



Established in 1987, The Cook Islands Family Welfare Association is a non profit dedicated to providing the people of the Cook Islands with safe, quality, affordable sexual Reproductive Health Care services and Education.

VISION "Safe Sexual Reproductive Health For All"

MISSION "To provide quality sexual reproductive health information and services that are accessible and affordable to all, especially working with young and disadvantaged groups in the Cook Islands"

MOBILE CERVICAL SCREENING FOR CICC WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP VAINETINI

Just under 20 women here for the CICC Womens Fellowship Conference took the opportunity to take part in CIFWA's cervical screening that was held on Tuesday, 28 May at Takamoa. The session was not limited to cervical screening, it also included breast checks, and health checks, with two doctors and four nurses on site. This program comes under the Cervical Cancer 2023-2025 campaign, and initiated by CIFWA, in collaboration with Te Marae Ora and CI Child Welfare Association, with support from DFAT. Aunty Nga Teao Papatua, together with Mama Orometua Yvonne Masters organized for some of the Vainetini who here for the Conference, to take part in the one-day session. To start off, two breast cancer survivors, Myra Tatakura and Eileen Pera shared their stories with the women, and were open to answering any questions. The women then made their way to the different stations for triage check, before the breast checks, and pap-smear. The mobile bus was also present for the private checks. The cervical cancer screening was held last month in Vaka Puaikura, on the island of Mauke, and more recently, Aitutaki. The campaign to be delivered over two years aims to have 1600 women on Rarotonga to undergo a health check which consists of triage (blood, sugar check) breast check/examination and pap smear for those who haven't had one (self-test optional)

