*

On 30 November 2023, the timeframes for responding to your request were extended by an additional 25 working days due to the consultations necessary to make a decision on your request (section 15A(1)(b) of the OIA refers).

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (the Ministry) contacted other government agencies who we believed could have made payments to the World Health Organisation (Who) since 2000. Subsequently, your request was partially transferred to those agencies who responded that they held information in scope of your request.

On 8 December 2023, you were advised that question one of your request had been partially transferred to the Ministry of Social Development and on 12 December 2023, you were advised that question one of your request had also been transferred to the Ministry of Health.

I am now in a position to answer the remainder of your request on the basis of information held by the Ministry.

Regarding question one, a schedule of payments made since 1 January 2000 from the New Zealand Aid Programme, which is administered by the Ministry, can be found in **Appendix One**. I note that the term 'activity description' rather than 'payment description' has been used to respond to the part of your request that asks to '*state the purpose or reason for a particular payment.*' This is because the activity description contains more complete and detailed information to describe what the payments were made for. Exceptions are noted for the following activities:

- The activities ACT-0A01017, ACT-0A10852, ACT-0001787, ACT-0002230 and ACT-0003099, do not contain an activity description in the database. In these cases, the

payment description or activity full name has been used to respond to the request for *'the purpose or reason for a particular payment.'*

- The activities ACT-0003877, ACT-0A10265, ACT-0003441 and ACT-0003512, were established within a previously used database. When transferred across, fields exceeding character limits have been cut off, and in these cases the description ends abruptly. We do not have access to this historic information and have therefore left the descriptions as they appear in our database.
- The activity ACT-0004160 did not contain sufficient information in the activity or payment description to explain the payment, and therefore has been amended in the attached release, to best explain the payment.

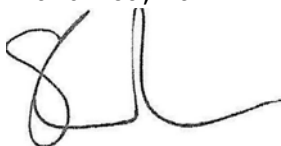
In relation to your second question, the answer is yes. The governments of World Health Organization (WHO) Member States, including the New Zealand government, are approached for funding to support the WHO's work and programmes. The New Zealand government is approached for such funding by staff of the WHO, government officials working for other WHO Member-States and Non-governmental organizations partnering with the WHO to deliver aid programmes. The WHO receives funding from governments in a number of ways including through "assessed contributions" (the amounts each of the 196 Members and Associate Members must pay to WHO on an annual basis), voluntary contributions, appeals in response to health emergencies and a range of programmes to assist developing countries. Governments are approached for funding in a broad range of ways including through public appeals, WHO meetings, approaches to Geneva-based government offices, letters to government Ministers or approaches to government officials involved in aid programmes.

Information on how the WHO is governed, and how it makes decisions including on what funding is deemed necessary, is publicly available on the WHO website via the following link: <https://www.who.int/about>

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: www.mfat.govt.nz/en/about-us/contact-us/official-information-act-responses/

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



Sarah Corbett
for Secretary of Foreign Affairs and Trade

Appendix one:

A schedule of payments made since 1 January 2000 from the New Zealand Aid Programme, which is administered by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade:

Activity number	Activity Name	Activity Description	Payment Date	NZD Amount
ACT-0002230	UNAIDS 1998-2011	Core funding to UNAIDS which is the coordinating body for joint programme action against HIV/AIDS by United Nations (UN) agencies and World Bank. It was established in 1996 as the leading advocate for worldwide action against HIV AIDS.	17/01/2007	2,000,000.00
			1/02/2003	100,000.00
			1/01/2002	100,000.00
			1/12/2000	100,000.00
ACT-0003877	Non-Communicable Diseases Prevention and Control (WHO)	<p>Background/Rationale</p> <p>A profound shift in the balance of the major causes of death and disease is underway in many developing countries, having already occurred in developed countries. Globally, the burden of chronic, noncommunicable diseases has rapidly increased. In 2002, chronic diseases accounted for almost 60% of the 56 million deaths annually and 47% of the global burden of disease. In view of these figures and the predicted future growth in this disease burden and ageing populations.</p>	29/09/2006	439,570.00
			9/09/2008	316,400.00
			1/08/2005	527,888.00

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ACT-0004160	Codex Trust Fund	Contribution to the FAO/WHO Codex Trust Fund	1/12/2004	50,000.00
			22/11/2006	50,000.00
			10/04/2008	50,000.00
			18/12/2008	50,000.00
ACT-0A00558	Pacific Regional Non-Communicable Diseases Framework	To assist Pacific Island Countries and Territories to improve the health of their populations by establishing a comprehensive approach to profiling, planning, implementing, and monitoring and evaluating sustainable funding initiatives to combat non-communicable diseases and associated risk factors in their population.	23/12/2008	1,000,000.00
			22/12/2009	1,000,000.00
			15/06/2011	1,500,000.00
			3/02/2012	500,000.00
ACT-0A00559	Support to Pacific Open Learning Health Net and Nurses (WHO)	To increase continuing education for nurses and health professionals and provide support to strengthening the quality of nursing services and nursing education in the Pacific.	11/08/2008	750,000.00
			10/06/2009	199,542.82
			27/05/2010	750,000.00
			20/09/2010	750,000.00
			7/03/2011	750,000.00
			31/10/2011	750,000.00
20/04/2012	550,457.00			
ACT-0A01017	Flood relief: Fiji 2009	NZAID FIJI FLOODS EMERGENCY RESPONSE JAN09	12/02/2009	146,627.57

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ACT-0A01041	Improving Midwifery Training	This activity supports midwifery training in PNG.	29/04/2009	536,203.87
ACT-0100098	Pacific Non-Communicable Diseases Initiative phase 2	The Pacific Non-Communicable Diseases Initiative Phase 2 (PNCDI2) is the second phase of support to WHO to address the challenges of non communicable diseases (NCDs) across 14 Pacific Island countries. The Activity is supporting Pacific countries achieve a 25% reduction in premature mortality due to NCDs by 2025 including the provision of WHO technical support to Cook Islands, Fiji, Kiribati, RMI, FSM, Nauru, Niue, Palau, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tokelau, Tonga, Tuvalu, and Vanuatu.	17/06/2019	500,000.00
			30/04/2020	1,200,000.00
			3/05/2021	1,200,000.00
			9/05/2022	1,050,615.00
ACT-0100300	Strengthening Pacific Emergency Management Teams	This Activity, jointly funded with Australia, supports the World Health Organisation to strengthen Emergency Medical Team coordination and national health response capacities in five Pacific countries: Vanuatu, Tonga, Fiji, Solomon Islands and Samoa.	8/01/2019	251,350.49
			10/10/2019	345,436.02
			27/08/2020	355,228.33
ACT-0100434	UNAIDS 2018/19-2020/21	Coordinated and effective action to end the AIDS epidemic through the work of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) via core funding for the financial years 2018/19-2020/21.	3/07/2019	1,000,000.00
			17/02/2020	1,000,000.00
			18/02/2021	1,000,000.00

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ACT-0100478	Support to Papua New Guinea Immunisation Programme	In June 2018, a polio outbreak occurred in Papua New Guinea that highlighted low immunisation rates for a range of diseases. High levels of vaccination coverage, more than 80%, must be maintained to stop transmission and prevent outbreaks. This activity involves partnering with Australia and the Global Vaccine Alliance to support the Government of Papua New Guinea to increase vaccination coverage in selected provinces.	20/06/2019	2,000,000.00
ACT-0100736	WHO Contingency Fund for Emergencies 2019-2021	The World Health Organization & Contingency Fund for Emergencies is a key mechanism within the WHO's Health Emergency Program. This pooled, un-tied, fund enables the rapid deployment of technical experts, essential medicines, vaccinations, and medical supplies to a wide range of disease outbreaks and health emergencies globally. A contribution to the CFE means that diseases, to the extent possible, can be isolated and addressed at their source and are less likely to spread to other regions.	4/07/2019	1,500,000.00
			18/06/2020	1,500,000.00
			21/06/2021	1,500,000.00
ACT-0A10112	Influenza A H1N1 Emergency Response Phase 2	To allow provision of Relenza for the three countries - Nauru, Fiji, and Tuvalu - as part of the original commitment to support Pacific countries to prepare for and respond to pandemic influenza. The three countries have requested Relenza as part of their anti-viral supplies. Nauru - 55 courses, Tuvalu - 55 courses, Fiji - 3750 courses.	22/12/2009	188,000.00
			14/04/2010	127,541.99
ACT-0101633	2019 Pacific Regional Action Plan for Measles	This activity will deliver funding to multilateral organisations to support response and preparedness in the Pacific region following the 2019 measles outbreak.	31/01/2020	600,000.00

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ACT-0101683	COVID-19: WHO Pacific Support: nCOV Response	This activity will provide grant contributions to support Pacific Island Countries and Territories to manage their response to and preparedness for the COVID-19 pandemic, and support health response priorities, guided by the incidence and prevalence of COVID-19 infection in the country and the transmission dynamics.	17/02/2020	1,000,000.00
			6/08/2020	2,000,000.00
ACT-0101702	COVID-19 Pacific Response - Humanitarian	Support to Pacific Island Countries and Territories (PICTs) for COVID-19 preparedness and response activities.	15/05/2020	1,000,000.00
ACT-0A10181	Emergency Aid - disease outbreak PNG 2009	To respond to 2009/10's flooding and outbreaks of cholera and related diarrhoeal diseases in PNG by reducing infection and improving conditions responsible for the spread of such diseases.	24/06/2010	85,215.17
ACT-0102018	UNAIDS 2021-24	Coordinated and effective action to end the AIDS epidemic through the work of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) via core funding.	18/05/2022	1,000,000.00
			22/02/2023	1,000,000.00
ACT-0102070	2020 COVID-19 Preparedness and Response: PNG WHO	New Zealand support to the World Health Organisation's (WHO's) ongoing assistance to PNG as it responds to a growing outbreak of COVID-19. NZ\$1m is requested to support its work in a range of areas including operational planning and readiness, surveillance detection, risk communication, and case management.	7/09/2020	1,000,000.00

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ACT-0102503	2021 COVID-19 Outbreak Response Papua New Guinea	New Zealand emergency response & support to Papua New Guinea to help address the widespread surge in COVID-19 cases in early 2021.	28/06/2021	2,000,000.00
ACT-0A10265	Influenza A H1N1 Emergency Response	The goal of this activity is to provide sufficient quantities of H1N1 pandemic vaccine to protect health care workers, essential service personnel, and other at-risk populations (eg pregnant women) in 95 developing countries that do not currently have the ability to obtain vaccines from other sources. The funding requested by this proposal will fund the supply of ancillary medical equipment, including syringes and safety boxes, including, but not limited to, the cost of transportation and insur	22/12/2009	232,000.00
ACT-0102674	2021 COVID-19 Response Indonesia	Provide assistance to the Government of Indonesia following the latest surge in COVID-19 cases.	4/08/2021	500,000.00
ACT-0102951	COVID-19 Testing & Therapeutics	Pacific Island Countries are supported by Aotearoa New Zealand to have access of supplies of Rapid Antigen Tests and accompanying technical support to screen for COVID-19. The Cook Islands, Niue and Tokelau have access to COVID-19 antivirals (therapeutics) from Aotearoa New Zealand's domestic supply, subject to availability and other Pacific Island countries are supported with access to COVID-19 therapeutics and accompanying technical support by the World Health Organisation.	25/11/2022	1,104,836.00

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ACT-0103306	WHO Contingency Fund for Emergencies 2022-2024	The World Health Organisation Contingency Fund for Emergencies is a key mechanism within the WHO's Health Emergency Program. This pooled, un-tied, fund enables the rapid deployment of technical experts, essential medicines, vaccinations and medical supplies to a wide range of disease outbreaks and health emergencies globally. A contribution to the CFE means that diseases, to the extent possible, can be isolated and addressed at their source and are less likely to spread to other regions.	20/12/2022	1,500,000.00
			16/05/2023	1,500,000.00
ACT-0103427	Strengthening Pacific Emergency Medical Teams	This Activity supports the World Health Organisation to strengthen Emergency Medical Team coordination and national health response capacities in six Pacific countries: Cook Islands, Fiji, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, and Vanuatu	11/07/2023	494,000.00
ACT-0A10811	Pacific Mental Health	The intention of this activity is to develop a new programme of assistance for mental health activities in the Pacific region.	17/12/2012	400,000.00
			2/04/2014	1,100,000.00
ACT-0A10852	World Health Organisation - 9th Ministers of Health	PIC Participation Fund - WHO - 9th MOH Meeting	30/11/2011	37,560.00
ACT-0A11005	WHO Pacific 2012 Contribution	Contribution towards the Biennial Workplan for WHO's Division of Pacific Technical Support. WHO is recognised globally as the lead development partner in health and has a specific role to play in the Pacific.	3/02/2012	1,000,000.00
			16/05/2012	800,000.00

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ACT-0A11627	Head of Mission Fund: Angola	The Angola Head of Mission Fund is a small discretionary funding scheme managed by the New Zealand High Commission in Pretoria, for small scale community projects.	15/06/2016	60,000.00
ACT-0A11686	Pacific Non-Communicable Diseases Initiative	Two key strategies in this initiative are tobacco control and cardio-vascular disease risk assessment and management. This will be achieved through legislation development, regulations and work on enforcement, education and advocacy plans and campaigns, human resource and institutional capacity, pharmaceutical and infrastructural capacity, mobilizing stakeholders, monitoring and surveillance tools and systems.	25/06/2014	1,500,000.00
			11/03/2015	2,000,000.00
			8/04/2016	1,500,000.00
			13/04/2017	1,000,000.00
ACT-0A11962	Fiji Dengue Fever Outbreak Assistance	Grants to the Fiji Ministry of Health and World Health Organisation to purchase medical consumables, vector control needs, and communication costs to help Fiji combat a serious dengue outbreak.	11/04/2014	200,000.00
ACT-0A12092	2014 Ebola contribution	This Activity provides support to UN agencies who are active in the international Ebola response in West Africa.	15/10/2014	500,000.00
ACT-0A12115	2014 WHO Ebola Pacific Preparedness	Contribution the World Health Organisation's (WHO) Pacific Ebola Response Plan to assist the Pacific region to prepare for and manage Ebola.	10/12/2014	1,000,000.00
ACT-0A12464	UNAIDS 2016-2018	Coordinated and effective action to end the AIDS epidemic through the work of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS).	12/04/2016	1,500,000.00
			12/01/2017	1,000,000.00
			10/01/2018	1,000,000.00
ACT-0A12509	WHO ZIKA PACIFIC	Contribute to the mitigation of the spread and impact of the Zika virus on the Pacific	9/03/2016	250,000.00

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			20/06/2018	700,000.00
ACT-0100115	Pacific Health Security Coordination Plan	Funding support for the development of a Pacific Health Security Coordination Plan, to assess gaps and provide detailed plans for full implementation of International Health Regulations 2005 health security capacity commitments in the Pacific.	28/03/2018	1,200,000.00
ACT-0102073	Inclusive Education Programme: Improving Access to Assistive Technologies	This Activity will develop a multi-donor regional mechanism to support increased access to assistive technologies. The Activity will involve scoping, design and testing of the mechanism then the establishment of governance, management, and procurement arrangements as well as training.	9/10/2023	1,184,885.00
ACT-0001736	WHO Fellowships	World Health Organisation Fellowships	1/05/2002	3,539.18
ACT-0001787	Emergency Disaster Relief (EMDR): Afghanistan	EMDR: AFGHANISTAN: WHO: ESSENTIAL DRUGS AFGHANISTAN	1/06/2002	200,000.00
ACT-0002330	Pacific Health Initiatives	TOBACCO CONTROL PIC REPRESENTATION	1/07/2002	18,000.00

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ACT-0003099	World Summit on Sustainable Development (WSSD): Other Multilateral	ASIA PACIFIC LEADERSHIP FORUM	1/03/2003	400,000.00
ACT-0003152	Risk Mitigation: Power Utility Managers Risk Mit	Funding for CEOs/General Managers of ten Pacific Island Power Corps to attend a two-week professional development seminar at the East-West Centre, Hawaii. The objective of the seminar is to provide participants with enhanced leadership capabilities, a broader knowledge of disaster risk reduction issues and best practices in the region, and techniques and tools to help build more sustainable communities by implementing disaster risk reduction strategies that address the vulnerability of the power	1/04/2003	500,000.00
			1/04/2003	1,300,000.00
			1/06/2003	300,000.00
ACT-0009500	SARS: China	CHINA: SARS: CONTRIBUTION TO WHO	1/05/2003	700,000.00
ACT-0003441	WHO Health & Dev China	Who has proposed that NZAID support it in establishing a firm link between health and investment that would allow the Chinese decision makers to make sound policy decisions in investing Based on analysis of household survey and county survey data as well as policy process and stake-holder analysis in selected provinces and counties, this project will provide comprehensive evidence on the linkages of health and wealth at the household level and at the county level. Using the evidence we will as	1/07/2004	331,667.68