Subject: Request for tenders to conduct an impact assessment of the 2014-2018 Pacwaste healthcare waste management project interventions.

1. Will we have access to the baseline studies for each country, and did the baselines include both qualitative and quantitative data? (as the impact assessment will depend to an extent on baseline data gathered).

Yes, the Consultants will have access to the baseline studies completed by the PacWaste program; and yes, those baselines did include qualitative and quantitative data.

2. What Results / M&E framework & methodology was used during the project?

We are unaware of any formal M&E framework or methodology used during the Healthcare waste project work.

There are references made to the European Union Results Oriented Monitoring (ROM) audits that were performed and they will be provided to the successful Consultant.

3. The tender document explains that the impact assessment is “not a process evaluation to examine whether the program was carried out as planned”, however the Scope of Work lists the OECD DAC evaluation criteria which does include some measure of whether the programme was carried out as planned (for example “Review whether the project accomplished its outputs or progress towards achieving outcomes. In particular, the review should assess factors influencing achievement or non-achievement of the objectives” and “Are the activities and outputs of the project consistent with the intended impacts and effects?”). Can we have some clarity around the balance of addressing the evaluation criteria vs impact is to be measured?

This assessment shall focus on answering these two questions:

- How successful has the project/program realised the intended objectives and sub-objectives?
- Have the desired changes been realised and to what extent?

If work planned in the program was not completed, it may have impacted the program’s ability to achieve the objectives and should be noted, i.e., overall performance and confirmation of project achievements. However, our interest is to identify how impactful implemented activities, were.

This evaluation shall measure the program’s impact and the extent to which its goals/objectives were attained.
4. In the Scope of work, the following is stated “The report should provide recommended solutions to progress management of healthcare waste and provide recommended solutions to booster national support and commitment to delivery of future activities.” For clarity, does this refer only to the activities in the PacWaste programme, i.e., which solutions were successful and are therefore recommended going forward? Or is an assessment of alternative solutions expected.

We are looking to evaluate the PacWaste program, therefore we are looking for the consultant to “refer to the activities in the PacWaste programme, i.e., which solutions were successful and are therefore recommended going forward.” If, in your submission, you would like to provide a ‘value add’ of suggesting additional opportunities for implementing projects that have success in implementation, this should be detailed in your methodology and tender response.

5. Is there an expected minimum / maximum number of individual interviews with representatives from the hospitals/countries involved in the project?

At a minimum, we expect the consultant would need to interview the representatives from the hospitals and governmental health ministries that were engaged during the PacWaste project work. There were a total of nineteen (19) contacts in total with hospitals in Cook Islands, Fiji, FSM, Kiribati, Niue, Solomon Islands and Vanuatu...