

MOH acknowledges the Golden Boys in Blue



The Ministry of Health embraced and welcomed our boys in blue after returning victorious with Samoa's first gold medal from the South Pacific Games held in New Caledonia this year. The Acting Director General, Frances Brebner gave a few words of acknowledgement and thanks to Lolo Lui, Simaika Mikaele, Mikaele Pesamino, Uale Mai and Apelu Faaiuga for the superb performance, which clearly showed their patriotism. Our Manu Samoa Sevens rugby team played against the Fijians in the finals and successfully defeated their rivals with a 21-19 win.

The aforementioned Manu Samoa rugby players are employed at the Ministry as Health Advocators and are on a contractual basis. As role models and popular figures in the country and overseas, they assist with the promotion of the importance of Physical Activity for all ages via the implementation of the National Physical Activity Guidelines. In addition, they are expected to promote and advocate the overall philosophy of Health Promotion which includes equal participation and community ownership of Healthy Lifestyle activities that lead to improved health, under the Health Sector Coordination Program. The "Whole of Country One Health Village Health Fair Program" offers the opportunity to strengthen the linkage between Sports and Health in its most holistic definition. The duration of their contract is one year and can be renewed based on performance.