

Policy Greenhouse: Project Brief

Enhancing health and wellbeing in the Indian Ocean Territories

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Policy Context

Chronic disease management is a challenge in Australia, including in remote settings. A recent review in the Indian Ocean Territories identified diabetes, mental health and issues associated with ageing as key concerns. Optimal allocation of fixed resources is critical to maximising the positive impact of health services in a remote context including sustainability and responsiveness to local needs.

Project

This project will involve collaboration with the Department of Infrastructure Transport Cities and Regional Development, the Indian Ocean Territory community and Indian Ocean Territory Health Service (IOTHS) staff, to develop a framework aimed at setting priorities in resource allocation within a fixed budget to improve health outcomes and community wellbeing. This will also inform development of policy strategies to address chronic conditions such as diabetes in this remote context.

Expected outcome

A prioritisation framework, strategies for addressing diabetes (and other chronic conditions) in the Indian Ocean Territories and development of policy insights that may be applicable in other remote settings and beyond.