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Statement to the 49th Regular Session of the Human Rights Council

Item 6 UPR Outcomes

Samoa Ombudsman National Human Rights Institution (NHRI Samoa)

NHRI Samoa welcomes the State's support for recommendations to develop health services and better protect people's right to health and to improve measures to reduce the prevalence of NCDs through health education, awareness and services. The National Report conveyed that the biggest health challenge for Samoa remains the high levels of premature deaths, illnesses and increasing disabilities from NCDs.

Samoa also recorded its first 31 cases of COVID-19 infections in the last month, so it is incumbent on the State to strengthen its COVID responses, undertake a multi-sectoral approach to recovery taking into account human rights principles and standards and continue to raise public awareness.

Our children are our future and we commend the State's support to strengthen efforts to further promote the rights of children including the implementation of the National Child Care Protection Policy 2020-2030.

NHRI Samoa welcomes the State's support for measures to be taken for the Office to be adequately resourced to carry out its functions effectively in accordance with the Paris Principles. This support is important for the Office to independently and effectively implement its broad mandate to continue monitoring the implementation of the recommendations for the enjoyment of all human rights for all Samoans. The State is also encouraged to consider and implement recommendations from NHRI Samoa's reports on the state of human rights.

THANK YOU!