

Supporting Fijian health and agricultural authorities implement the National Antimicrobial Resistance Action Plan



Key details

Location

Fiji

Duration

Start Feb 2019

End Jun 2020

Budget

AUD 250,000

Commissioned organisation

[CSIRO](#)

Partners

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Program


[Livestock Systems](#)

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serious threat to human and animal health, as well as livestock productivity. Most AMR initiatives are targeted at countries in the African and Asian regions, leaving behind the Pacific region.

The project conducted a scoping study in Fiji that identifies the research, capability and capacity development needs for mitigating AMR in humans, animals and the environment. It aims to build Fiji as a leader in AMR efforts in the Pacific Region.

This project is part of the [Research for One Health Systems Strengthening Program](#)  co-funded with DFAT addressing zoonoses, antimicrobial resistance and systems strengthening within the Asia Pacific.

Project outcomes

- Better understanding of the key policies, practises and challenges for the National AMR committee and other government stakeholders regarding current AMR risk, communication and management in Fiji
- Determining opportunities and gaps for integrated surveillance and training for practitioners and professionals working in AMR, including laboratory technicians, human healthcare support workers and animal health workers
- Better understanding of the risk and potential economic burden of AMR in order to develop a business case for longer-term control.
- Developing the proposal for a follow-on project in AMR risk assessment, management and communication in Fiji.

Overview

This project aimed to strengthen and advance leadership, governance and operations to mitigate antimicrobial resistance (AMR) through a One Health approach in Fiji.

Globally, AMR has been identified as an increasingly

