Special Fellow
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• In November 2011 the special fellow and the Western Pacific Region focal person for Leprosy Elimination visited several leprosy institutions: Research Institute for Tropical Medicine and Dr Jose N Rodriguez Memorial Hospital (picture in the prior slide)
• During the Western Pacific Region Leprosy Programme Meeting in February 2012 the Special Fellow assisted the Regional Leprosy Focal Point as convenor and secretariat.

• The Special Fellow was also tasked to prepare a field visit to one of the biggest leprosy institutions in the WPR: Dr Jose N Rodriguez Memorial Hospital (DJNRMH) formerly known as Central Luzon Sanitarium.

• The special fellow along with the staff of DJNRMH also prepared visits to leprosy communities established near the former leprosarium

• [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dr._Jose_N._Rodriguez_Memorial_Hospital](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dr._Jose_N._Rodriguez_Memorial_Hospital)
• During the visit to one of the leprosy communities one of the participants, a leprosy surgeon from China, was reacquainted with his leprosy surgery patient from decades ago.
• In March – April 2012, the special fellow visited Kiribati to assist and support the Pacific Leprosy Foundation (PLF) consultant in providing supervisory visit to the hospital and village health centres with the Kiribati leprosy programme manager and officer.
During the visit to Kiribati, the special fellow joined the PLF consultant and representative to visit former leprosy patients with disability which receives support and welfare from PLF.
NATIONAL WATER DAY
WATER SAFETY TO FOOD SECURITY
KAMANOAN TE RAN BON MANON KANARA
22 - 03 - 12

WORLD TB DAY
STOP TB IN MY LIFE TIME
KATOKA TE TB MKAI AO NINGABONG
22 - 03 - 12
• During the visit to Kiribati, the special fellow participated in the TB day celebration.
• During the visit to Kiribati, the special fellow assisted the filariasis focal point in Kiribati to update her files and submit the pending reports

• A dengue outbreak in Betio, Kiribati happened during this visit, the DPS NTD focal point and the special fellow provided technical and administrative assistance.

• A cyclone hit the Western Division of Fiji and flooded the Nadi town of Fiji and flight from Kiribati to Nadi, Fiji were cancelled for a week
• In June 2012, the special fellow provided technical assistance to the Republic of Palau.

• The special fellow conducted training to the 36 participants who will conduct two filariasis surveys in Palau.
• The special fellow accompanied the teams in visiting the households in Palau during the two surveys to check the quality of testing using the Immunochromatographic Test (ICT) Cards.
• The special fellow assisted the DPS NTD focal person and the WPRO MVP NTD focal person in providing technical assistance to the Republic of Palau in writing the dossier for the verification of elimination of lymphatic filariasis

• The special fellow also assisted the country of Niue in writing the dossier for the verification of elimination of lymphatic filariasis
• In September 2012, the special fellow and the officer in CLO Northern Micronesia assisted the Western Pacific Region Focal Person for Leprosy Elimination and the Medical Officer for Leprosy Elimination in a training workshop for pacific island countries (Federated States of Micronesia, Kiribati and Marshall Islands) who have yet to achieve leprosy elimination as a public health problem and Tuvalu.
• Fiji Filariasis Free Weekend 2012

• The Special Fellow as part of the 2 person Neglected Tropical Disease Team in DPS assisted the NTD Focal Point and Fiji Lymphatic Filariasis acting programme manager in implementing the LF mass drug administration which targeted 600,000 people living in the Northern, Central and Eastern Divisions in Fiji.

• To kick off the campaign the Filariasis Team launched the campaign at the Ministry of Health’s Dinem House.

• The MDA was launched by the Fiji Minister for Health, Director for Pacific Technical Support (DPS) and a high level representative from the Japan International Cooperation Agency

• http://www.fijisun.com.fj/2012/10/17/ministry-pushes-filariaisis-awareness/
• The CLO Kiribati was able to give a leprosy training fellowship to the Leprosy Programme Manager in Kiribati, through the efforts of the Neglected Tropical Disease team in the Division of Pacific Technical support and the Fellowship Unit and Stop Tuberculosis and Leprosy Elimination Team at the Regional Office.

• The Leprosy training was done in The Leprosy Mission India Hospital in New Delhi, India and Leonard Wood Memorial in Cebu, Philippines.
• In November 2012, the special fellow with the TB consultant and public health officer of the Fiji grant management unit did a field visit on TB in the Western Division of Fiji
• The team also visited the patients in their villages and houses.