

4. Healthy Islands monitoring framework

The Eleventh Pacific Health Ministers Meeting in April 2015 committed to the development of a monitoring framework and core indicators to track progress towards the vision of Healthy Islands. WHO in collaboration with the Pacific Community (SPC) has provided technical support to Pacific health ministries in developing the framework.

The monitoring framework, comprised of 52 mandatory indicators, was endorsed by Pacific permanent secretaries, directors-general and chief executive officers at the Fourth Heads of Health meeting in April 2016. Where possible, core indicators were sourced from global frameworks, notably the SDGs, to ensure harmonization and adherence to international standards. In line with the agreed key principles, the indicators cover a range of process and outcome measures. Of the 52 indicators, 36 can be collected via routine administrative systems on an ongoing basis, while the other 16 require data from surveys.

After the Heads of Health endorsement in April 2016 and in collaboration with the Pacific Health Information Network (PHIN) and SPC, WHO convened the health information system managers

meeting in May 2016 to discuss detailed reporting mechanisms. Health information system managers agreed to use an online reporting system, which allows users to select specific countries, themes

and indicators. The first progress report using the Healthy Islands monitoring framework is expected to be available at the next Pacific Health Ministers Meeting in Cook Islands in 2017. ■



A young girl helps in the family vegetable garden, a source of healthy nutrition in the Federated States of Micronesia.