



MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND MEDICAL SERVICES

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Written Questions

184/2024 Hon. Ratu Rakuita Vakalalabure to ask the Minister for Health and Medical Services – Can the Minister inform Parliament on how many health centres in our rural and maritime areas are earmarked for upgrade in this financial year.

Response:

Honourable Speaker Sir,

- I thank the Honourable Member for the question.

- A total of **19 health facilities** in our rural and maritime areas have been earmarked for upgrade in this financial year. They are as follows:
 - **Eastern Division – 5 facilities** namely Kadavu Hospital, Levuka Hospital, Rotuma Hospital, Lakeba Hospital and Vanua Balavu Hospital.
 - **Western Division – 6 facilities** namely Nacula Health Centre, Yalobi/Yaqeta, Naqalimare Nursing Station, Raiwaqa Health Centre, Tuvu Nursing Station, Tokaimalo Nursing Station.

- **Central Division – 3 facilities** namely Tonia Nursing Station, Korovou Nursing Station, Nayavu Nursing Station.

- **Northern Division – 5 facilities** namely Naqumu Nursing Station, Kubulau Health Centre, Dreketi Health Centre, Tawake Nursing Station and Qamea Health Centre.

(For detailed explanation please refer to the list)

- Honourable Speaker Sir, the Ministry has continued with its health infrastructure

improvement program with the budgetary allocation from Government and together with the generous support of our partners, local businesses, civil society organizations, hospital board of visitors, and community members.

- **Thank you Honourable Speaker.**

LIST OF HEALTH FACILITIES PROPOSE FOR UPGRADING
IN THE RURAL AREAS

No.	NAME OF FACILITY	REMARKS
1.	EASTERN DIVISION	Kadavu Hospital – 1 x 6 Massonate Barracaks
2.		Levuka Hospital – 1 x 4 Massonate Barracks
3.		Rotuma Hospital – 1 x 4 Massonate Barracks
4.		Lakeba Hospital – 1 x 4 Massonate Barracks
5.		Vanuabalavu Hospital – 1 x 4 Massonate Barracks
		All for seed funding doing ground work ready for the next financial year which is 2025-2026
	WESTERN DIVISION	
6.		Nacula Health Centre – Construction of 1 Grade 5 Quarters and Clinic – Relocate to the new site whereby a 1 duplex already there.
7.		Yalobi/Yaqeta – Old model nursing station conversion to new model. Separation of quarters from clinic.
8.		Naqalimare Nursing Station – Conversion to new model. Old model type of Nursing Station.
9.		Raiwaqa Health Centre – Construction of a new quarters.
10.		Tuvu Nursing Station – Relocation to New Site due to flood prone area of the existing site.
11.		Tokaimalo Nursing Station – Relocation to New site due to difficulty in access to health services because the current bridge that connect to the existing nursing station is damage.
		All under seed funding for ground work this financial year.
	CENTRAL DIVISION	
12.		Tonia Nursing station – Construction of new clinic
13.		Korovou Nursing Station – Construction of 1 x 4 Massonate Barrack
14.		Nayavu Nursing Station – Construction of New Mortuary
		All under seed funding for ground work this financial year and ready for the next financial year.
	NORTHERN DIVISION	
15.		Naqumu Nursing Station – Construction of 1 Grade 6 Quarters.
16.		Kubulau Health Centre – Upgrade of Nursing Station to a Health Centre Level C

17.		Dreketi Health Centre – Construction of a temporary shed for clinic and then finalise plan for the new clinic ready for the next financial year.
18.		Tawake Nursing Station – Construction of Grade 6 Quarters
19.		Qamea Health Centre – Relocation of Health Centre from Dreketi to a new site at Ulunivatu
		All under seed funding for ground work this financial year ready for the next financial year for PSIP submission for full funding.