



GOVERNMENT OF NIUE

PROJECT OVERSIGHT STEERING TEAM (POST)

To provide governance and oversight of all government projects

POST was established by Cabinet on the 23rd August 2018.

Overarching Objectives

- To report to Cabinet and support Cabinet decision making through accurate, timely and relevant advice
 - Establish a strategic framework for determining priorities that supports Niue's strategic priorities and better coordination with all partners.
 - Facilitate the speedy allocation of funding to key Government of Niue projects for early implementation while considering the long term impacts of projects
 - Consideration of the implications for the private, sector, Niue communities including national community service providers
- 1) Niue must determine which projects require funding and where funding could be sourced. The objective of the POST is to facilitate and effect decisions by Cabinet and making process and provide an efficient mechanism to support Ministers and the Cabinet decision making process.
 - 2) Fundamentally, part of the focus of POST is ensuring that in the immediate term activities are pragmatic, easily implemented and can be funded within short time frames. This will require a good understanding of the entire donor funded project landscape as well as the core responsibilities and accountabilities of the Public Sector.
 - 3) In the medium term to long term the role of POST will ensure that there is a coherent strategic road map that closely aligns with the Niue National Strategic Plan and is visible to all stakeholders.

Scope

The primary focus of POST is to ensure that the Government of Niue will be in the best position to successfully access funds from appropriate sources.

The outputs of POST are directed towards providing sound advice and recommendations to Cabinet while ensuring the overall reporting will be accurate, timely and relevant.

The group will eventually replace all relevant project Steering Committees and that will ensure direct oversight of projects and activities deemed important to the Niue government.

Meetings and Administration

POST meets every 2 weeks and as required from time to time.

The Office of the Secretary to Government acts as the Secretariat in providing administration to POST.

Membership

Membership of the group is restricted to representatives who demonstrate the skills and experience in donor management and who have the authority and ability to develop and facilitate policies, processes and operational management of activities to access the fund while ensuring the governments strategic priorities are met.

Substitutions

On rare occasions substitutes may be required to attend meetings, however given the nature and mandate of the group, it is expected that substitutions will be called upon rarely and any substitute will be in a position to make the same decisions as the principal member.

Co-opted and Ex Officio representation

From time to time it is expected that additional technical assistance or advice will be required around specific Working Group activities and the Working Group are expected to co-opt external resources as required for limited periods.

The membership of the group is determined by the Cabinet:

1. Secretary to Government (Chair)
2. Solicitor-General
3. Financial Secretary
4. Director-General, Ministry of Infrastructure
5. Director-General, Ministry of Natural Resources
6. Director-General, Ministry of Social Services

Secretariat

Director, Project Management and Coordination Unit

Head, External Affairs

Strategic Advisor to the Premier

Outcomes

The expected key outcomes from the activities of POST includes;

- Enabling collaborative evaluation of project activities undertaken by the public and private sector for and on behalf of the Government of Niue
- Strengthening the relationship between Government agencies responsible for the initiation and delivery of projects
- Strengthening the relationship with the private sector and community service organisations
- Supporting engagements and consultation with relevant stakeholders
- Supporting a robust Assessment, Monitoring and Evaluation framework through providing advice and quality assurance on projects
- Ensuring that all projects are strategically aligned to Niue's national interests
- Providing timely, accurate and relevant reporting that supports government decision making
- Strengthening relationships with donor partners (countries and organisations)
- Recognising Niue's cultural and community values in its work, and gender equality.

Outputs

POST will provide coordinated efficient and effective oversight and evaluation of Niue Government projects:

- To provide a conduit for advice and assessment to which all projects can be channelled from the Niue public sector, private sector, community service organisations and related stakeholders
- To provide monthly reports on the development, progress and implementation of all projects
- To make recommendations on the prioritisation of activities and programme delivery to Cabinet.