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### Medical supplies airlift to hospitals in SI

The Australian Defence Force (ADF) under Solomons' International Assistance Force (SIAF) have worked alongside the Royal Solomon Island Police Force (RSIPF) to airlift medical supplies to different hospitals in Solomon Islands.

The ADF logistics with the support from Royal New Zealand Air Force (RNZAF) with the NH90 helicopter which successfully airlift the needed medical supplies between 29 November to 2 December 2023 to Buala, Tulagi, Auki and Kirakira.

Senior pharmacy officer, Buala hospital Mr. Lambeth Viggarr said, "On behalf of the Ministry of Health and Medical Services (MHMS) thanked the safe delivery of much needed medical supplies to Buala hospital and the arrangement to airlift these supplies to other hospitals."

Mr. Viggarr said, "The normal arrangement for freighting of those medical supplies is very expensive and sometimes delays depend on transport schedules. We are really happy for such an arrangement to airlift the medical supplies."

The Commissioner of RSIPF Mr. Mostyn Mangau has thanked the SIAF for the continuous support. Despite the Police are being engaged in the Pacific Games, the dedication and support of the ADF and RNZAF under SIAF to support RSIPF coordination with Ministry of Health National Medical Supplies, rendering support in airlifting of the medical supplies to our provincial hospitals, even though the SIAF members are here purposely for the Pacific Games.

Commissioner Mangau said the much needed medical supplies for service delivery to our people is very important which I commend our SIAF partners for the support and well done job in supporting the National Medical Stores in delivering medical suppliers of about 2700 Kilograms.

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