

Samoa



Population¹	203,158
Prevalence of Blindness (Projection)²	0.3%
Prevalence of Diabetes (Projection)³	9.2%
Most common causes of vision impairment⁴	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cataract • Diabetic retinopathy • Refractive error
Health expenditure⁵	US \$264 per capita (7% of GDP)
Key stakeholders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ministry of Health • Tupua Tamasese Meaole Hospital

¹ Pacific Community, Pacific Data Hub, Mid-Year Population Estimate, <https://pacificdata.org/>

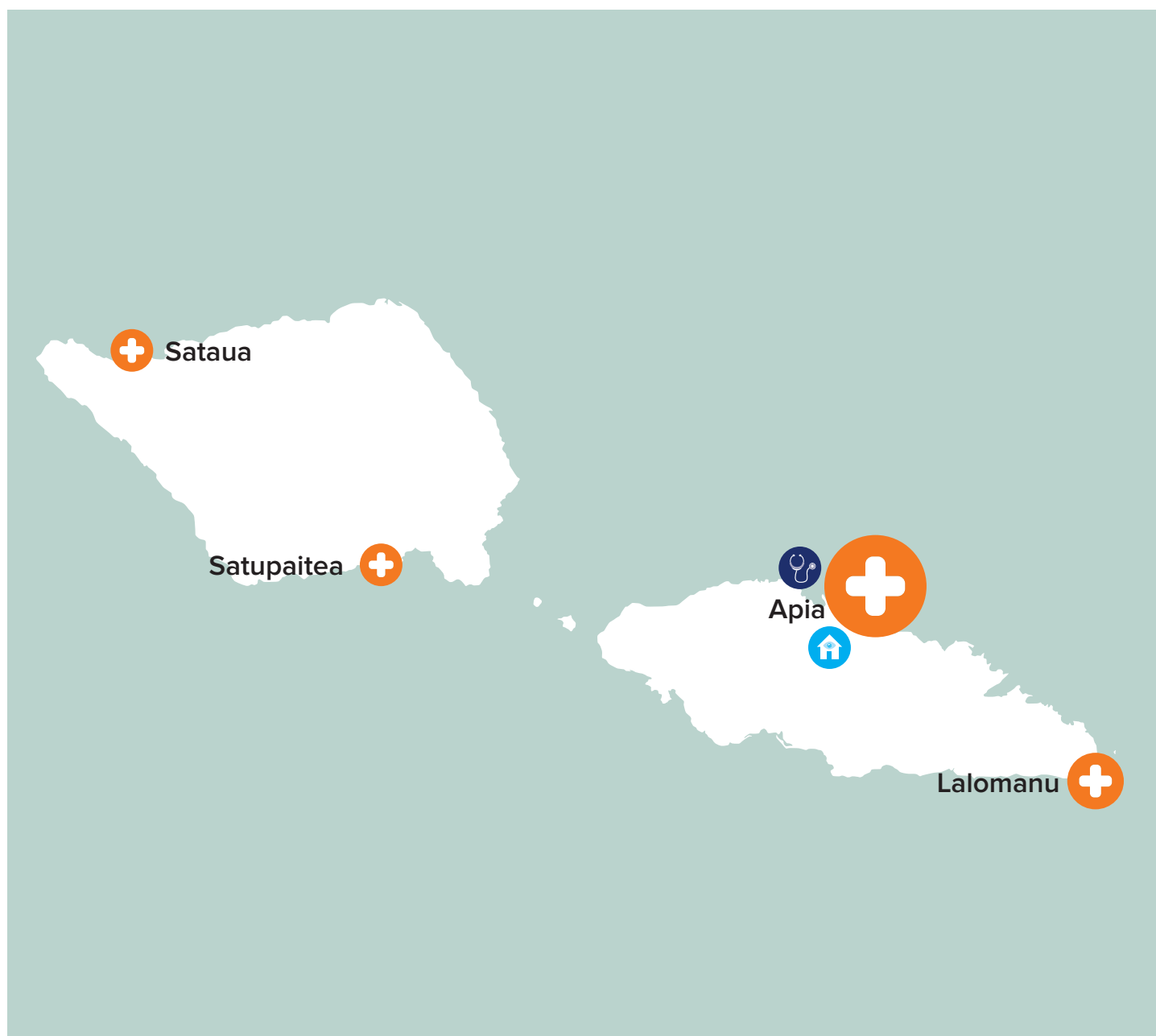
² IAPB World Vision Atlas, <https://www.iapb.org/learn/vision-atlas>

³ Diabetes Federation Atlas, <https://diabetesatlas.org/data/en/>

⁴ IAPB World Vision Atlas, <https://www.iapb.org/learn/vision-atlas>

⁵ WHO Global Health Expenditure Database, https://apps.who.int/nha/database/country_profile/Index/en

Eye care workforce



1 active eye doctor*
(who is a Foundation-sponsored graduate)

Apia: 1



17 active eye nurses*
(of which 16 are Foundation-sponsored graduates)

Apia: 13 / Lalomanu: 2 / Sataua: 1 / Satupaitea: 1



**Components of Samoa's eye care programme
supported by The Foundation**

Tupua Tamasese Meaole Hospital Eye Clinic (TTM), Apia

* This number can fluctuate annually and does include private practitioners.

Eye care training outcomes

In total

1 Foundation-sponsored eye doctor graduate⁶.

20 Foundation-sponsored eye nurse graduates⁷.

In 2023

3 eye nurses graduated with a Postgraduate Diploma in Eye Care from Fiji National University.

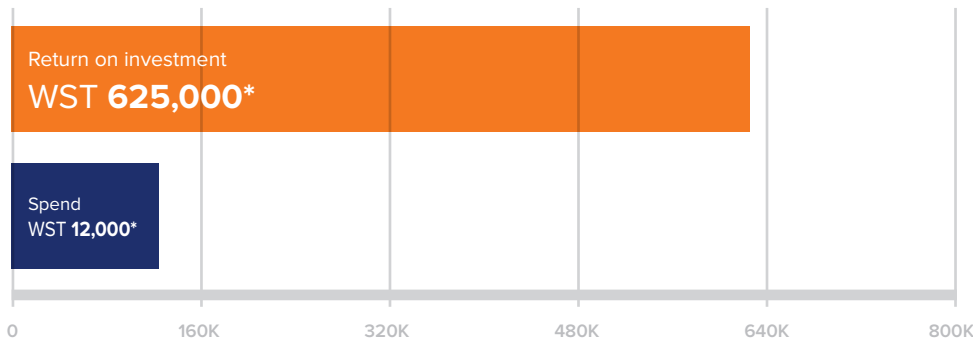
2023 Key Highlights

612 consultations provided.

256 sight-saving surgeries performed.

2 Pacific outreaches were led by the PEI team to Apia and Savai'i.

Return on investment 2023



Programme funding in NZD was \$74,000* with a return on investment of \$370,000*.

The Queen Elizabeth Diamond Jubilee Trust funded a report by PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC)⁸ that measured the economic benefit of investing in vision. The study demonstrated that for every \$1 invested in tackling avoidable blindness in the Commonwealth, \$5 is returned in economic value.



⁶ Completed Masters of Medicine in Ophthalmology. First eye doctor trained in 2016.

⁷ First eye nurse trained in 2007.

* These figures are approximate.

⁸ PriceWaterhouseCoopers 2018: Investing in vision making a difference across the Commonwealth, www.hollows.org.nz