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New Zealand and WHO partner for healthier future

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New Zealand is working as an important player in the global health arena



Minister of Foreign Affairs of New Zealand, Nanaia Mahuta recently met for the first time with Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, WHO Director-General. The objective of the meeting, which took place at the WHO headquarters, was to discuss New Zealand's continued strategic, technical and financial support to the Organization.

As one of the founding members of WHO, New Zealand has been a long-standing and highly valued partner. During the meeting, the Minister and Dr Tedros discussed collaboration in the Pacific Region, including the COVID-19 response, with both re-affirming their commitment to partner for a healthier future.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, New Zealand has had active engagement in the Pacific Joint Incident Management Team since the very beginning of the response – including embedding several staff within the WHO/Pacific sub-regional office and supporting critical coordination work. New Zealand is also a key contributor to WHO's Contingency Fund for Emergencies, which provides WHO with the resources to respond rapidly to disease outbreaks and other health emergencies, saving lives and helping prevent unnecessary suffering.