



Action Project Reference: 59-04

Organisation: Cure Kids

Action Project Proposal:

“Review and redesign Cure Kids Health & Safety manual and forms.”

Who Are Cure Kids?

In June 2014, a partnership project commenced with the aim of preventing and reducing the impact of rheumatic heart disease (RHD) in the Fiji Islands. Cure Kids is working collaboratively with the Fiji Ministry of Health and Medical Services, Auckland District Health Board, and the Centre for International Child Health at Murdoch Children’s Research Institute.

- Affects one in 50 children, yet is a preventable condition
- Fiji has one of the highest known rates in the world
- A leading cause of death for young people
- The second most common cause of death for pregnant women
- In partnership with AccorHotels, the Fiji Ministry of Health and world-leading RHD experts from Australia and NZ, Cure Kids is leading a national-level, research-based project, improving and building capacity across all aspects of RHD control and prevention

RHD is a serious heart condition that occurs following an attack of Acute Rheumatic Fever (ARF) which can occur after a strong immune response to a throat infection caused by a Group A Streptococcus (‘strep throat’ infection). If appropriate antibiotic treatment is not administered,

inflammation of the heart can cause scarring of the heart valves resulting in significant morbidity and possible death. In Fiji, it is common for children to present to clinical services late – already with symptomatic RHD – which means they are often too late for adequate treatment.

RHD is a significant health problem in Fiji, with the Pacific region having one of the highest reported RHD incidences in the world. Echocardiography-confirmed RHD prevalence in Fijian children, aged 5-14 years, is 35.4 per 1,000 which equates to approximately one child in every classroom living with RHD.

In Fiji, at least 60 deaths a year are attributed to RHD.

Mission:

The goal is to expand and strengthen the existing Fiji Rheumatic Heart Disease Control Programme to include developing new models of ARF/RHD care and prevention with the aim of reducing RHD related morbidity and mortality. Fundamental to Project outputs is an effective national co-ordination structure for the Fiji RHD Control Programme (Fiji MOH). Increasing capacity at this level will provide a governance model that can continue beyond the life of the Project.

Long Term Aims & Vision:

Output 1: Register-based secondary prevention programme operational including quality improvement processes

Output 2: Best practice guidelines for clinical care for arf/rhd implemented and monitored against benchmarks

Output 3: A model for early detection of arf/rhd cases developed and implemented nationally

Output 4: Primary prevention guidelines developed and implemented including health promotion

Further Information:

Cure Kids H&S Manual has been written in line with NZ and Fiji legal requirements. What we were looking for is someone to spend the time working through it to 'streamline' the content, and ultimately create a more visually appealing document in line with our brand standards. In

addition to the manual, we also have forms but they're rough and visually messy – they need to be re-created, with the same content, to a more professional level in line with our brand.

Therefore, to ensure we are doing the best we can to support the health and wellbeing of the children we work we want these resources to be redesigned to reflect the Cure Kids brand. Ideas for how to format a health and safety guide can be found by researching similar organisations to see if they have resources like this available, then these can be used as a basis to adapt and create a guide for Cure Kids.

Key Research & Discussion Areas:

PLAN AND DELIVER ...

- What are the key aims of the guide? Are they clearly explained in the guide?
- How will you add value to this guide? Read through other formal guides to get ideas on how to improve Cure Kids H&S guide.
- How will you redesign forms to make them clear, practical and professional?
- Can you find examples of other H&S guides in Fiji - what works well and what could be improved?

CONTENT

- How are you going to structure your guide?
- What examples of similar H&S guides can you find? Do these help you identify the major content and design components?
- What key points from your action project will you choose to highlight in your recorded presentation at the end of your internship?

BARRIERS

- What are the main barriers to the development and delivery of a redesigned guide?
- Can you think of any potential solutions to these problems?

EVALUATION

- How will you make sure there's an element of longevity in this project?
- How will you assess whether your project meets the aims and objectives of this AP?

- What tips could you give to future interns doing this project?
- Are there any further areas of research you could recommend to future interns/Cure Kids?

Useful Links:

- Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/curekidsfiji/>
- Instagram - <https://www.instagram.com/curekidsfiji/>
- Website - <https://curekids.org.fj/rheumatic-heart-disease/>
- For more information about RHD - <http://rhdaction.org/>
- Organisation Profile - <https://thinkpacific.com/action-project-cure-kids/>

Further Questions

Are there any questions you would like to ask Cure Kids to assist in completing this project?

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